

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Monday, 1st July, 2019, immediately following the conclusion of the special meeting scheduled for 5.30 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 20)
5. Official Announcements
6. Requests to Address the Council
 - a) Save Our Sunflower Campaign

To consider a request from Mr. J. Whyte Jnr. to address the Council in relation to the motion on the Save Our Sunflower Campaign being proposed by Councillor D. Baker.
 - b) Build Homes Now

To consider a request from Ms. E. Morris, Build Homes Now, to allow a deputation to address the Council in relation to the motion on Social Housing, which was passed by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 13th November, 2018.
7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 21 - 106)
8. People and Communities Committee (Pages 107 - 150)
 - a) Traffic Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 2019

To pass a resolution to make a Belfast City Council Traffic Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 2019, covering those streets set out in pages C1321 to C1323 of the minutes of the meeting of the People and Communities Committee of 4th June, 2019, and to come into effect on 1st July, 2019.
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 151 - 204)
10. Licensing Committee (Pages 205 - 220)

11. Planning Committee (Pages 221 - 246)

12. Brexit Committee (Pages 247 - 256)

13. Notices of Motion

a) Homeless Status

Proposed by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

“This Council commends the #FDANODELAY campaign and recognises that people living in hostels and other temporary/emergency accommodation across our society are homeless and deserve to be legally recognised as such by having Full Duty Applicant status awarded.

The Council calls on the NIHE Chief Executive to respond, outlining what measures the NIHE will now take to accurately audit the extent of the problem regarding homeless people who are not recognised as such and what steps will be taken to remedy these oversights.”

(To be debated by the Council)

b) TV Licences for Over 75s

Proposed by Councillor Groves,
Seconded by Councillor S. Baker,

“This Council notes with serious concern the plans that the British Broadcasting Corporation has announced relating to the means testing of the provision of TV licensing for the over-75s.

The Council agrees to request the BBC to immediately cease these plans and agrees also that the Mayor of Belfast convene a meeting with BBC senior officials and the Council’s Reference Group on Older People to hear at first hand the impact that this decision will have on our most valued and respected Citizens of Belfast.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Welfare Mitigation Schemes

Proposed by Councillor Canavan,
Seconded by Councillor Black,

“This Council recognises that mitigation packages have provided vital support to the most vulnerable members of our society and should continue to be provided as Tory austerity measures continue to impact.

The Council notes with deep concern the range of reports published recently which highlight the serious risk of greater hardship for many within our community, if welfare mitigations do not continue beyond March 2020. These reports include:

- Welfare Reform: Mitigations on a Cliff Edge
- Cliff Edge Coalition NI
- NIAO: Welfare Reforms in NI

The Council calls on all parties to support the need to continue welfare mitigations beyond March 2020 and agrees to write to the Department for Communities calling for it to take all steps necessary to ensure that mitigations schemes will continue to help the most vulnerable in our community.”

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Save Our Sunflower Campaign

Proposed by Councillor D. Baker,
Seconded by Councillor Carson,

“This Council recognises the efforts of the Anthony Nolan and DKMS charities to raise awareness, through the use of media, publications and other avenues, of blood cancer and the urgent need to get more people on the stem cell donation register.

The Council agrees to work with the Save our Sunflower campaign group and charities to further the goal of increased registration.”

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Voting Rights for Irish Citizens in Presidential Elections

Proposed by Councillor de Faoite,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

“This Council:

- recognises the unique ability of people living in Northern Ireland to hold citizenship of Britain, Ireland or both, as a result of the Good Friday Agreement;
- welcomes the announcement from An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD and the Irish Government of their intent to hold a Referendum on the right of all Irish Citizens to take part in the election of Uachtarán na hÉireann, the President of Ireland; and
- believes that this is an important opportunity to expand the democratic participation of people across Northern Ireland in the election of the Irish Head of State.”

(To be debated by the Council)

f) Domestic Violence

Proposed by Councillor M. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl,

“This Council is saddened at the levels of domestic violence in Belfast and recognises that this manifests in many different forms, including emotional and economic abuse.

Belfast needs to become a city that has zero tolerance towards domestic violence or abuse – a “Safe City” which is proactive in supporting victims of domestic violence and challenging perpetrators. A Safe City recognises that domestic violence impacts upon many residents, regardless of age, religion, ethnic or cultural background.

This Council pledges to build on the work already achieved by engaging with relevant partners to support victims of domestic abuse and challenge perpetrators and to update the Belfast City Council Domestic Violence Strategy.”

**(To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy
and Resources Committee)**

g) Water Refill Points

Proposed by Councillor McMullan,
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds),

“This Council recognises the over reliance on single use plastic water bottles. It notes innovative solutions to tackle this issue and support sustainable living, for example, the water refill stations recently installed by Mayo County Council.

The Council agrees to the installation of water bottle refill stations across the Council Estate. This aims to help encourage a growing culture of using personal, reusable bottles to tackle single-use plastic use.”

**(To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy
and Resources Committee)**

h) Webcasting of Committee Meetings

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl,
Seconded by Councillor Harvey,

“This council agrees to introduce webcasting of all Committee meetings in order to increase openness and transparency.”

**(To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy
and Resources Committee)**

i) Centenary of the Foundation of Northern Ireland

Proposed by Councillor Dorrian,
Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson,

“This Council notes the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland in 2021, the commitment to celebrate this as part of the Decade of Centenaries programme and the pivotal role that Belfast City Hall played in the establishment of its political institutions.

The Council agrees that a significant programme is developed by the Council to celebrate, to educate and to fully examine the different perspectives on its creation and to recognise the role of the City Hall.”

**(To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy
and Resources Committee)**

j) Abortion Imagery

Proposed by Councillor Groogan,
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,

"This Council notes the ambition set out in the Belfast Agenda that Belfast will be a city that is welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive for all. The public display of graphic abortion imagery in our City centre conflicts with this ambition, due to the distress that it can cause to people who have suffered miscarriage.

The Council agrees to investigate whether the display of such signs can be regulated lawfully either by the Council or another body to ensure those who have suffered miscarriages can continue to use and enjoy our City centre without fear of being re-traumatised."

**(To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy
and Resources Committee)**

k) Glyphosate-Based Weedkiller

Proposed by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Michael Collins,

"This Council recognises the dangers associated with the use of glyphosate-based weedkillers, including the World Health Organisation's warning about carcinogenic side effects and the damaging impact on the environment and biodiversity.

The Council notes that other councils and government agencies have introduced bans across the world and agrees to immediately investigate and implement the use of safer weedkilling methods in order to protect Council staff, the general public, and local flora and fauna."

**(To be referred without discussion to the People
and Communities Committee)**

l) Air Quality in Belfast

Proposed by Councillor O'Hara,
Seconded by Councillor Kyle,

"This Council notes that the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) monitoring of Air Quality in Belfast has identified breaches of the Air Quality legal limits, alongside the Council's own monitoring of and the data collected by Greens across the City.

Poor Air Quality reduces life expectancy, increases incidents of respiratory conditions, rates of lung cancers, strokes and asthma. These are more prevalent amongst older people, younger people and vulnerable groups. In addition, this disproportionately impacts inner city and working class communities.

In view of these issues and in support of all 5 objectives of the Belfast Agenda, particularly outcome 5 to make 'Belfast a vibrant, attractive, connected and environmentally sustainable City', the Council agrees to engage formally with DAERA and the Department for Infrastructure on the areas of concern and to produce reports on:

- Enhancing monitoring and reporting of air pollution, including recommended limits in line with the more stringent World Health Organisation Standards; and
- Introducing a Clean Air Zone in Belfast, in line with UK Government Guidance."

**(To be referred without discussion to the People
and Communities Committee)**

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.



Chief Executive