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## BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

### **SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Chamber on Monday, 1st June, 2020 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 40)
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6. Positions of Responsibility Year 2 (2020-21) (Pages 41 - 44)
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9. Appointment of Members to Committees - Year 2 (2020-21) (Pages 45 - 54)
10. Appointment of an Alderman (Pages 55 - 56)
11. Change of Membership on Outside Bodies (Pages 57 - 58)

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



Chief Executive

**Please note:**

This Council meeting is being organised to ensure it is in accordance with Public Health Agency guidance.

No members of the public will be permitted to attend the meeting as the building is closed to the public. The meeting is being webcast live.

In accordance with the proportionality arrangements agreed by Party Group Leaders, there will be a maximum of 18 Members in attendance. Members should be notified in advance by their Party Leader as to who should attend.

## **Council**

### MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 2nd March, 2020  
at 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); the High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Copeland, Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey Rodgers, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors S. Baker, Beattie, Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Cobain, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Dorrian, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Gormley, Graham, Groogan, Groves, Hanvey, Heading, Howard, Hussey, Hutchinson, M. Kelly, T. Kelly, Kyle, Long, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAteer, McCusker, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, McMullan, Mulholland, Murphy, Newton, Nicholl, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Walsh and Whyte.

#### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

#### **Apologies**

An apology was reported on behalf of Councillor McAllister.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mulholland declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, under the heading "A City Imagining Investment Programme – Cultural Multi-Annual Grants", on the basis that she was employed by the Oh Yeah Music Centre and a family member was a director of Prime Cut Productions, both of which had secured funding, and left the Chamber whilst the matter was being discussed.

The High Sheriff (Councillor Verner) declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, under the heading "A City Imagining Investment Programme – Cultural Multi-Annual Grants", in that she was employed by the Greater Shankill Partnership, which had applied for funding, and left the Chamber whilst the matter was under consideration.

Alderman Haire declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, under the heading "George Telford Memorial Grand Lodge Centenary Dinner", on the basis that he had attended the event, and left the Chamber when the matter was raised.

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Councillor Graham declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, under the heading “George Telford Memorial Grand Lodge Centenary Dinner”, in that that he was a past Grand Master of that Lodge, and left the Chamber when the matter was raised.

Councillor Long pointed out that his wife was the Assembly’s Justice Minister and that, should any matters of a pecuniary nature be raised which fell within the remit of the Department of Justice, he would leave the Chamber. However, as no matters were raised, he was not required to do so.

Councillor Whyte declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee under the heading “Belfast Healthy Cities, in that his mother was employed by that organisation. However, as it did not become the subject of discussion, he was not required to leave the Chamber.

Councillor Canavan declared an interest in relation to the item contained within the minutes of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, under the heading “A City Imagining Investment Programme – Cultural Multi-Annual Grants”, on the basis that she was a member of the Greater Shankill Partnership Board, and left the Chamber whilst the matter was being discussed.

Councillor McMullan declared an interest in relation to the motion on Compass Counselling, in that his wife worked for a rival organisation, and left the Chamber whilst it was under consideration.

**Minutes of the Council**

Moved by the Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker),  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 3rd February be taken as read and signed as correct.

**Official Announcements**

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated local MMA fighter Leah McCourt on being the first woman to headline a Bellator Europe event in Dublin and on defeating her opponent.

Councillor Mulholland thanked Ms. Catherine Toolan, who would shortly be leaving her post as Chief Executive of the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall to take up an appointment as Managing Director of the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, and wished her well for the future.

Councillor Donnelly paid tribute to former Belfast Sinn Féin Councillor, Mrs. Lily Fitzsimons, who had died recently and extended his condolences to her family.

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Councillor Graham thanked the Lord Mayor for visiting the Suffolk Community Garden earlier in the day to view a number of projects being delivered there.

**Requests to Address the Council**

**2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls  
European Boxing Championships**

The Chief Executive informed the Council that a request had been received from Mr. L. Corr, Belfast Boxing Development Officer, to address the Council in relation to the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Financial Reporting – Quarter 3 2019/20”, not to provide additional support of £100k towards the hosting of the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships.

The Council approved the request and Mr. Corr, together with Mr. C. Toland, Ulster Boxing Council Secretary, and Mr. S. O’Hare, Ulster Boxing Operations Manager, were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Corr referred to the success of the recent bid to host the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships in Belfast and pointed out that it would be the first major amateur boxing event to be held in the City since 2001. The Championships, which would run from 7th June till 11th July, would be held in Queen’s University’s Physical Education Centre and would attract around 750 competitors. It was estimated that 10,000 people would visit the City over the course of the Championships and that 13,500 bed nights and between £1.5 million and £2 million would be generated. The event would also be streamed across a number of media platforms.

In terms of other funding sources, he pointed out that Sport Ireland, the Department for Communities and Tourism NI, had been approached but had yet to respond. Mr. Corr concluded by highlighting the short timeframe which existed to allow for preparations to begin in earnest and by stressing the need for the Council to provide the additional support for the event.

Mr. Toland pointed out that the Council’s Boxing Strategy had played a central role in promoting boxing across the City and referred to the marked increase in the number of boxing clubs since its implementation. He stressed that the hosting of the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships would build upon that work and that additional support from the Council was essential to ensure their success.

The Lord Mayor thanked the boxing representatives for their presentation.

The Council noted the information which had been provided and that it would have an opportunity to discuss the issue later in the meeting.

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**Relationship and Sexual Education**

The Council was informed that a request had been received from Mr J. J. McGrady, Chair of the Belfast Youth Forum, to allow a group of young people from the Youth Forum to address the Council in advance of Councillor Mulholland's motion on Relationship and Sexual Education.

The Council approved the request and Mr. C. Fay, Mr. B. Matchett, and Ms. S. McCullough were welcomed to the meeting.

Ms. McCullough provided a brief overview of the work of the Youth Forum and drew the Members' attention to its recent research project, entitled "Any Use?", which had examined the issue of Relationship and Sexual Education in schools. The project, which had involved Queen's University and Common Youth, had been undertaken in response to concerns which had been expressed by many young people around the poor quality and content of the relationship and sexual education being provided by schools and had produced strong evidence to support those concerns.

Mr. Fay reported that almost 800 young people across Belfast had taken part in the Youth Forum's research project. Respondents had used terms such as basic, unhelpful, inconsistent, biased and almost non-existent to describe the Relationship and Sexual Education which they had received. He pointed out that young people were not asking for a school's ethos or the views of parents to be ignored but for the opinions of young people on their relationship and sexual education to be given equal consideration.

Mr. Matchett pointed out that the motion being presented later in the meeting called upon the Council to support the three recommendations resulting from the "Any Use?" report and stressed that, if passed, it would send a positive message to those involved in curriculum and educational policy making, in the context of addressing young people's relationship and sexual education.

The Youth Forum representatives were thanked by the Lord Mayor.

The Council noted the information which had been provided and that it would have an opportunity to discuss the issue later in the meeting.

**Compass Counselling**

The Chief Executive informed the Council that a request had been received from Ms. M. McDermott, a Director of Compass Counselling, to address the Council in advance of the motion on Compass Counselling being proposed by Councillor Matt Collins.

The Council acceded to the request and Ms. McDermott, together with Ms. S. Irwin and Ms. P. Whelan, were welcomed to the meeting.

Ms. McDermott informed the Council that Compass Counselling had been established four years ago in response to an unmet need to provide support to communities in North and West Belfast affected by high levels of social deprivation,

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addiction, suicide and self-harm. The organisation provided professional counselling, holistic therapies and bespoke educational/informative training programmes to community groups, professional and statutory agencies and those experiencing mental health issues and life-changing events.

She highlighted the fact that Compass Counselling required immediate investment to ensure its survival and urged the Council to support its call for the Minister of Health to demonstrate his commitment to tackling mental health, as outlined within the New Decade, New Approach deal, by saving it from closure.

Ms. Irwin reported that Compass Counselling had provided around 900 sessions per year since it had opened. The number of staff employed within the organisation had increased from three to twelve over the past four years and currently comprised Directors, clinical supervisors, accredited counsellors, holistic therapists, positive psychology mentors, nutritional advisors and final year placement counsellors. Staff worked in a voluntary capacity and the organisation was self-funding, mainly through fundraising and contributions. She pointed out that the increased demand for the organisation's services had grown to the extent that it now required significant support to continue to operate.

Ms. Whelan outlined the valuable support which she had obtained from Compass Counselling during a difficult period in her life and confirmed that she was now a volunteer in the organisation and was training to become a counsellor. She too highlighted the need for the Council and others to do everything within their power to save this vital service.

The deputation was thanked by the Lord Mayor.

The Council noted the information which had been provided and that it would have an opportunity to discuss the issue later in the meeting.

**Change of Membership on Committees/Outside Bodies**

The Chief Executive reported that notification has been received from the Sinn Féin Party of the following changes:

- Councillor Gormley to replace former Councillor Hargey on the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership and on the Forward South Belfast Partnership Board; and
- Councillor Magee to replace Councillor Magennis on the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

The Council approved the changes.

**Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

Moved by Alderman Kingston,  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

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**Amendment**

**Financial Reporting – Quarter 3 2019/20**

Moved by Councillor Murphy,  
Seconded by Councillor Magennis,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Financial Reporting – Quarter 3 2019/20, be amended to provide that the Council agrees to provide additional support of £100k to the Ulster Boxing Council to host the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships from 7th June till 11th July and agrees further to allocate £20k to Compass Counselling, subject to it meeting the Council’s due diligence requirements.

The Chief Executive pointed out that Standing Order 16(a) stated that any amendment to a motion to approve and adopt the minutes of a meeting by the Council must not lay any greater financial burden on the meeting than the decision within the Committee minutes. On that basis, the request to fund Compass Counselling would need to be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

Accordingly, Councillor Murphy’s amendment was revised to the effect that the Council agrees:

- to provide additional support of £100k to the Ulster Boxing Council to host the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships from 7th June till 11th July; and
- that the matter of the allocation of £20k to Compass Counselling be referred to the next monthly meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

On a vote by show of hands twenty-three Members voted for the amendment and thirty against and it was declared lost.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor McDonough-Brown,  
Seconded by Councillor Long and

Resolved – That the Committee agrees that the request to provide additional support of £100k to the Ulster Boxing Council to host the 2020 EUBC Schoolboys and Schoolgirls European Boxing Championships from 7th June till 11th July and for £20k to be allocated to Compass Counselling be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

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**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,  
Seconded by Councillor Matt Collins,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Financial Reporting – Quarter 3 2019/20”, be amended to provide that funding of £75k be awarded to the Belfast Advice Group (Belfast Tribunal Service) to cover the period from April 2020 to June 2020.

On a vote by show of hands twenty-seven Members voted for the amendment and seventeen against and it was declared carried.

**Amendment**

**Motion – Belfast Zoo**

Moved by Councillor Maskey,  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Motion – Belfast Zoo” be amended to allow for the motion to read as follows:

“This Council reaffirms its support for the Belfast Zoo and its staff and its long term sustainability and future investment. We also commit ourselves to a moral and compassionate approach to the animals housed in the Zoo and commit to ensure a future use that is conservation centred, educational and economically modelled that it ends the burden on the Belfast ratepayer.

The Council agrees to scope future investment and a feasibility study for the entire Zoo site, including the Floral Hall, Belfast Castle and the Belfast Hills. This will be done in conjunction with leading experts, key stakeholders and public consultation and engagement.

Additionally, we seek an all-Party meeting with the Minister for the Economy to push for Central Government funding for the redevelopment of the Zoo site.”

At the request of Councillor Whyte, the proposer agreed to amend his motion to allow for the replacement of the word “redevelopment” with the word “regeneration” in the final paragraph.

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At the request of Alderman Spence, the proposer agreed to the inclusion of the words “looking specifically at ecology” after the word “educational” in the initial paragraph and to the Minister for Communities being included in the all-Party meeting.

On a recorded vote thirty-nine Members voted for the motion, as amended and set out hereunder, and twenty against and it was declared carried:

“This Council reaffirms its support for the Belfast Zoo and its staff and its long term sustainability and future investment. We also commit ourselves to a moral and compassionate approach to the animals housed in the Zoo and commit to ensure a future use that is conservation centred, educational, looking specifically at ecology, and economically modelled that it ends the burden on the Belfast ratepayer.

The Council agrees to scope future investment and a feasibility study for the entire Zoo site, including the Floral Hall, Belfast Castle and the Belfast Hills. This will be done in conjunction with leading experts, key stakeholders and public consultation and engagement.

Additionally, we seek an all-Party meeting with the Minister for the Economy and the Minister for Communities to push for Central Government funding for the regeneration of the Zoo site.”

<b><u>For 39</u></b>	<b><u>Against 20</u></b>
The Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker); The High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors S. Baker, Beattie, Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Cobain, Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Dorrian, Garrett, Gormley, Graham, Groves, Heading, Hussey, T. Kelly, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAteer, McCusker, McKeown, McLaughlin, Murphy, Newton, Pankhurst, Walsh and Whyte.	The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); Aldermen Copeland and Rodgers; and Councillors Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Ferguson, Flynn, Groogan, Harvey, Howard, Hutchinson, M. Kelly, Kyle, Long, McDonough-Brown, McMullan, Mulholland, Nicholl, O’Hara and Smyth.

**Northern Ireland Water Refillation  
Campaign and Water Refill Stations**

At the request of Councillor Garrett, the Chief Executive confirmed that the seven independent community centres, namely, Ballymacarrett, Denmark Street, Grosvenor, Hanwood, Percy Street, Sally Gardens and Shaftesbury, along with Dunville Park and Falls Park would be included in the City water refill scheme.

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**Proposed Approach to Enable the Strategic Consideration  
of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

At the request of Councillor de Faoite, the Council agreed that a report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee outlining ways in which the process for dealing with amendments to minutes/motions at Council meetings could be enhanced.

**Amendment**

**Irish Unity Referendum –  
Response from Governments**

Moved by Councillor Brooks,  
Seconded by Alderman Kingston,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Irish Unity Referendum – Response from Governments”, be amended to provide that the responses be noted and no further action be taken.

On a vote by show of hands seventeen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-five against and it was declared lost.

**Amendment**

**Fleet Programme – Lord Mayor’s Car**

Moved by Councillor Beattie,  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Fleet Programme – Lord Mayor’s Car”, be amended to provide that the final decision on the type of model to be selected be taken by the Committee.

On a vote by show of hands twenty Members voted for the amendment and eighteen against and it was declared carried.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the foregoing amendments and additions, the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, were approved and adopted.

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**People and Communities Committee**

Moved by Councillor Michael Collins,  
Seconded by Councillor Bunting,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the People and Communities Committee of 4th February be approved and adopted.

**Amendment**

**Request for the Hire of Botanic  
Gardens for a Series of Music Events**

Moved by Councillor Garrett,  
Seconded by Councillor Gormley,

That the decision of the People and Committee of 4th February, under the heading "Request for the Hire of Botanic Gardens for a Series of Music Events", be rejected and accordingly the Council agrees to adhere to its previous decision to approve the application for one year only, that is, 2020, and to consider the application for 2021 and 2022 after that event.

On a vote by show of hands eighteen Members voted for the amendment and forty against and it was declared lost.

**Amendment**

**Motion – Irish Language Street Signage Policy**

Moved by Councillor Beattie,  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

Resolved – That the decision of the People and Communities Committee of 4th February, under the heading "Motion – Irish Language Street Signage Policy", be amended to provide that the report on the proposals outlined within the motion and the impact on the current policy be submitted instead to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the proceedings of the People and Communities Committee of 4th February were approved and adopted.

**City Growth and Regeneration Committee**

Moved by Councillor Murphy,  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 12th and 26th February be approved and adopted.

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**Requests for Matters to be Taken  
Back for Further Consideration**

**Draft Belfast Off-Street Parking Order**

At the request of Councillor Kyle, the Council agreed that the minute of the meeting of 12th February, under the heading "Draft Belfast Off-Street Parking Order", insofar as it relates to the car parks in Westminster Avenue East, West and North, be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

**A City Imagining Investment Programme –  
Cultural Multi-Annual Grants**

At the request of Councillor Beattie, the Council agreed that the minute of the meeting of 26th February, under the heading "A City Imagining Investment Programme – Cultural Multi-Annual Grants", insofar as it relates to parts iv. and v. of the decision, be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the foregoing omissions, the minutes of the proceedings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 12th and 26th February were approved and adopted.

**Licensing Committee**

Moved by Councillor S. Baker,  
Seconded by Councillor Donnelly and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 19th February, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Planning Committee**

Moved by Councillor Carson,  
Seconded by Councillor Garrett and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 11th February, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall  
Ltd. Shareholders' Committee**

Moved by Councillor Mulholland,  
Seconded by Councillor Walsh and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee of 17th February be approved and adopted.

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**Brexit Committee**

Moved by Councillor de Faoite,  
Seconded by Councillor Walsh and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Brexit Committee of 20th February be approved and adopted.

**Notices of Motion**

**School Uniform Exchange**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds) proposed:

“This Council agrees to introduce, in liaison with community partners, a school uniform exchange across Belfast, where items can be donated or claimed, free of charge, to help provide parents with good quality, clean and pre-worn uniforms and P.E kits; to help, in liaison with community partners, to make exchange available to all, without prejudice or means testing; and to liaise with other councils in Northern Ireland who already provide/have agreed to provide a similar service.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Howard.

The proposer declined a request from Alderman Rodgers to amend his motion to the effect that the Council would seek a meeting with the Education Authority, the Department of Education, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools and grammar schools’ representatives to obtain their views.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

**Dunmurry Manor Care Home**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Heading proposed:

“This Council reiterates its support for the Dunmurry Manor families in their campaign to bring justice to the victims of abuse.

The Council notes the 59 recommendations listed in the Commissioner for Older People’s ‘Home Truths’ report and calls upon the Minister of Health to ensure that the recommendations are adopted for implementation as soon as possible. It notes also the work carried out on behalf of the Department of Health by CPEA Ltd. into the care of older people in residential homes.

Accordingly, the Council welcomes this work and calls upon the Minister to publish in full the CPEA Ltd. report as soon as possible.”

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Lyons.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

**Review of Hate Crime Legislation in Northern Ireland –  
Inclusion of Mysogyny as a Standalone Offence**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Groogan proposed:

“This Council recognises the impact of misogyny and transmisogyny on those affected by it, as well as the role these attitudes play in a variety of crimes, including harassment, assault, sexual assault and hate crimes, and on the career choices and personal lives of women, girls and non-binary people.

The Council supports the inclusion of misogyny as a standalone offence and as a category of hate crime, recognising crimes targeted at women including trans women as hate crimes based on misogyny, and will write a letter to that effect to Judge Desmond Marrinan, as part of his ongoing review of hate crime legislation in Northern Ireland.

The Council supports also the Raise Your Voice Project, which tackles sexual harassment and sexual violence across Northern Ireland, by placing posters in all Council properties to raise awareness of the project.”

The motion was seconded by the High Sheriff (Councillor Verner).

The proposer agreed, at the request of Councillor Ferguson, to amend her motion to provide for the addition of the following wording after the final paragraph:

“The Council will invite representatives of the Raise Your Voice project to deliver training for Members on the realities facing victims of sexual harassment and violence and how we can best equip ourselves to assist them in our role as Elected Members.”

The proposer declined a request from Councillor S. Baker to refer the motion to the relevant Committee to allow for a report to be prepared on the definitions of all hate crimes, with a view to formulating a more comprehensive response to the review of hate crime legislation in Northern Ireland.

After discussion, the motion as amended and set out hereunder, was put to the meeting and passed:

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The Council supports also the Raise Your Voice Project, which tackles sexual harassment and sexual violence across Northern Ireland, by placing posters in all Council properties to raise awareness of the project.

The Council will invite representatives of the Raise Your Voice project to deliver training for Members on the realities facing victims of sexual harassment and violence and how we can best equip ourselves to assist them in our role as Elected Members.”

**SUDS and the City**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Black proposed:

“This City has a big vision, including realising aspirations for City centre living, whilst dually supporting environmental sustainability. One obvious way of contributing to these somewhat conflicting goals is via SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems).

There is real potential for SUDS at viable, multi-impact community sites to substantially support the immediate locality and wider City infrastructure.

SUDS can help to prevent water pollution, slow down surface water run-off and reduce risk of general and sewer flooding during heavy rain. Additionally, it can help to create, or contribute to, habitats for wildlife in dense urban areas and quality green spaces.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to explore mechanisms to support SUDS and to write to the Department for Infrastructure, NI Water and the Living with Water Programme Board to highlight the value of SUDS progression at an existing viable location, namely, Distillery Street/Westlink.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

The proposer agreed, at the request of Councillor Smyth, to amend her motion to provide for the addition of the following wording at the end of the final paragraph: “with a view to finding a long-term solution for SUDS to be used in development and retrofit across the region and to link it to the One Million Trees project, as both provide interconnected solutions to how we manage water and drainage across the City.”

After discussion, the motion, as amended and set out hereunder, was put to the meeting and passed:

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**Higher Education Tuition Fees**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Kyle proposed:

“This Council:

- i. recognises the important contribution which higher education institutions and their students make to the economy of Belfast and believes that all people, irrespective of their socio-economic background, should be able to access higher education if they choose to do so;
- ii. notes that research by University College London and Universities UK shows that tuition fees and the loans system can create a barrier to accessing higher education to those from lower income backgrounds;
- iii. recognises the wider need for the Northern Ireland Executive to increase the current Northern Ireland student admissions cap, to meet the demand for places; and
- iv. resolves to write to the Minister for the Economy asking her to rule out an across the board increase in tuition fees, which would further limit access to university to those from lower income backgrounds, and to undertake an urgent review of the current funding for universities in Northern Ireland so that a sustainable funding model can be achieved.”

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The motion was seconded by Councillor McKeown.

At the request of Councillor Flynn, the proposer agreed to amend his motion to provide for:

- the insertion of the following paragraph between paragraphs iii. and iv:

“notes with concern that differences between how student finance companies in Great Britain and Northern Ireland assess a student’s course for funding means that some students who choose to start a full-time course, after having previously undertaken a part-time course for a year, are being denied access to their extra funding year;” and

- the addition of the following wording after the word “her” in the final paragraph:

“to consider the discrepancies outlined above in relation to extra funding years, to commit to bringing student finance guidelines in Northern Ireland into line with student finance authorities in Great Britain and”

After discussion, the motion, as amended and set out hereunder, was put to the meeting and passed:

This Council:

- i. recognises the important contribution which higher education institutions and their students make to the economy of Belfast and believes that all people, irrespective of their socio-economic background, should be able to access higher education if they choose to do so;
- ii. notes that research by University College London and Universities UK shows that tuition fees and the loans system can create a barrier to accessing higher education to those from lower income backgrounds;
- iii. recognises the wider need for the Northern Ireland Executive to increase the current Northern Ireland student admissions cap, to meet the demand for places;
- iv. notes with concern that differences between how student finance companies in Great Britain and Northern Ireland assess a student’s course for funding means that some students who choose to start a full-time course, after having previously undertaken a part-time course for a year, are being denied access to their extra funding year; and
- v. resolves to write to the Minister for the Economy asking her to consider the discrepancies outlined above in relation to extra funding years, to commit to bringing student finance guidelines in Northern Ireland into

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line with student finance authorities in Great Britain and to rule out an across the board increase in tuition fees, which would further limit access to university to those from lower income backgrounds, and to undertake an urgent review of the current funding for universities in Northern Ireland so that a sustainable funding model can be achieved.”

**Relationship and Sexual Education**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Mulholland proposed:

“This Council notes the importance of accurate, inclusive, age appropriate Relationship and Sexual Education (RSE) in the development of young people and the formation of healthy, safe and fulfilling attitudes towards relationships, sexuality and intimacy.

The Council endorses the Belfast Youth Forum's recent report on Relationship and Sexual Education entitled 'Any use?' and notes with dismay that, of the 2/3 of respondents who actually received RSE in school, 60% indicated that they felt that the information they received was either 'not very useful' or 'not useful at all'.

The Council supports the three asks in this report, namely:

1. that a rights based and proactive approach to RSE should be adopted;
2. that a curriculum programme and relevant interventions be co-developed with young people.
3. that specialist staff should deliver RSE.

Given that 86% of respondents believed that the school environment was the best place to receive RSE, the Council agrees to write to the Minister of Education requesting him to endorse this report and the recommendations made within it and to consider the implementation of the three main asks.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Hara.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

**Standing Order 23**

During debate on the previous motion, the Council's attention was drawn to the fact that, in accordance with Standing Order 23, any meeting of the Council which has lasted continuously for five hours shall stand adjourned unless the Council shall by resolution decide to continue sitting.

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After discussion, it was

Moved by Councillor Mulholland,  
Seconded by Councillor Hanvey and

Resolved – That the Council agrees to continue to sit to until the remaining business has been concluded.

**Compass Counselling**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Matt Collins proposed:

“This Council notes with deep concern that the mental health organisation Compass Counselling is facing imminent closure.

The Council recognises that we have huge problems in our community around mental health related issues and that this is a vital organisation in helping the citizens of Belfast to address these problems.

The Council declares its support for this organisation to remain open and requests that officers organise at the earliest opportunity a cross party delegation, made up of Elected Members and officers and involving the Department of Health and all other relevant agencies, to discuss ways of intervening in order to save this important organisation, so that it can continue to keep its doors open in the period ahead.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

**DNA Testing of Dog Fouling**

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor McMullan proposed:

“This Council notes:

- the high number of complaints and the frustration of residents regarding dog fouling;
- that cleansing, signage and bins to address the issues come at considerable cost to ratepayers, as well as being a public health risk; and
- that other councils have piloted and adopted new methods for tackling persistent problems, notably DNA testing on dog fouling;

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The Council agrees, therefore, to undertake its own scoping exercise of DNA testing and to bring back recommendations on whether it is something that could be adopted for Belfast.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor M. Kelly.

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred, without discussion, to the People and Communities Committee.

Lord Mayor  
Chairperson

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## SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 9th March, 2020  
at 5.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); the High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Copeland, Haire, Rodgers, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Matt Collins, Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Dorrian, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Graham, Groogan, Groves, Heading, Hussey, Hutchinson, M. Kelly, T. Kelly, Kyle, Long, Lyons, Magennis, McAteer, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, McMullan, Murphy, Newton, O'Hara and Walsh.

### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Aldermen Kingston and McCoubrey and Councillors S. Baker, Beattie, Cobain, Michael Collins, Gormley, Hanvey, Howard, Magee, Maskey, McAllister, McCusker, Mulholland, Nicholl, Pankhurst, Smyth and Whyte.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McKeown declared an interest in respect of the motion on the St. Patrick's Day Event in that he was employed by the Public Health Agency and left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion.

### **Request to Address the Council**

The Chief Executive informed the Council that a request had been received from Ms. J. Cummings, Flybe employee, Mr. G. Brash, from Unite the Union, and Mr. C. Robb, British Airline Pilots Association, to address the Council in advance of the motion on Flybe Airline, which was being proposed by the Lord Mayor, Councillor D. Baker.

The Council approved the request and the deputation was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Brash stated that, from a Union prospective, the Flybe collapse had massive repercussions on Flybe staff and other workers throughout the supply chain. He referred to the impact on the Northern Ireland economy and that the Union was calling for the

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airport to come back into public service authority and asking for Councillors to lobby MLAs and local politicians to secure funding to allow that to happen. He referred to the cherry picking of the routes by other airlines and how this would not secure jobs and that an airline needed to be based at the City airport for this to happen.

Ms. Jennings advised that she had worked at Flybe for 19 years. She outlined the impact which the collapse of the airline would have personally on her and her colleagues financially, their lack of knowledge regarding the benefits system and moving forward. She then highlighted the number of workers who would be affected and the impact the collapse of Flybe would have on the passengers who used the service.

Mr. Robb highlighted the fact that Flybe had successfully provided a service to Northern Ireland for the past forty years. He referred to the Airport Operators Certificate, which was held by Flybe, which any airline needed to operate commercially and which would only be in place for less than 30 days, therefore time was of the essence to salvage the situation. He referred to the daily flights and routes undertaken by Flybe and indicated that no other airline was in a position to replace those, and therefore support the Northern Ireland economy, as they were more leisure orientated and were currently scaling back operations due to COVID-19, and did not have the resources in place to operate a seventy aircraft network. He concluded by highlighting the services the company provided and the class of passengers, such as business, sporting and leisure, who used the service.

The Lord Mayor thanked the deputation for their presentation.

The Council noted the information which had been provided and that it would have an opportunity to discuss the issue later in the meeting.

**Motion – Flybe Airline**

Moved by the Lord Mayor, Councillor D. Baker,  
Seconded by Councillor McAteer,

“This council notes with grave concern the situation that is unfolding due to the collapse of Flybe. Flybe represented 80% of the total air routes operated through Belfast City Airport.

This collapse meant that overnight hundreds of staff lost their jobs, causing huge devastation and despair for those affected. Therefore Belfast City Council through our economic development unit will work with those affected staff where possible to help them seek an alternative job in the industry through academy's, advice and offer a retraining programme if deemed necessary.

Furthermore, this council is aware of the severe economic impact the collapse of Flybe could have on the local economy. Flybe operated several key routes which were essential for an island economy. It is crucial for this City's economy that these vital air routes are restored.

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As a result, this council will conduct an urgent meeting consisting of the Minister for Economy, Trade Unions, Belfast City Airport and the Belfast MPs to come together and discuss ways to how we can collectively work together to help the staff at Flybe, mitigate the economic impact the FlyBe collapse has on the local economy and to try and restore the vital air links to our City.

At the request of Councillor Heading, the proposer agreed to amend his motion to allow for the inclusion of “and MLAs from each of the Political Parties” after MPs in the final paragraph.

After discussion, the motion, as amended, was put to the meeting and passed.

**Alderman Spence**

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that this would be the last meeting of the Council at which Alderman Spence would be in attendance following his resignation and he paid tribute to him for the service which she had provided to the Council and his constituents during his time as an Elected Member and wished him well.

Alderman Spence thanked all those who had supported and assisted him during his term of office.

**Adjournment**

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of time to allow the Members to give consideration to the motion which was being submitted by the Lord Mayor in relation to the St. Patrick’s Day Event.

(The Council stood adjourned from 6.42p.m. until 7.00p.m.)

**Motion – St. Patrick’s Day Event**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker) proposed:

“Given the growing level of concern in regards to the Covid-19 outbreak and the developments in regards to a number of St Patrick’s Day celebrations throughout this island, Belfast City Council will postpone its St Patricks Day celebration parade as a precaution in the interests of public health and safety.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

**Amendment**

The proposer declined a request from Councillor de Faoite to amend his motion with an additional paragraph.

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Accordingly, it was

Moved by councillor de Faoite,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Hara.

That the motion standing in the name of the Lord Mayor, Councillor D. Baker, be amended to provide that the following be added to the end:

“Notes the decision of the Government in Dublin to provide a €200m liquidity fund to support businesses and communities, in recognition of the economic impact of coronavirus and the cancellation of major events like St. Patrick’s Day.

Calls on the Finance Minister, Conor Murphy, to prepare a similar package to support businesses and communities in Northern Ireland.”

On a recorded vote, thirteen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-four against and it was declared lost:

<b><u>For 13</u></b>	<b><u>Against 20</u></b>
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); and Councillors Matt Collins, de Faoite, Ferguson, Flynn, Groogan, Heading, M. Kelly, Long, Lyons, McDonough-Brown, McMullan, and O'Hara.	The Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker); The High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Copeland, Haire and Sandford; and Councillors Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Donnelly, Dorrian, Garrett, Graham, Groves, Hussey, Hutchinson, T. Kelly, Kyle, Magennis, McAteer, McLaughlin, Newton, and Walsh.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed, with twenty- four Members voting for and two against.

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Chairperson

# Council

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Held in the City Hall on Friday, 13th March, 2020  
at 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); the High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Copeland, Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, Rodgers and Sandford; and Councillors S. Baker, Beattie, Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Cobain, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Dorrian, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Gormley, Groogan, Heading, Hussey, M. Kelly, T. Kelly, Kyle, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, McAllister, McAteer, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, McMullan, Mulholland, Murphy, Newton, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Walsh and Whyte.

### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Spence and Councillors Graham, Grooves, Hanvey, Howard, Hutchinson, Long, Maskey, McCusker and Nicholl.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McKeown declared an interest in that he was employed by the Public Health Agency and left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion.

### **Explanation of the Agenda and the Meeting**

The Chief Executive provided the Council with an explanation of the agenda and how the meeting would be progressed.

### **Update on the Latest Medical Advice**

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services provided the Members with an update on the latest medical advice which had been received at meeting held with representatives of the Public Health Agency. He also provided information on the Council's planning and processes which were taking place, particularly through the 15 identified critical services.

**Update on Measures being put in place  
For Employees**

The Head of Human Services updated the Council on measures being put in place for Council employees.

**Standing Orders – Revision to the Scheme  
Of Delegation in relation to responding to  
Emergencies.**

The City Solicitor submitted for the Council's consideration the following amendment to Standing Orders regarding a revision to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to responding to emergencies:

**“Standing Order 41**

In the event of any civil emergency or any situation in which urgent actions are required and it is either not reasonably practicable to convene a meeting of Committee or Council, or if any such meetings if called is inquorate, the Chief Executive or any Chief Officer nominated by her may exercise all or any of the functions of the Council excepting those which are reserved to the Council pursuant to Section 7 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. Any decisions taken pursuant to this Standing Order will be reported to the relevant Committee or Council at the next available meeting. This Standing Order is to be read in conjunction with paragraph 2.3 of the Scheme of Delegation.”

Moved by Councillor Matt Collins,  
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,

That the proposed Standing Order be amended with the removal of the words 'any' in the first sentence and the insertion of the words 'arising from the COVID-19 crises, after the word situation.

On a vote by show of hands, three Members voted for the amendment and forty-six against and it was declared lost.

Accordingly, the Council agreed to approve Standing Order 41 as set out.

**Measures to be considered by the  
Council in relation to its facilities**

The Chief Executive submitted for the Council's consideration a list of measures it might wish to put in place in relation to its facilities.

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**Adjournment**

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of time to allow the Members time to give consideration to the proposals.

(The Council stood adjourned from 7.35p.m. until 7.55p.m.)

Moved Councillor Beattie,  
Seconded by Councillor McDonough-Browne,

“The Council agrees to adopt a phased response in order to help the organisations manage the public health issue across Council facilities and provision of Council Services. In the first instance, the Council agree to keep Council services/facilities open with the exception of those listed below:

- City Hall will be closed for tours including the exhibition with immediate effect, however the registering of births, deaths and marriages will continue. Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will be facilitated. All other functions/events in City Hall will be cancelled until further notice.
- From Monday 16 March Malone House and Belfast Castle will be closed to the public. Functions already booked at these venues can continue.
- Tropical Ravine and Palm House closed until further notice.
- Belfast Zoo will be closed to the public until further notice.
- Pitches and pavilions will be closed with immediate effect until further notice.

The Council also agrees to monitor Belfast City Council organised events and to keep under daily review.

The Council agrees to place particular emphasis on the fact that the majority of its facilities and services remain operational, including the following, although these will be kept under review:

- Community centres and parks will remain open.
- Recycling Centres will remain open.
- Leisure Centres will remain open.
- St Georges Market and Smithfield Market will remain open.

The Council further agrees to work with the Public Health Agency and the Northern Ireland Executive seeking support from Department for Communities to make a series of interventions to protect those most at risk including older people and these whose immunity may be impaired.

The Council agrees to request that the Department of Finance create a package of measures to mitigate the worst impact of closures and potential

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city-wide restrictions on small businesses and charities, as well as actions to support community based enterprises, including childcare organisations, and other social enterprises that are a mainstay of the local economy.

The Council condemns any company who is overtly profiteering from the current crisis.”

**Amendment**

Moved by Fiona Ferguson,  
Seconded by Councillor Collins,

1. That the final sentence be amended to provide that after ‘crises’ insert ‘and calls upon the Executive to implement penalties against such perpetrators’; and, in addition,
2. Also calls on the Department of Communities to provide support to employees who are not normally protected by Statutory Sick Pay in these circumstances.

The Council proceed to vote separately on the two issues.

In relation to part 1 re: penalties, on a vote by show of hands, seven Members voted for the amendment and twenty-six against and it was declared lost.

For part 2, financial support, thirteen Members voted for and none against and it was declared carried.

**Amendment**

At the request of Councillor Kyle, the Council agreed the following be added to the motion; ‘that the Council will continue to liaise closely with the Chief Medical Officer and the Public Health Agency’.

**Amendment**

Proposed by Councillor Matt Collins,  
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

That the Council agrees to add the following to the motion: Calls upon the NI Executive to consider requisitioning of private healthcare facilities to make up shortages in medical equipment where necessary, such as ICU beds, ventilators and isolation rooms.

On a vote by show hands, seven Members voted for the amendment and fifteen against and it was declared lost.

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**Amendment**

At the request of Councillor Brooks, the Council agreed that the last sentence be amended to include the word 'or individual' after the word, 'company'.

The Council further agreed that a joint press statement be issued on behalf of all the Parties.

Accordingly, the motion, as amended, was put to the Council in the following form and agreed:

"The Council agrees to adopt a phased response in order to help the organisations manage the public health issue across Council facilities and provision of Council Services. In the first instance, the Council agree to keep Council services/facilities open with the exception of those listed below:

- City Hall will be closed for tours including the exhibition with immediate effect, however the registering of births, deaths and marriages will continue. Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will be facilitated. All other functions/events in City Hall will be cancelled until further notice.
- From Monday 16 March Malone House and Belfast Castle will be closed to the public. Functions already booked at these venues can continue.
- Tropical Ravine and Palm House closed until further notice.
- Belfast Zoo will be closed to the public until further notice.
- Pitches and pavilions will be closed with immediate effect until further notice.

The Council also agrees to monitor Belfast City Council organised events and to keep under daily review.

The Council agrees to place particular emphasis on the fact that the majority of its facilities and services remain operational, including the following, although these will be kept under review:

- Community centres and parks will remain open.
- Recycling Centres will remain open.
- Leisure Centres will remain open.
- St Georges Market and Smithfield Market will remain open.

The Council further agrees to work with the Public Health Agency and the Northern Ireland Executive seeking support from Department for Communities to make a series of interventions to protect those most at risk including older people and these whose immunity may be impaired. In addition, Council requests that support be provided to employees who are not normally protected by statutory sick pay in these circumstances.

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The Council agrees to request that the Department of Finance create a package of measures to mitigate the worst impact of closures and potential city-wide restrictions on small businesses and charities, as well as actions to support community based enterprises, including childcare organisations, and other social enterprises that are a mainstay of the local economy.

The Council condemns any company or individual who is overtly profiteering from the current crisis.

The Council will continue to liaise closely with Chief Medical Officer and Public Health Agency. The Council agrees a joint press statement will be issued tonight on behalf of all parties.”

**Call-in**

The Council agreed that, due to the urgency of matter and where an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the Council's or public's interest, that the decisions taken in the meeting be not subject to call-in.

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# Council

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Held in the City Hall on Monday, 16th March, 2020  
at 4.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Baker) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds); the High Sheriff (Councillor Verner); Aldermen Copeland, Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, Rodgers and Sandford; and Councillors S. Baker, Beattie, Black, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Cobain, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Dorrian, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Gormley, Groogan, Hanvey, Heading, Hussey, Hutchinson, T. Kelly, Kyle, Long, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAllister, McAteer, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, Murphy, Newton, Nicholl, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Walsh and Whyte.

### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Spence and Councillors Graham, Groves, Howard, M. Kelly, McCusker, McMullan and Mulholland.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McKeown declared an interest in that he was employed by the Public Health Agency and left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion.

### **Explanation of the Agenda and the Meeting**

The Chief Executive provided the Council with an update on the latest actions and plans which the Council's Emergency Planning teams had been involved in. She also advised the Members that business continuity planning was in place for each of the Council's critical services.

She advised the Council that, in response to the decisions taken at its meeting on Friday, 13th March:

- the City Hall was closed to the public, with the exception of registering births, deaths or marriages, or for weddings and civil partnership ceremonies which had already been booked;
- all other functions or events in the City Hall would be cancelled until further notice;
- Malone House and Belfast Castle would be closed to the public, apart from those functions which had already been booked at those venues;
- The Tropical Ravine, the Palm House and Belfast Zoo were closed to the public until further notice; and
- Pitches and pavilions would be closed until further notice.

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She explained that the Special Council meeting had been called by the Lord Mayor to discuss a proposal calling on all Leisure Centres across the City to close, as well as to discuss any other issues relating to the Coronavirus (Covid 19) outbreak.

Moved by Councillor Beattie  
Seconded by Councillor Murphy

This Council, in light of the Coronavirus outbreak, calls on Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) to close all of its Leisure Centres in Belfast immediately.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Matt Collins,  
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,

In the interest of public health, and to protect staff and the public, this Council will temporarily close major services to the public, including leisure centres, and events centres like the Ulster Hall and the ICC Belfast. We urge management organisations such as GLL and other organisations to continue to pay staff in line with the Council's approach. Community Centres will also shut, but can remain in use for exceptional or unnecessary meetings and to help the vulnerable where needed. All workers who can be redeployed or can work from home will be facilitated. Parks and Cemeteries will remain open, but playgrounds will shut. Necessary services, such as recycling centres and cleansing will remain open. The Council also calls on bars to shut over the St. Patrick's Day period. While this shutdown occurs, Council management and elected representatives will work with the relevant Stormont departments to develop a relief system for workers and the self-employed throughout this crisis.

Councillor Beattie accepted the amendment.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Long,  
Seconded by Councillor Dorrian

In light of the developing coronavirus situation, and in line with current scientific evidence, the Council agrees to request that GLL implements a phased closure of leisure centres with an initial reduction in hours at every centre in line with the policy of social distancing and using a risk mitigation plan.

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We recognise that there is likely to be phased closure of further venues where social distancing will not be practical.

We also give the authority to the Chief Executive, in discussion with Party Leaders, to seek closure of all Leisure Centres once the scientific guidance from the Chief Medical Officer advocates this.

We encourage citizens to act sensibly and take sensible precautions and we would encourage pubs to close on St Patrick's Day and follow their industry advice in order to help promote social distancing.

**Adjournment**

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of time to allow the Members time to watch the announcement from the Prime Minister and to give consideration to the proposals.

(The Council stood adjourned from 5.00p.m. until 6.15p.m.)

Given the announcement from the Prime Minister, Councillor Beattie withdrew his earlier proposal.

**Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Beattie

Seconded by Councillor Matt Collins,

In light of the developing Corona virus situation, and the most recent statements from the Government, the Council agrees the following:

- To call on the ICC and Ulster Hall Ltd. to close to the public forthwith with appropriate protection provided to staff;
- To call on GLL to close Belfast Leisure Centres with appropriate protections provided to staff;
- To close community centres to the public but enable them to be used for community support purposes as appropriate;
- To close St. George's market to the public;
- To retain critical services with priority given to:
  - Waste Collection and disposal and household recycling centres
  - Births, Deaths and Marriages registration
  - Burials and cremations – limiting the number of people in the Chapel and at the grave side to 30

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- That Parks would remain open but that playgrounds which could be closed would be closed; and
- To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in respect of other venues and staff measures including working from home in discussion with Party Group Leaders.

In light of the updated advice from the Government, Councillor Long withdrew his earlier amendment.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Kyle

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson,

That the 8th bullet point be amended to read

“Burials and cremations – limiting the number of people in the Chapel to 30 and to encourage social distancing at the graveside.”

Councillor Beattie accepted the amendment.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Kyle,

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson,

That, given the important of Playparks for the health and wellbeing of children, the Council agrees not to close Playparks at this time.

On a vote by show of hands, twenty one Members voted for the amendment and twenty eight against and it was declared lost.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor O’Hara,

Seconded by Councillor Flynn,

The Council agrees to write to the executive seeking urgent clarity on a package of proposals which will support the most vulnerable in society and those who have or are at risk of losing their jobs; and

The Council calls on all people to stay away from the Holylands area over St. Patrick’s Day, following the guidance from government on social distancing. Our health service & first responders do not have the capacity to deal with any gatherings or Anti-Social Behaviour at this time.

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Councillor Beattie accepted the amendment.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Matt Collins

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

This Council calls on bars and clubs across the City to be more responsible and not to open on St. Patrick's Day.

Councillor Beattie accepted the amendment.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Flynn

Seconded by Councillor O'Hara

This Council calls on GLL to freeze memberships for zero charge, for as long as the closures continue.

Councillor Beattie accepted the amendment.

Accordingly, the motion, as amended, was put to the Council in the following form and agreed:

"In light of the developing Corona virus situation, and the most recent statements from the Government, the Council agrees the following:

- To call on the ICC and Ulster Hall Ltd. to close to the public forthwith with appropriate protection provided to staff;
- To call on GLL to close Belfast Leisure Centres with appropriate protections provided to staff;
- To close community centres to the public but enable them to be used for community support purposes as appropriate;
- To close St. George's market to the public;
- To retain critical services with priority given to:
  - Waste Collection and disposal and household recycling centres
  - Births, Deaths and Marriages registration

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- Burials and cremations – limiting the number of people in the Chapel to 30 and that social distancing would be encouraged at the graveside.
- That Parks would remain open but that playgrounds which could be closed would be closed;
- To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in respect of other venues and staff measures including working from home in discussion with Party Group Leaders;
- To write to the executive seeking urgent clarity on a package of proposals which will support the most vulnerable in society and those who have or are at risk of losing their jobs; and
- The Council calls on all people to stay away from the Holylands area over St. Patrick's Day, following the guidance from government on social distancing. Our health service & first responders do not have the capacity to deal with any gatherings or Anti-Social Behaviour at this time.
- This Council calls on bars and clubs across the City to be more responsible and not to open on St. Patrick's Day.
- This Council calls on GLL to freeze memberships for the Belfast Leisure Centres, at no charge, for as long as the closures continue.

**Convention on Decision Making During the Covid 19 Outbreak**

The City Solicitor advised the Council that, in accordance the meeting which had taken place with Party Group Leaders earlier that day, he had drawn up the following Convention to outline the continuation of decision making during the Covid 19 outbreak. He presented it for the Council's consideration:

"In accordance with Standing Order 41 and paragraph 2.3 of the Scheme of Delegation the Chief Executive undertakes to exercise her powers in the following way and subject to the considerations set out below.

All Standing Committees will be suspended until Party Group Leaders or a majority thereof agree that the normal governance procedures may be resumed.

In any case the Chief Executive reserves the right not to exercise her delegated authority and to require a decision to be taken by committee.

In exercising delegated authority the Chief Executive is not required to but may consult Party Group Leaders. This may be in the form of a collective meeting or by remote means including email, teleconferencing and telephone. In taking decisions the Chief Executive will have regard to party group strengths. On all matters relating to Planning and Licensing the

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Chief Executive will consult the Director of Planning and Place and the City Solicitor prior to exercising delegated authority.

All decisions will be reported to Members.

Business to be transacted through the operation of delegated authority will be published to Committee Members as per the usual procedures. Members of those Committees will be required to liaise with their Party Group Leader before the decision date. Rules established under the 2014 Act relating to Call-In will continue to apply unless suspended. Any decision by the Chief Executive to suspend Call-In will be taken having regard to the views of Party Group Leaders and the City Solicitor.

The decisions which may be made through the use of delegated authority exclude all or any matters which are required to be considered by the Council and any matter in which third parties have a statutory right to make oral representation before Committee or Council.

Contentious business meetings would be held with Party Group Leaders, or their nominee, to consider significant or politically sensitive decisions.

In the event that the Chief Executive is not content to exercise her authority, and believes that the decision should be made by a Committee, that the Council agrees to delegate authority to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to exercise that function.”

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

Resolved - that, in the fourth paragraph, the word “will” be replaced with “shall” and that the sentence would read as follows:

“In taking decisions the Chief Executive shall have regard to party group strengths.”

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Long

Seconded by Councillor McDonough-Brown and

Resolved - that, the last line be altered to read:

“that the Council agrees that a Special Meeting of the Council be called to exercise that function.”

Accordingly, the motion, as amended, was put to the Council in the following form and agreed:

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“In accordance with Standing Order 41 and paragraph 2.3 of the Scheme of Delegation the Chief Executive undertakes to exercise her powers in the following way and subject to the considerations set out below.

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All decisions will be reported to Members.

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The decisions which may be made through the use of delegated authority exclude all or any matters which are required to be considered by the Council and any matter in which third parties have a statutory right to make oral representation before Committee or Council.

Contentious business meetings would be held with Party Group Leaders, or their nominee, to consider significant or politically sensitive decisions.

In the event that the Chief Executive is not content to exercise her authority, and believes that the decision should be made by a Committee, that the Council agrees that a Special Meeting of the Council be called to exercise that function.”

**Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Lyons

Seconded by Councillor de Faoite and

Resolved – That this Council:

- Considers the criteria outlined in Standing Order 41 has been satisfied;

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- Authorises officers to place any Council asset or resource at the disposal of the Chief Medical Officer for the purposes of mitigating the Covid-19 virus; and
- Calls for the establishment, by the Executive, of an Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities Fund (i.e. a Bellwin Scheme)

Lord Mayor  
Chairperson

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Subject:	<b>Positions of Responsibility – Year 2 (2020-21)</b>
Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues</b>
	To appoint members to Positions of Responsibility for year 2 of the Council Term.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	The Council is recommended to appoint the nominated Members to the Positions of Responsibility for year 2 of the Council Term, as set out in the Appendix to the report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 sets out how the Council appoints its Positions of Responsibility. At the Annual Council meeting on 21st May, 2019 the Council decided on the political parties that would be entitled to hold the Positions of Responsibility for each year of the 4-year Term.</p>

	<p>Year 2 of the Term commences on the date of the Annual Council meeting on 1st June, 2020.</p> <p>The Members, as identified by the Nominating Officers of the political parties concerned, to hold the Positions of Responsibility are set out in the Appendix to this report.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any financial or resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Appendix – Nomination of Members to Positions of Responsibility

Positions of Responsibility - Year 2

<b>Position</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Name</b>
Lord Mayor	DUP	Alderman McCoubrey
Deputy Lord Mayor	SDLP	Councillor McCusker
Chair SP&R	SF	Councillor Black
Dep Chair SP&R	DUP	Councillor Bunting
Chair City Growth and Regeneration	DUP	Councillor Brooks
Dep Chair City Growth and Regeneration	SF	Councillor Murphy
Chair People & Communities	SF	Councillor Danny Baker
Dep Chair People & Communities	UUP	Alderman Rodgers
Chair Planning	DUP	Councillor Hussey
Dep Chair Planning	SDLP	Councillor McKeown
Chair Licensing	SF	Councillor Donnelly
Dep Chair Licensing	PBPA	Councillor Michael Collins
Chair Waterfront and Ulster Hall	DUP	Alderman Haire
Dep Chair Waterfront and Ulster Hall	PUP	Councillor Kyle
Chair Brexit	GREEN	Councillor Flynn
Dep Chair Brexit	SF	Councillor Walsh

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Subject:	<b>Appointment of Members to Committees 2020/21</b>
Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues</b>
	To appoint Members to the Standing Committees of the Council for 2020/21
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	The Council is recommended to appoint the nominated Members to the Standing Committees for 2020/21, as set out in the Appendix to the report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>At its meeting on 29 April, 2019, the Council agreed the Governance arrangements for the current Council term 2019-2023. This included an annual review of Committee membership, with Members to be appointed for one-year terms, and reappointed at each Annual Meeting. This in effect means that the membership of all Standing Committees will cease on the date of the Annual meeting to be held in June 2020, that is, Monday 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>

	<p>Year 2 of the Term commences on the same date.</p> <p>A meeting of the party Nominating Officers was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at which the remaining Committee places were selected. Following this correspondence was sent to the Party Leaders/Nominating Officers seeking nominations to fill all the Committee places to which the Party was entitled. The Members, as identified by the Nominating Officers of the political parties concerned, to be appointed to the Standing Committees, are set out in the Appendix to this report.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any financial or resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Appendix – Nomination of Members to Standing Committees.

## Year Two Committee Places

### Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Black
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Bunting
<b>3</b>	Alderman Haire	
<b>4</b>	Alderman Kingston	
<b>5</b>	Alderman Sandford	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Beattie	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Carson	
<b>8</b>	Councillor Dorrian	
<b>9</b>	Councillor Garrett	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Groogan	
<b>11</b>	Councillor Heading	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Long	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Lyons	
<b>14</b>	Councillor McAllister	
<b>15</b>	Councillor McDonough-Brown	
<b>16</b>	Councillor McLaughlin	
<b>17</b>	Councillor Murphy	
<b>18</b>	Councillor Nicholl	
<b>19</b>	Councillor Spratt	
<b>20</b>	Councillor Walsh	

City Growth and Regeneration Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Brooks
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Murphy
<b>3</b>	Alderman Kingston	
<b>4</b>	Councillor Beattie	
<b>5</b>	Councillor Donnelly	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Dorrian	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Ferguson	
<b>8</b>	Councillor Gormley	
<b>9</b>	Councillor Harvey	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Heading	
<b>11</b>	Councillor Howard	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Tracy Kelly	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Lyons	
<b>14</b>	Councillor Maskey	
<b>15</b>	Councillor McAllister	
<b>16</b>	Councillor McLaughlin	
<b>17</b>	Councillor McMullan	
<b>18</b>	Councillor O'Hara	
<b>19</b>	Councillor Spratt	
<b>20</b>	Councillor Whyte	

People and Communities Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Danny Baker
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Alderman Rodgers
<b>3</b>	Councillor Black	
<b>4</b>	Councillor Bunting	
<b>5</b>	Councillor Cobain	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Michael Collins	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Corr	
<b>8</b>	Councillor de Faoite	
<b>9</b>	Councillor Flynn	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Garrett	
<b>11</b>	Councillor Michelle Kelly	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Magee	
<b>13</b>	Councillor McAteer	
<b>14</b>	Councillor McCusker	
<b>15</b>	Councillor McReynolds	
<b>16</b>	Councillor Mulholland	
<b>17</b>	Councillor Newton	
<b>18</b>	Councillor Pankhurst	
<b>19</b>	Councillor Smyth	
<b>20</b>	Councillor Verner	

Licensing Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Donnelly
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Michael Collins
<b>3</b>	Alderman Copeland	
<b>4</b>	Alderman Sandford	
<b>5</b>	Councillor Shauneen Baker	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Bunting	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Groves	
<b>8</b>	Councillor Howard	
<b>9</b>	Councillor Hussey	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Hutchinson	
<b>11</b>	Councillor Michelle Kelly	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Tracy Kelly	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Magee	
<b>14</b>	Councillor Magennis	
<b>15</b>	Councillor McAteer	
<b>16</b>	Councillor McCullough	
<b>17</b>	Councillor McCusker	
<b>18</b>	Councillor McKeown	
<b>19</b>	Councillor McReynolds	
<b>20</b>	Councillor Smyth	

## Planning Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Hussey
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor McKeown
<b>3</b>	Councillor Brooks	
<b>4</b>	Councillor Carson	
<b>5</b>	Councillor Matt Collins	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Garrett	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Groogan	
<b>8</b>	Councillor Harvey	
<b>9</b>	Councillor Hutchinson	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Maskey	
<b>11</b>	Councillor McCullough	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Murphy	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Nicholl	
<b>14</b>	Councillor O'Hara	

## Brexit Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Councillor Flynn
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Walsh
<b>3</b>	Alderman Haire	
<b>4</b>	Alderman Rodgers	
<b>5</b>	Alderman Sandford	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Danny Baker	
<b>7</b>	Councillor Brooks	
<b>8</b>	Councillor Canavan	
<b>9</b>	Councillor de Faoite	
<b>10</b>	Councillor Ferguson	
<b>11</b>	Councillor Gormley	
<b>12</b>	Councillor Hanvey	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Kyle	
<b>14</b>	Councillor Long	
<b>15</b>	Councillor Magennis	
<b>16</b>	Councillor McLaughlin	
<b>17</b>	Councillor McMullan	
<b>18</b>	Councillor Newton	
<b>19</b>	Councillor Pankhurst	
<b>20</b>	Councillor Whyte	

Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee

<b>1</b>	Chairperson	Alderman Haire
<b>2</b>	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Kyle
<b>3</b>	Alderman Copeland	
<b>4</b>	Councillor Canavan	
<b>5</b>	Councillor Cobain	
<b>6</b>	Councillor Matt Collins	
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<b>12</b>	Councillor McCusker	
<b>13</b>	Councillor Mulholland	
<b>14</b>	Councillor Newton	

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Subject:	<b>Appointment of an Alderman</b>
Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues</b>
	To consider the appointment of an Alderman.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	The Council is asked to consider if wishes to appoint an Alderman to fill the vacancy upon the resignation of former Alderman Spence.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 permitted the Council, in an election year, to designate up to a maximum of fifteen Councillors to serve as Aldermen for the duration of the Council term.</p>

	<p>The Council at its Annual meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 agreed to appoint seven Aldermen.</p> <p>On a casual vacancy occurring in the office of Alderman, that vacancy shall be filled by an election at the next annual meeting of the council. Following the resignation of former Alderman Spence, there exists a vacancy and the Council can decide whether it wishes to fill that vacancy.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any financial or resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	None.



Subject:	<b>Change of Membership on Outside Bodies</b>
Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues</b>
	To note the change of membership on Outside Bodies.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	The Council is asked to note the change of member on Outside Bodies.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>Following the recent casual vacancies, the DUP has indicated that it wishes to make the following changes to the membership of Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Councillor Pankhurst to replace former Alderman Spence on North Belfast District PCSP and the Reserve Forces and Cadet Association.</p>

	<p>Councillor Bunting to replace former Councillor Graham on Forward South Partnership</p> <p>Councillor Dorrian to replace former Councillor Graham on Somme Advisory Council</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any financial or resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	None.