

Citizen's Forum for Belfast

'Without prejudice to the constitutional position of the citizens of Belfast, this council will establish a citizens' forum to discuss the possibility of future constitutional change and the planning that will be necessary in advance of any referendum.

The Citizen's Forum should also examine the potential benefits for the City of Belfast that would arise from any new constitutional arrangement.

This forum will be reflective of the totality and diversity of our society.

Provision for a Unity referendum is contained within the Good Friday agreement, and prudent planning must take place in advance of any potential referendum to ensure that citizen's views are directly represented.

This Council will also write to the Taoiseach to inform him of this exercise in participative democracy by the citizens of Belfast and encourage the Irish Government to establish an All-Island Citizens Assembly which also includes the views of Belfast citizens."

Proposer: Councillor Beattie

Seconder: Councillor Murphy