

Councillor Kyle to move:

Interface Barriers

“This Council recognises that:

- Belfast as a city is seeing continued economic growth and regeneration but some communities are failing to derive significant benefit and, in fact, are falling further behind;
- interface barriers are recognised as having a negative impact on investment, regeneration and the health of those living in close proximity to them;
- the power/function of regeneration is being devolved to the City Council;
- in many cases, removing the barriers is not a realistic proposition until adequate confidence and a social infrastructure is built between the neighbouring communities; and
- the removal of barriers is a clear commitment from the Northern Ireland Executive in the ‘Together – Building a United Community’ Strategy.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to write to OFMDFM requesting that it provide a progress report on the development of this strategy and that it provide resources to enable the Council to take the lead with other statutory agencies in order to work with local communities to create a process leading to removal of these barriers.”