



Subject:	Northern Ireland Executive Ministerial Meetings
Date:	23 February 2024
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval to schedule a series of All Party meetings with the new incoming NI Executive Ministers.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. consider and agree that meetings are sought with the incoming new NI Executive Ministers ii. consider and agree that Party Group Leaders (or their nominees) will attend meetings
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Members will be aware of the recent restoration of the NI Executive and appointments made to the respective ministerial portfolios. There are a number of key issues which it is hoped will now be taken forward by the NI Executive and NICS Departments which will impact, and possibly benefit, Belfast (e.g. Poverty Strategy, Childcare Strategy, Climate Action Plan, infrastructure investment plans etc).
3.2	It is important that urgent engagement takes place with the incoming new Ministers on the key priorities, challenges and opportunities facing Belfast as well as encouraging greater collaboration with the Council in designing and delivering key programmes and informing future investment decisions. Real opportunity for Belfast to be seen as a test bed to accelerate delivery of key NI Executive ambitions around, for example creating jobs, supporting vulnerable people, creating shared communities, supporting children and families, maximising the potential of innovation to support growth and helping mitigate the impact of climate change whilst supporting green growth.
3.3	It is therefore proposed that a series of Ministerial meetings is sought with an All-Party delegation from the Council to discuss the strategic issues for the city. It is proposed that the All-Party delegation would consist of Party Group Leaders (or their nominees) as well as the Chief Executive / Deputy Chief Executive and relevant Chief Officers. Officers will develop supporting briefings which will set out the strategic issues, opportunities and considerations for these meetings.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.4	There are no Financial or Human Resource implications contained within this report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.5	There is no equality of good relations implications contained within this report.
3.6	There are no rural needs implications contained within this report.
4.0	<u>Appendices – Documents Attached</u>
	None