

Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Tuesday, 1st December, 2015
at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Carson) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Spence); the High Sheriff (Alderman McKee); Aldermen Browne, Convery, Kingston, McCoubrey, McGimpsey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Rodgers and Stalford; and Councillors Armitage, Austin, Beattie, Bell, Boyle, Bradshaw, R. Brown, Campbell, Carroll, Clarke, Copeland, Corr, Corr Johnston, Craig, Dudgeon, Garrett, Graham, E. Groves, Haire, Hargey, Heading, Howard, Hussey, Hutchinson, Johnston, Jones, Kennedy, Kyle, Long, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, McAteer, McAllister, McCabe, McConville, McDonough-Brown, McVeigh, Mullan, Newton, Ó Donnghaile, O'Hara, O'Neill, Sandford and Walsh.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Bunting and Howard.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the special meeting which had been called in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 2015, to consider a recommendation of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 20th November to elect and admit the Nursing Service in Belfast as a Freeman of the City of Belfast.

Freedom of the City

Moved by Councillor McVeigh,
Seconded by Councillor Long and

Resolved - This Council wishes to honour the contribution which our nurses have made to the lives of the people of Belfast. Over many decades, our nurses have served the citizens of Belfast without fear or favour. During the most difficult days of the Troubles, our nurses cared for every citizen regardless of circumstances, religious or political belief.

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Consequently, this Council wishes to award the Freedom of the City to the nurses of Belfast and to the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) on their behalf. It is our hope that, working with the RCN, a single day in the year will be identified when the citizens of Belfast and this Council will thank our hard-working nurses for the care they provide all-year round.

We hope that this 'Nurses Day' will become a popular opportunity for every citizen to express their thanks to these exceptional individuals, who often go well above and beyond what they are paid to do. On behalf of every single citizen, we want to thank each of you, our nurses, for the exceptional care and attention you provide every single day of the year.”

Lord Mayor
Chairperson