

# East Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 3rd January, 2019

## MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);  
Aldermen Copeland, McGimpsey,  
and Sandford; and  
Councillors Graham, Johnston, Long,  
Mullan, Newton, O'Donnell and O'Neill.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;  
Mrs. A. Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager; and  
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillor Howard.

### **Minutes**

The Working Group agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 29th November, 2018, were an accurate record of proceedings.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Alderman Sandford declared an interest in Item 4, Physical Programme Update, in so far as he was on the Board of Governors of Cregagh Primary School.

Councillor Long declared an interest in Item 4, Physical Programme Update, in so far as he was a member of Bloomfield Presbyterian Church.

A Member expressed concern that a decision by the Local Government Commissioner for Standards, which had been issued on 21st December, 2018, would have strong implications for Members, particularly in relation to their role on the Area Working Groups, and that further guidance was required in relation to conflicts of interest.

### **Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Johnston,  
Seconded by Alderman Copeland,

That the Working Group agrees to defer all further business and requests that, in light of the Local Government Commissioner for Standards' decision of 21st December, it be provided with further guidance from the City Solicitor in relation to declaring interests, specifically in relation to their

role on Area Working Groups, in advance of its next meeting on 7th February.

On a vote by show of hands seven Members voted for the proposal and three against and it was accordingly declared carried.

Chairperson