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Date 19 December 2014

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Dear Mr Murphy

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE DRAFT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION FRAMEWORK.

The Council welcome the opportunity to respond to the Consultation on Executive Arrangements and the draft Council Constitution Framework.

The Council has reviewed the various documents provided in the consultation paper and are content with the draft guidance on the operation of Executive Arrangements; and, with both the proposed Departmental Direction on the Council Constitution and the draft Constitution Framework.

The Council welcomes the provision of the draft Constitution Framework but would also note that each council will be free to develop its bespoke constitution as it sees fit, provided that the final document is in compliance with both the requirements of the 2014 Act and the final Departmental Direction.

This response has been approved by the Shadow Council at its meeting on 8 December 2014.

Yours sincerely

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Town Solicitor