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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**TO; THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Monday, 3rd October, 2011 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. To take as read and to confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 3rd October, 2011
2. To receive official announcements and memorials, if any.
3. To receive and adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Committees as follows:
4. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Minutes of meeting of 8th, 9th and 23rd September, 2011
5. Parks and Leisure Committee
Minutes of meeting of 15th September, 2011
6. Development Committee
Minutes of meeting of 14th, 19th and 27th September, 2011
7. Health and Environmental Services Committee
Minutes of meeting of 7th September, 2011
8. Licensing Committee
Minutes of meeting of 12th, 21st and 26th September
9. Town Planning Committee
Minutes of meetings of 8th and 22nd September, 2011
10. Notices of Motion
 - (i) Winter Fuel Payments

Councillor Kelly to move:

The Council acknowledges the serious problem of fuel poverty in Belfast and Northern Ireland and believes that the British Government and the Northern Ireland Assembly need to do more to eradicate the problem. The Council notes with concern the adverse impact that rising fuel prices and the Government's plans to cut Winter Fuel Payments are likely to have on the ability of the most vulnerable to keep warm and healthy this winter. Accordingly, the Council agrees to write to the Social Development Minister, Nelson McCausland, expressing these concerns and requesting that he continues to work to ensure that the Government reverses its decision and maintains the Winter Fuel Payments this winter at its current levels.

The Council welcomes the proposal in the Executive's draft Budget for 2011-2015 to provide a sum of £20m for a Social Protection Fund that will aim to assist those most in need within the community. However, the Council is concerned that this commitment is only for the first year of the budget period and calls upon the Executive to give a clear undertaking that the provision will be extended for the full four year

(ii) Programmes to Mitigate the Impacts of Recession

Councillor McCarthy to move:

The Council recognises the importance of both local and central Government taking a lead on programmes to mitigate the impacts of recession.

Within our own range of functions and economic spend, there are significant opportunities to employ the long-term unemployed, offer placements for graduate trainees, create Steps to Work training opportunities and provide an enhanced Community Outreach Scheme, to include placements across the Council services to those serving Community Service Orders.

The Council requests the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to consider how new work, training or placement opportunities could be integrated into all Council spend – both internally and externally.

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive