

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST
CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Monday, 1st July, 2019 at 5.30 pm., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast

Councillor Beattie to propose:

“This Council is alarmed at the increasing number of offensive displays of banners and paramilitary flags across Belfast.

Paramilitary flags and banners supporting British regiments are being used to divide, offend and cause hurt to victims.

The British Ministry of Defence and the Parachute Regiment do not endorse these flags or banners and have stated they should only be displayed in certain circumstances.

Re-traumatising victims with offensive displays is wrong and should have no place in our society.

Standing by and allowing our citizens to be divided and hurt is no longer an option.

This Council agrees to take legal action against the Department for Infrastructure, enforcing them to remove:

1. all Paramilitary Flags, unless permission is granted by the Department for Infrastructure with protocols that protect citizens; and
2. all banners without planning permission on Department for Infrastructure property, unless permission is granted with protocols that protect citizens.

Signed by:

Councillor Beattie
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor S. Baker
Councillor Canavan
Councillor Corr
Councillor Garrett
Councillor Groves

Councillor Magee
Councillor Magennis
Councillor McAteer
Councillor McLaughlin
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Walsh

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



Chief Executive