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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

Notice is hereby given that, following receipt of requisitions, the Lord Mayor has agreed that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024 at 5.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Motion - Pause in funding to City Deals (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Motion - Commitment to Casement Park (Pages 3 - 4)

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

John Walsh

Chief Executive

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Motion – Pause in funding to City Deals

This Council condemns the pause in funding by the British Government to City Deals and calls for its immediate and full reinstatement.

Proposer Councillor de Faoite

Seconder Councillor Doherty

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Motion - Commitment to Casement Park

This Council expresses deep disappointment that the British Government has failed to honour its commitment regarding the Euro 2028 bid for Belfast, particularly the investment in Casement Park, a catalyst project for economic regeneration in West Belfast.

The involvement of Belfast in the Euro 2028 bid presented us with a once in a generation opportunity to showcase the very best of Belfast to an international audience with the economic benefits being felt across a range of industries in the city and beyond.

Casement Park must now be delivered regardless of the outcome of the Euro 2028 bid, as it still represents a vital investment in the city's infrastructure and community.

Belfast City Council will therefore write to Hilary Benn, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Prime Minister Keir Starmer, to urge the British Government to fulfil its previous commitment to Casement Park.

And will further write to Taoiseach Simon Harris along with the relevant Executive Ministers at the NI Assembly requesting that all parties involved come together to fulfil that same commitment to delivering Casement Park.

Proposer Councillor Beattie

Seconder Councillor R. McLaughlin

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