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City Council**

MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Friday, 18th September, 2026 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest
- (d) Request to present - NI Water PC28 Business Plan (Pages 1 - 2)

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Revenue Estimates 2027/28 (Pages 3 - 8)
- (b) Area-based Community Planning and Community Wealth Building (Pages 9 - 12)
- (c) Governance Review Update (WITHDRAWN)
- (d) Belfast Alleyways Transformation Programme (Pages 13 - 18)
- (e) Leisure Update

- (f) New Crematorium Update (Pages 19 - 28)
 - (g) North Foreshore Update (Pages 29 - 36)
 - (h) Bye Laws Update - City Hall (Verbal Update)
 - (i) Irish Language Policy - Implementation Plan (Pages 37 - 40)
3. **Matters referred back from Council/Motions**
- (a) Notices of Motion - Quarterly Update (Pages 41 - 50)
 - (b) Motion Update - Ensuring Fair Access to Funding for Faith-Based Organisations Tackling Addiction (Pages 51 - 54)
4. **Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**
- (a) Irish Language Policy - Implementation Plan (Moved to restricted)
 - (b) Planning Update (Pages 55 - 74)
 - (c) Northern Ireland's Draft Artificial Intelligence Strategy - Consultation
 - (d) Regional Balance Bill - Call for Evidence Response (Pages 75 - 84)
5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**
- (a) Physical Programme Update (Pages 85 - 88)
 - (b) Asset Management (Pages 89 - 100)
 - (c) Area Working Groups Update (Pages 101 - 148)
 - (d) Pitches Update
6. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**
- (a) Contracts Update (Pages 149 - 160)
 - (b) Belfast City Council Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (Pages 161 - 280)
 - (c) Response to Department of Finance consultation on Business Growth Accelerator and Non-Domestic Vacant Rating
 - (d) Request for Funding - Halloween event in City Centre (Pages 281 - 284)
7. **Equality and Good Relations**
- (a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting of 2nd September, 2026 (Pages 285 - 344)
8. **Operational Issues**
- (a) Minutes of the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum(s) (Pages 345 - 350)

- (b) Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
- (c) Minutes of the Audit and Risk Panel Minutes of 11th September, 2026
(Pages 351 - 366)
- (d) Request for the use of Botanic Gardens (Pages 367 - 370)
- (e) Request for the use of Tommy Patton Bowling Pavilion (Pages 371 - 374)

9. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (a) Fleadh 2027 - Musicians Fund (Cllr R. McLaughlin to raise)
- (b) Ethical Procurement Policy Update Request (Cllr Brennan to raise)