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City Council**

MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in-person, in the Lavery Room, City Hall on Friday, 21st November, 2025 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

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (Report to follow)
- (b) Belfast Stories Update (Pages 1 - 12)
- (c) 2025-26 Quarter 2 Finance Report (Pages 13 - 30)
- (d) Revenue Estimates 2026/27 and Medium-Term Financial Planning (Pages 31 - 36)
- (e) Update on Standing Orders (Pages 37 - 42)

- (f) Vacant to Vibrant Programme (Pages 43 - 48)
 - (g) Asset Management - Gasworks (Report to follow)
 - (h) UK Pipe Band Championships (Pages 49 - 52)
 - (i) Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy (Pages 53 - 60)
 - (j) Sponsorship (Pages 61 - 84)
3. **Matters referred back from Council/Motions**
- (a) Motion - Together: Building a United Community Strategy (Pages 85 - 88)
 - (b) Motion - Parents' Attendance Records at Council (Pages 89 - 92)
4. **Governance**
- (a) Committee Schedule 2026 (Pages 93 - 96)
 - (b) Change of Date of Council Meeting in January and Schedule of Meetings 2026 (Pages 97 - 100)
5. **Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**
- (a) Draft Amenity Bye Laws (Report to follow)
 - (b) Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayoral Challenge Competition (Pages 101 - 104)
 - (c) Cities@Heart Project Update (Pages 105 - 108)
 - (d) Update on Hardship Programme 2025/26 (Pages 109 - 114)
 - (e) Planning Information (Pages 115 - 132)
 - (f) Consultation on Review of Planning Fees (Pages 133 - 162)
 - (g) Review of Building Control non-statutory charges (Pages 163 - 168)
 - (h) Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (Pages 169 - 176)
 - (i) Age Friendly Employer Pledge (Pages 177 - 190)
 - (j) Belfast Place Based Growth Proposition Update (Pages 191 - 198)
6. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**
- (a) Physical Programme Update (Pages 199 - 206)
 - (b) Asset Management (Pages 207 - 214)
7. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**
- (a) Contracts Update (Pages 215 - 222)

8. **Equality and Good Relations**

- (a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting of 10th November (Pages 223 - 278)
- (b) Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report Quarter 2 2025-26 (Pages 279 - 286)

9. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Minutes of the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum of 13th November (Pages 287 - 292)
- (b) Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality (Pages 293 - 298)