

Standards and Business Committee

Thursday, 23rd October, 2025

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Flynn (Chairperson);
The High Sheriff (Councillor McAteer);
Aldermen Lawlor and McCullough; and
Councillors Bower, Bradley, de Faoite,
P. Donnelly, D. Douglas, Long, Lyons,
Magee, McCallin, McCormick, McDowell,
I. McLaughlin, R. McLaughlin and Murphy.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal
and Civic Services;
Mr. J. Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance
Manager; and
Mrs. L. McLornan, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Carson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd September were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st October.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Long and R. McLaughlin declared an interest in item 2c, namely "Ban on Greyhound Racing in Northern Ireland", in so far as their partners were Members of the Northern Ireland Executive, and they did not participate in the discussion or vote on that item.

Motions

The Committee considered the following five motions which had been received in advance of the Council's meeting on 3rd November:

Together: Building a United Community Strategy

The Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Nelson and seconded by the High Sheriff, Councillor McAteer, be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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Bike Bunker Trial

The Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor Groogan be referred, in the first instance, to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Ban on Greyhound Racing in Northern Ireland

Proposal

Moved by the Chairperson (Councillor Flynn),
Seconded by Councillor de Faoite,

That the Committee agrees to refer the motion for debate at the Council meeting without restrictions.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor P. Donnelly,

That the Committee rejects the motion.

On a vote on the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Murphy, four Members voted for it and twelve against and it was accordingly declared lost.

The Committee subsequently agreed to adopt the proposal as moved by Councillor Flynn.

Work Safe - Home Safe

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Groogan and seconded by Councillor Collins be referred, in the first instance, to the Licensing Committee.

Parents' Attendance Records at Council

The Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Maghie and seconded by Councillor Abernethy be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Chairperson