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29th November, 2019

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

As previously notified to you, I enclose a copy of the report for the following item 2a and additional item 8a to be considered at the meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

2. Restricted Items

- (a) Community Development Grants Programme 2020/21 - Progress Report and Grant Funding Bands (Pages 1 - 10)

8. Issues Raised in Advance by Members

- (a) Cross Party discussion on the need for a Drug Task Force - Councillor McCusker

Belfast City Council convene a cross party discussion on the need for a drug task force in response to the increase in drug related incidents and deaths. Chief medical officer Michael Mc Bride is currently discussing this proposal with all departments including DOH, DOJ, PHA and PSNI. The drug task force needs to be led as an independent body that can review and recommend change and we need total honesty and transparency with a different approach on how we are dealing with the increase in drug related incidents.

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