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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 a special meeting of the Council will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 8th June, 2020 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Chief Executive's Decisions taken under Delegated Authority
 - a) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 1 - 4)
 - b) People and Communities Committee (Pages 5 - 6)
 - c) City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 7 - 8)
 - d) Licensing Committee (Pages 9 - 10)
 - e) Planning Committee (Pages 11 - 16)
5. Current Covid-19 Crisis - following receipt of the following requisition

This request relates to a call made by six Parties to have the following issues discussed:

To give consideration to the current Covid-19 crisis, the financial outlook of the Council, and to consider immediately holding virtual monthly meetings of the Council, the council committees and working groups.

Signed by:

Councillor Long

Councillor Lyons

Councillor O'Hara

Councillor Ferguson

Councillor Copeland

Councillor Kyle

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

Chief Executive

Please note:

This Council meeting is being organised to ensure it is in accordance with Public Health Agency guidance.

The meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams, and can be viewed by the Public via the Council's website

In accordance with the proportionality arrangements agreed by Party Group Leaders, there will be a maximum of 18 Members participating. Members should be notified in advance by their Party Leader as to who should attend.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE OF SCHEDULED MEETING: 22nd MAY, 2020
RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED: 19th MAY, 2020
DEADLINE FOR PARTY LEADERS’ COMMENTS: 5.00pm on 21st MAY, 2020

COMPILATION SENT TO CX: 22nd MAY, 2020
FINAL CX DECISION PUBLISHED: 29th May, 2020
FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): 5th June, 2020

Agenda Item	Topic	Chief Executive’s Decision	Subject to call-in
2a	Finance Update – Restricted	Noted.	Yes
3a	Customer Focus Programme Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted the update on the Customer Focus Programme; noted the progress to date on the development of the Council’s new Website; and noted the arrangements in place to protect the investment and manage customer channels and supporting infrastructure effectively. <p>A request made in respect of telephony and the ability to speak to an operator is being factored into the system design process.</p>	Yes
3b	Update on progress with the detailed assessment for nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) for the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted the contents of the report concerning the likely requirements of completing a detailed ambient air quality review and assessment for NO2 and PM2.5 for the city; noted the offer of match funding in the 2020-2021 	Yes

		<p>financial year by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to support delivery of the project; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted that a report, which would include proposed monitoring locations, would be submitted to Committee after the aforementioned technical assessment had been undertaken. 	
4a	Contracts Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> approved the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1); approved the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 2); and noted that the Council had an existing contract with LPS for the provision of detailed property surveys and agreed (at the request of the LPS) that this contract would be extended for another year. 	Yes
4b	Social Value Procurement	Noted the work currently ongoing in relation to Social Value and Ethical Procurement.	Yes
5a	Request for Award for Freedom of the City	<p>Agreed to award the Freedom of the City to our healthcare workers and all those that are working tirelessly on the frontline to care for vulnerable citizens and that a report to outline proposed arrangements for this would be submitted in due course.</p> <p>The event would be a city wide recognition of all those frontline workers who had been engaged in the providing services through the current emergency with citizen and community participation.</p>	Yes
6a	Equality and Diversity - Quarter 4 Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report	Noted.	Yes

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

DATE OF SCHEDULED MEETING: 12th May, 2020 **COMPILATION SENT TO CX:** 13th May, 2020
RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED: 6th May, 2020 **FINAL DIRECTOR DECISION PUBLISHED:** 15th May, 2020
DEADLINE FOR PARTY LEADERS' COMMENTS: 5.00pm on 12th May, 2020 **FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am):** 22nd May, 2020

Agenda Item	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to call-in
1a	Declarations of Interest	In relation to Item 3a – Playground Improvement Programme 2020 -2021 Councillor Black declared an interest in that she was employed by Grosvenor Community Centre.	Yes
<u>Committee/Strategic Issues</u>			
2a	Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing – Memorandum of Understanding	Noted the contents of the update report.	Yes
2b	2019 Waste Prevention Programme Consultation Response	Approved the consultation response from Belfast City Council to DAERA on its proposed Waste Prevention Programme - (Attached as Appendix 2 to the report).	Yes
<u>Physical Programme and Asset Management</u>			
3a	Playground Improvement Programme 2020 - 2021	Agreed that the following sites be included as part of the annual Playground Improvement Programme for 2020- 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Street playground; • Falls Park; 	Yes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackmountain (completion of works due to Covid 19); and • Vere Foster playground. 	
<u>Operational Issues</u>			
4a	Proposal for naming a new street and the continuation of an existing street	Approved the naming in respect of a new street Upper Dunmurry Close, off Upper Dunmurry Lane, B17 and the continuation of an existing street in the City Thornberry Hill, off Thornberry Road, BT14.	Yes
4b	Proposal for Dual Language street signs	Agreed to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at Slieveban Avenue and Rockville Street.	Yes

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY GROWTH & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

DATE OF SCHEDULED MEETING: 13th MAY, 2020
RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED: 7th MAY, 2020
DEADLINE FOR PARTY LEADERS' COMMENTS: 13th MAY, 2020

COMPILATION SENT TO CX: 14th May, 2020
FINAL CX DECISION PUBLISHED: 19th MAY, 2020
FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): 27th MAY, 2020

Agenda Item	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to Call-In
<u>Routine Matters</u>			
1. a)	Declaration of Interest	None received.	NO
<u>Growing Business and the Economy</u>			
2. a)	Covid 19 - Implications for Economic Regeneration and Emerging Proposals	<p>Noted all aspects of report.</p> <p>Party comments noted. Green Recovery, pedestrianisation and sustainable transport, more focused skills programmes, social value procurement, capital investment and sustainable tourism were major work streams in the overall recovery plan which would be presented to Party Leaders and to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>	YES
<u>Regenerating Places and Improving Infrastructure</u>			
3. a)	Motion - Sustainable Transport	<p>Party comments noted</p> <p>A report to be brought back to the August Committee in respect of the Notice of Motion to Council to agree the Council position. It was noted that the Green Party wished for this to be discussed at the next Council meeting and they were entitled to raise this under the Committee minutes at the planned Council meeting in June.</p>	YES

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE OF SCHEDULED MEETING: 20th MAY, 2020
RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED: 13th MAY, 2020
DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE COMMENTS: 20th MAY, 2020

COMPILATION SENT TO CX/CITY SOLICITOR: 21st MAY, 2020
FINAL CX DECISION: 2nd JUNE, 2020
FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): N/A

Agenda Item	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to call-in
Routine Matters			
1. a)	Declaration of Interest	None Received	NO
Delegated Matters			
2. a)	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority	Noted the applications that had been issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.	NO
2. b)	Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licenses Issued Under Delegated Authority	Noted the applications that had been issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.	NO
2. c)	Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 23 Riverview Street, Belfast	Application granted with the condition requiring the provision of an out of hours emergency telephone number. Report to be submitted to a future Committee on the progress of the Lower Ormeau/University designation as a Special Action Area.	NO
2. d)	Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 14 Sandymount Street, Belfast	Application granted with condition requiring the provision of an out of hours emergency telephone number.	NO

2. e	Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 13 Landseer Street	Application granted with condition requiring the provision of an out of hours emergency telephone number.	NO
2. f	Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 18 Landseer Street, Belfast	Application granted with condition requiring the provision of an out of hours emergency telephone number.	NO
2. g	Minded opinion on the granting of a Licence to operate a House in Multiple Occupation at 29 Stranmillis Park, Belfast, BT9 5AU	The application is deferred to the August Committee to hear representations from the Applicant relating to matters set out in the officer report.	NO

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Chief Executive's decisions,

taken under delegated authority, for the Planning Committee

DATE OF SCHEDULED MEETING: 19th May, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED: 14th May, 2020

DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS: 5pm, Monday 18th May

COMPILATION SENT TO CX: Tuesday, 19th May

FINAL CX DECISION PUBLISHED: 3rd June 2020

FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): 10th June 2020

Agenda Item	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to Call-in?
Routine Matters			
1a	Declarations of Interest	n/a	n/a
Miscellaneous Items			
2	Planning Decisions Issued	The list of decisions which were taken under the delegated authority of the Director of Planning and Building Control, together with all other planning decisions which had been issued by the Planning Department between 11th April and 8th May are noted.	Yes
Planning Applications - (N.b. – these are not subject to the Call-in process)			
3a	LA04/2019/2215/F - Boundary fencing to rear of property, retrospective construction of a raised paved patio and raised levels to form grass patio with associated access steps and retaining walls at 14 Malone View Road	<p>The application is approved subject to conditions detailed in the case officer report with authority delegated to the Director of Planning & Building Control as to the wording of those conditions.</p> <p>Application for boundary fencing to rear of property, retrospective application for permission for a raised patio and adjusted levels with retaining levels and access steps.</p> <p>The proposed development is acceptable in that it will not detract from the character or appearance of the surrounding area, the host dwelling and surrounding curtilage. The proposal is considered to comply with applicable policy considerations</p>	No

		<p>contained in Policy EXT1 of the addendum to PPS7.</p> <p>Previous objections related to the proposed development which incorporated a garage. The application was amended to remove this. One remaining objection relates to overlooking to a garden/patio and a bathroom window. It is not considered that the overlooking is so significant as to cause an unacceptable impact on residential amenity. A condition of permission will be a boundary screen as recommended in the case officer report.</p> <p>The design is considered acceptable in the context of prevailing policy as detailed in the report.</p> <p>There is precedent in terms of site level adjustments in the area.</p> <p>Tree and landscape team consulted with no objection to the proposal.</p> <p>The majority of members consulted were supportive of approving the application.</p>	
3b	<p>LA04/2019/1598/F - Apart-Hotel (87no. bedrooms & 26no. serviced apartments), 14no. Business Studios and 10no. live/work studios with associated car parking and landscaping, Adelaide Business Centre, Apollo Road</p>	<p>The application is to be referred to Committee with a request that NI Water attend to present in respect of the issue relating to waste water capacity.</p> <p>Both refusal grounds recommended by the case officer are predicated ultimately on the assertion that there is insufficient waste water capacity. It is appropriate that the Committee hear evidence as to that matter. A number of members raised this issue in their responses.</p>	No

3c	<p>LA04/2019/2273/F - Use of unit A as a supermarket with rear extension and loading bay, alterations to elevations and external trolley bay Unit A Holywood Exchange Retail Park, 304 Airport Road West</p>	<p>The application is approved subject to conditions as detailed in the case officer report with authority delegated to the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of those conditions.</p> <p>The application is assessed as not impacting protected centres within the relevant catchment area. Appropriate controls are conditioned in respect of the retail offer at the proposed development.</p> <p>The design and materials are considered acceptable with no adverse impact on amenity.</p> <p>The proposal will lead to the creation of 26 jobs thus having a positive economic development impact.</p> <p>Whilst 2 objections were received in respect of traffic and associate issues, DFI has indicated that it has no objection to the proposal. It is assessed that the proposed development will not result in unacceptable impact in terms of traffic given existing uses.</p> <p>Members of the planning committee were consulted with the majority supportive of the proposed development.</p> <p>Briefing session to be held for committee members on retail planning policy and the sequential test.</p>	No
3d	<p>LA04/2020/0662/A - Mesh banner signage Former Belfast Telegraph Printworks, 124-132 Royal Avenue (BCC Application)</p>	<p>The application is to be referred to the Planning Committee at the earliest opportunity. As the application relates to a strategic investment in which the council has an interest, the Chief Executive and members of the Corporate Management Team may not participate in this decision.</p>	No

3e	<p>LA04/2019/1782/F - Demolition of buildings and clearing of site for a retail warehouse building, associated car parking and accesses 15 Wildflower Way, Boucher Road</p>	<p>The application is granted subject to conditions as set out in the case officer report with authority to Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of those conditions. Application to be referred back in the event that consultation elicits any further substantive response.</p> <p>The application is not assessed as being prejudicial to the city centre or the emerging Local Development Plan.</p> <p>The sequential test is assessed as having been met due to the unavailability of other suitable sites.</p> <p>Employment gain is assessed as trumping the Policy PED7 insofar as it relates to the loss of manufacturing premises.</p> <p>Design is assessed as acceptable.</p> <p>Parking is less than the applicable standard but DFI has not raised this as an issue.</p> <p>Planning Committee members were consulted and the majority were supportive of the proposed development.</p>	No
3f	<p>LA04/2019/2442/F - Development of a new purpose-built teaching facility and associated/ancillary accommodation and works on lands at Riddell Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road</p>	<p>The application is approved subject to conditions as detailed in the case officer report with authority delegated to the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise those conditions.</p> <p>Open space - the development is assessed as not contrary to OS2 of PPS8</p> <p>Taken in the round the design is found to be acceptable with appropriate integration and material references to Riddell Hall.</p> <p>Application to be referred back if consultation responses are</p>	No

		received warranting further consideration. Members of the planning committee were consulted and were supportive of the proposed development.	
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