

# Council

## SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and remotely, via Microsoft Teams,  
on Thursday, 25th August, 2022 at 4.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor; (Councillor Black)  
(Chairperson);  
The Deputy Lord Mayor, (Councillor M. Kelly);  
Aldermen Dorrian, Rodgers and Sandford; and  
Councillors Bradley, Bower, Bunting, Carson, Matt Collins,  
Corr, de Faoite, Donnelly, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett,  
Gormley, Groogan, Hanvey, Heading, Howard, Hutchinson,  
Kyle, Long, Lyons, Maghie, Maskey, McAteer, McCabe,  
McCann, McCullough, McKeown, Murphy, Murray, Nelson,  
O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Thompson, Verner, Walsh and  
Whyte.

### Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Alderman Copeland  
and Councillors Beattie, Michael Collins and McLaughlin.

### Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast

Moved by Councillor Carson,  
Seconded by Councillor Verner,

In March 2020 the WHO declared COVID 19, a pandemic, rapidly spreading across the globe. Our health and social care workers alongside a wide range of community agencies mobilised their resources to support those affected and made outstanding efforts to contain the spread of the virus. They worked to look after those who were seriously ill and those who were self-isolating, often at risk to their own health and that of their loved ones. As a City we are indebted to them for their selfless and outstanding service during a public health emergency.

Accordingly, in recognition of this, the Council agrees to confer the Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast on healthcare workers and those who worked tirelessly on the frontline and they are hereby elected and admitted to the Freedom of the (City and County) Borough.

The motion was put to the Council and passed unanimously

Lord Mayor  
Chairperson