

# Standards and Business Committee

Thursday, 23rd May, 2024

## MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

### HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM

Members present: Councillor McDonough-Brown (Chairperson);  
Aldermen Lawlor and Rodgers; and  
Councillors Abernethy, Bradley, M. Donnelly,  
P. Donnelly, D. Douglas, Duffy, Groogan, Kelly,  
Magee, Maghie, F. McAteer, McCormick,  
McDowell and R. McLaughlin.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic  
Services;  
Mr. J. Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance  
Manager, and  
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services and Governance  
Coordinator.

### Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McCullough and Councillors Lyons and G. McAteer.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 30th April were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 7th May.

### Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were reported.

### Motions

The Committee considered the following three motions which had been received in advance of the Council meeting on 3rd June:

#### Notice of Motion - High Costs of Childcare

The Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Doherty and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, be referred to the Council for debate, with no restriction to be placed on the number of speakers.

**Notice of Motion - Ireland's Ancient East**

**Proposal**

Moved by Councillor McDowell,  
Seconded by Alderman Lawlor,

That the motion be rejected.

**Amendment**

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Groogan,  
Seconded by Councillor R. Laughlin,

That the motion be referred to the Council for debate, with no restrictions on the number of speakers.

On a vote by show of hands, eleven Members voted for the amendment and six against and it was declared carried.

The amendment was thereupon put to the meeting as the substantive motion and passed.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor McKeown and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, be referred to the Council for debate, with no restriction to be placed on the number of speakers.

**Notice of Motion - Going for Growth Strategy**

The Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor Flynn, be referred to the Council for debate, with no restriction to be placed on the number of speakers.

**Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

**Official Announcements (Councillor R. McLaughlin to raise)**

In relation to the volume of Official Announcements being received during Council Meetings, Councillor McLaughlin requested that options be explored on how the purpose of Official Announcements could be better utilised.

The Committee agreed that a report be submitted to a future Committee to outline options in relation to a potential new procedure for raising Official Announcements during Council Meetings.

Chairperson