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MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in person, in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Friday, 20th March, 2026 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Area-based Community Planning and Community Wealth Building (Pages 1 - 44)
- (b) Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (Report to follow)
- (c) Bad Debt Write Off (Pages 45 - 46)
- (d) Belfast Stories Update (Report to follow)

3. **Governance**

- (a) Official Announcements (Report to follow)

4. **Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Independently Managed Community Centres (Report to follow)
- (b) Boxing Strategy (Report to follow)
- (c) European City of Sport (Report to follow)
- (d) Planning Information (Pages 47 - 64)
- (e) Review of Pre-Application Discussion (PAD) Fees (Pages 65 - 74)
- (f) Belfast Business Promise - Next Steps (Report to follow)
- (g) Belfast Region City Deal Update (Pages 75 - 80)
- (h) Draft NI Executive Early Learning and Childcare Strategy (Pages 81 - 116)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

- (a) Physical Programme Update (Report to follow)
- (b) Asset Management (Report to follow)

6. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**

- (a) Contracts Update (Report to follow)
- (b) Requests for Funding (Pages 117 - 144)
- (c) CIPFA Prudential Code Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Indicators 2026/27 (Pages 145 - 164)

7. **Equality and Good Relations**

- (a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting (to follow)

8. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Minutes of the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum (Pages 165 - 170)
- (b) Audit and Risk Panel Report and Minutes of Meeting of 10th March, 2026 (to follow)
- (c) Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality (Report to follow)
- (d) Minutes of Language Strategy Working Group of 30th January, 2026 (Pages 171 - 176)
- (e) Minutes of Disability Working Group of 18th March, 2026 (to follow)

