

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**TO: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor, Adelaide Exchange on Tuesday, 1st April, 2008 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business n:-

1. To take as read and to confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 3rd March, 2008
2. To receive official announcements and memorials, if any.
3. To receive and adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Committees as follows:
 - (B) the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 29th February and 14th March, 2008
 - (i) To pass a resolution making application to the Department of the Environment for sanction to the raising of loans of:
 - £750,000 to meet the costs associated with the North Foreshore Northern Ireland Electricity Substation/ Electricity Compound Site works project; and
 - £140,000 to meet the costs associated with the provision of a replacement Fire Alarm System at the Waterfront Hall.
 - (C) the Parks and Leisure Committee of 13th March, 2008
 - (D) the Development Committee of 27th February and 7th March, 2008
 - (E) the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 5th March, 2008
 - (F) the Licensing Committee of 19th March, 2008
 - (G) the Town Planning Committee of 5th, 6th and 20th March, 2008

4. Notice of Motion

**Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence
and Human Trafficking**

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly) to move:

“That this Council is concerned at the absence of a co-ordinated approach to address the increasing prevalence of violence against women in Belfast and throughout Northern Ireland and, accordingly:

- Welcomes the ‘Making the Grade’ report produced by the End Violence Against Women Coalition;
- Recognises the level of domestic violence and sexual violence in Northern Ireland, for example, that 20% of murders in 2006/07 had a domestic motivation, that 30% of all cases of domestic violence start during pregnancy and that conviction rates for rape have gone down while the number of recorded rapes has increased;
- Acknowledges the Women’s Aid ‘Beyond Borders’ report which demolished the myth that trafficking does not happen within Northern Ireland;
- Notes the call in the Making the Grade report for an integrated strategy, across all authorities, to tackle violence against women;
- Commits itself to implementing recommendations of the ‘Making the Grade’ report applicable to the Council; and
- Calls for the actions on the recommendations by relevant departments and authorities.”

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

Trevor Salmon
Director of Corporate Services

27th March, 2008