

# Council

## MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 4th October, 2010  
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor  
(Councillor Convery) (Chairman);  
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey);  
the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford); and  
Councillors Attwood, Austin, D. Browne, M. Browne,  
W. Browne, Brownlee, Campbell, Crozier, Cunningham,  
Cush, Hartley, Hendron, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Kingston,  
Kirkpatrick, Kyle, Lavery, Mallon, A. Maskey, C. Maskey,  
McCabe, McCann, McCarthy, McKenzie, McNamee,  
Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan, Newton,  
O'Neill, L. Patterson, Robinson, F. Rodgers, J. Rodgers,  
Rodway and Stoker.

### Reading of Scriptures

In accordance with Standing Order 9, the Lord Mayor read a passage from the Scriptures.

### Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors Adamson, Bostock, Ekin, Empey, Jones, McCausland, McCoubrey, McMillen, O'Reilly, R. Patterson and Smyth.

### Minutes

Moved by Councillor Hendron,  
Seconded by Councillor Mullaghan and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 1st September be taken as read and signed as correct.

### Office of High Sheriff for 2011

The Council agreed that the question of the nomination of Members suitable for appointment to the Office of High Sheriff of the City for the year 2011 be deferred until its next monthly meeting.

**Change of Membership on Outside Bodies**

The Chief Executive reported that notification had been received from the Ulster Unionist Party Grouping indicating that it wished Councillors D. Browne and F. Rodgers to fill the vacancies on the North Belfast Partnership Board and the Greater Shankill Partnership Board respectively, consequent upon the resignation of former Councillor Cobain.

He reported further that correspondence had been received from the Social Democratic and Labour Party Grouping indicating that it wished:

- Councillor McCarthy to replace Councillor O'Reilly on the East Belfast District Policing Partnership;
- Councillor Mallon to replace Councillor Mullaghan on the North Belfast District Policing Partnership; and
- Councillor B. Kelly to replace Councillor McCarthy on the South Belfast District Policing Partnership.

In addition, the Democratic Unionist Party Grouping had indicated that it wished:

- Councillor Kingston to replace the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey) on the West Belfast District Policing Partnership;
- Councillor L. Patterson to replace Councillor Kingston on the North Belfast District Policing Partnership; and
- Councillor Kingston to replace the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey) on the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

The Council approved the aforementioned changes.

**Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

Moved by Councillor Crozier,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Rodgers,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 24th September be approved and adopted.

**Amendment**

**Belfast Telegraph Roadshow**

Moved by Councillor Hartley,  
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy,

That the decision under the heading "Belfast Telegraph Roadshow" be amended to provide that no charge be levied on the Belfast Telegraph for the use of the City Hall.

On a vote by show of hands twenty-three Members voted for the amendment and seventeen against and it was accordingly declared carried.

**Amendment**

**Use of the City Hall Grounds –  
Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition**

Moved by Councillor Kingston,  
Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That the decision under the heading "Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition" be rejected and accordingly that the Council agrees, due to the inappropriateness of the images contained therein, that the Poster for Tomorrow Organisation be refused permission to display any of the posters in the grounds of the City Hall.

A division on the amendment was demanded. A poll having been taken on the amendment, there voted for it nineteen Members, viz., the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey); the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford); and Councillors D. Browne, W. Browne, Campbell, Crozier, Hendron, Kingston, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, McKenzie, McNamee, Newton, L. Patterson, Robinson, F. Rodgers, J. Rodgers, Rodway and Stoker; and against it twenty-one Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery); and Councillors Attwood, Austin, M. Browne, Brownlee, Cunningham, Cush, Hartley, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Lavery, Mallon, A. Maskey, C. Maskey, McCabe, McCann, McCarthy, Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan and O'Neill.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Attwood,  
Seconded by Councillor Brownlee,

That the decision under the heading "Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition" be amended to provide that the images relating to hanging be exhibited elsewhere in the City Hall, rather than in the City Hall grounds.

After a lengthy discussion on the amendment it was

Moved by Councillor McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor N. Kelly,

That the question be now put.

On a vote by show of hands twenty-one Members voted for the proposal and seventeen against and it was accordingly declared carried.

The amendment standing in the name of Councillor Attwood and seconded by Councillor Brownlee was thereupon put to the meeting when twenty-two Members voted for the amendment and seventeen against and it was accordingly declared carried.

### **Adjournment**

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of time in order to enable the Party Group Leaders, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to identify those posters within the exhibition which related specifically to hanging.

(The Council stood adjourned from 7.22 p.m. to 7.40 p.m.).

### **Amendment**

Moved by Councillor W. Browne,  
Seconded by Councillor Kirkpatrick,

That the decision under the heading "Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition" be amended to provide that the exhibition be located in its entirety within the City Hall and that appropriate signs warning of the nature of the content of the posters be displayed in prominent positions.

On a vote by show of hands seventeen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-one against and it was accordingly declared lost.

### **Amendment**

Moved by Councillor D. Browne,  
Seconded by the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford),

That the decision under the heading "Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition" be amended to provide that, in addition to those images relating to hanging, a further five posters which may cause offence be exhibited in the City Hall.

On a vote by show of hands eighteen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-one against and it was accordingly declared lost.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor D. Browne,  
Seconded by the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford),

That the decision under the heading “Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition” be amended to provide that those images which related to hanging and which were to be located in the City Hall be displayed in the basement of the building.

On a vote by show of hands no Members voted for the amendment and twenty-one against and it was accordingly declared lost.

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor D. Browne,  
Seconded by the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford),

Resolved – That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 24th September under the heading “Use of the City Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition” be amended to provide that those images relating to hanging be exhibited in Room 130b located off the Robing Room on the 1st floor of the City Hall.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 24th September were thereupon approved and adopted, subject to the amendment of the minutes under the headings:

- (i) “Belfast Telegraph Roadshow” to provide that no charge be levied on the Belfast Telegraph for the use of the City Hall; and
- (ii) “Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow Exhibition” to provide that those images relating to hanging be displayed in Room 130b located off the Robing Room on the 1st floor of the City Hall.

**Use of City Hall and Grounds**

Arising from discussion in the foregoing items, it was agreed that a report on the use of the City Hall and grounds be submitted to a future meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

**Parks and Leisure Committee**

Moved by Councillor Hartley,  
Seconded by Councillor McCann and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 6th and 16th September be approved and adopted.

**Development Committee**

Moved by Councillor C. Maskey,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Browne,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 15th September be approved and adopted.

**Markets Policy Update**

Arising out of discussion in the aforementioned matter, it was agreed that Party Group briefings be undertaken prior to the draft Belfast City Council Markets Policy being submitted to the Committee for its consideration.

**Amendment**

**Campaign for Tourism – One Voice One Team**

Moved by Councillor Hartley,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

That the decision under the heading “Campaign for Tourism – One Voice One Team” be amended to provide that the Council endorses the content of the publication and that it be at no cost to the Council.

On a vote by show of hands nineteen Members voted for the amendment and sixteen against and it was accordingly declared carried.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 15th September were thereupon approved and adopted, subject to the foregoing amendment.

**Health and Environmental Services Committee**

Moved by Councillor Kirkpatrick,  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 8th September be approved and adopted.

**Request for Matter to be Taken Back  
for Further Consideration**

**Residual Waste Treatment Contract –  
Guaranteed Minimum Tonnages**

At the request of Councillor Rodway, the Council agreed that the minute under the heading “Residual Waste Treatment Contract – Guaranteed Minimum Tonnages” be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 8th September were thereupon approved and adopted, subject to the omission of the minute under the heading “Residual Waste Treatment Contract – Guaranteed Minimum Tonnages” which, at the request of Councillor Rodway, is taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

**Licensing Committee**

Moved by the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford),  
Seconded by Councillor N. Kelly and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 22nd September, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Town Planning Committee**

Moved by Councillor Brownlee,  
Seconded by Councillor Lavery,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 9th and 23rd September, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Notice of Motion**

**Financial Planning in an Economic Downturn**

In accordance with Notice on the Agenda, Councillor Rodway proposed:

“This Council acknowledges that the United Kingdom is facing the most severe economic downturn for many decades and that, in such times, there is an obligation on the Council to retain its vision of strategic, equitable and sustainable development of the City. To this end, the Council recognises that adequate funding needs to be made available in the medium to long term and accordingly agrees to plan for year upon year increases in the Council reserves.”

The proposal was seconded by Councillor W. Browne.

Prior to the Notice of Motion being considered, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery) reminded the Council that Standing Order 11(e) specified that, if the subject matter of any Motion of which Notice had been given comes within the province of any Committee, upon being moved and seconded, it shall stand referred without discussion to that Committee or such other Committee as the Council may determine for consideration and report.

Accordingly, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor indicated that the matter would be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee without debate.

Lord Mayor  
Chairman