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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Monday, 2nd June, 2014 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Reading of Scriptures
2. Chief Executive to submit Summons convening the Meeting
3. Apologies
4. To elect the Lord Mayor for the period to end on 31st March, 2015
5. To elect the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period to end on 31st March, 2015
6. To elect up to three Aldermen for the period to end on 31st March, 2015

(copy of Local Government (Modification of Borough Charters) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 attached)
7. To take as read and confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 1st May, 2014 (Pages 7 - 12)
8. To appoint the Standing Committees of the Council for the period to end on 31st March, 2015 (list of Committees to follow)
9. To appoint the Chairmen and the Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees for the period to end on 31st March, 2015 (Pages 13 - 14)
10. To receive official announcements and memorials, if any

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT**Modification of Borough Charters**

ORDER, DATED 25TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 134 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

The Ministry of Development on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 134 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Modification of Borough Charters) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Charters

2. The charter of the corporation of a county borough or other borough which, by virtue of section 132(3) of the Act, has effect on and after 1st October 1973 (in this Order referred to as "the charter") shall on and after that date be and is hereby modified in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

General modifications

3.—(1) There shall be made in the charter such modifications as are necessary to bring it into conformity with the provisions contained in or made under the Act or any other transferred provision passed or made in connection with the reorganisation of local government effected by the Act; and any provision of the charter which is inconsistent with a provision so contained or made shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, cease to have effect.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a transferred provision shall be deemed to have been passed or made in connection with the reorganisation of local government if it provides for the exercise by any other body of functions which apart from that provision would have been exercisable by an existing local authority.

(3) Every charter to which this Order applies shall have effect subject to the modifications and additions contained in this Order.

Designation of aldermen

4.—(1) Aldermen shall be designated in accordance with the following rules:—

- (a) Each alderman shall be elected by the council from among the councillors;
- (b) the number of aldermen shall be such number as the council may determine but shall not exceed one quarter of the whole number of councillors;

(a) 1972, c. 9 (N.I.).

- (c) except in the case of an election of an alderman to fill a casual vacancy, the ordinary election of aldermen shall be held in every fourth year, being a local election year;
- (d) subject to sub-paragraph (r) the ordinary election of aldermen shall be held at the annual meeting of the council and shall take place immediately after the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor or, as the case may be, the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor;
- (e) every councillor, including in the case of an election to fill a casual vacancy a councillor who is an alderman, of the council shall be entitled to vote at the election of an alderman;
- (f) a councillor shall be a candidate for election as an alderman if—
 - (i) he is nominated as a candidate by one other councillor as proposer and by another as seconder, and
 - (ii) he assents to the nomination.
 Any nomination may be made, and any assent may be given, either in the course of the meeting or by a document signed by the councillor or councillors in question and delivered to the clerk of the council before the beginning of the meeting;
- (g) every councillor entitled to vote at a contested election of an alderman shall do so by signing and delivering at the meeting to the clerk of the council a voting paper containing in order of preference the full names of the candidate or candidates for whom he votes;
- (h) the clerk of the council shall, as soon as all the voting papers have been delivered to him, proceed to ascertain the result of the voting and shall state the number of votes given to each candidate at each stage of the counting of votes;
- (i) where at any stage of the counting of votes the votes recorded for any candidate are equal to or greater than the quota, that candidate shall be deemed to be elected;
- (j) at each stage of the counting of votes the transfer of the surplus votes cast for any candidate shall be effected by the transfer of such surplus votes in proportion to the number of the next available preference votes expressed for other candidates in the voting papers of a successful candidate; if at any stage of the counting of votes two or more candidates have surplus votes, the largest surplus shall be transferred first;
- (k) if the quota is not achieved after the transfer of all surpluses (if any) the candidate or candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancies remaining;
- (l) in the case of an equality of votes for any candidates the person presiding at the meeting may give a casting vote, whether or not he voted in the first instance, or if the person presiding declines to give a casting vote the matter shall be decided by lot;
- (m) in the case of a contested election the person presiding at the meeting shall declare to be elected as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and in cases where fewer nominations are received than there are vacancies shall declare to be elected all the candidates nominated;
- (n) the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting in addition to recording the names of the councillors becoming aldermen shall in the case of a contested election include the full names of the candidates to whom votes were given and a complete record of the number of votes recorded for each;

- (o) an alderman may resign his office of alderman without ceasing to be a councillor;
 - (p) where a councillor, who has been elected an alderman (including a councillor elected an alderman to fill a casual vacancy), ceases for any reason to be a councillor, then that person shall also cease to be an alderman;
 - (q) on a casual vacancy occurring in the office of alderman, that vacancy shall be filled by an election at the next annual meeting of the council;
 - (r) for the purposes of the first ordinary election of aldermen the first meeting of the council held on or after 1st October 1973 shall be deemed to be the annual meeting of the council;
 - (s) any questions or matters arising concerning the counting of votes shall be determined by the clerk of the council.
- (2) In this Article—
- (a) the word "quota" means the number of all voting papers divided by a number exceeding by one the number of aldermen to be elected with the addition of one to the result obtained from such division;
 - (b) the words "surplus votes" shall mean the number of votes by which the total number of votes cast for any candidate at any stage of counting exceeds the quota.

Freedom of the Borough

5. Persons shall be admitted to the Freedom of the Borough in accordance with the following rules:—

- (i) No person shall be admitted a Freeman of the Borough by gift or by purchase;
- (ii) the Council of the Borough may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the whole number of councillors at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose and in respect of which at least ten days' notice of the purpose of the meeting has been given, admit to be an honorary freeman of the Borough any person;
Provided that the admission of a person to be an honorary freeman of the Borough shall not confer the right of sharing in the benefit of any assets of the council, or of any assets held in whole or in part for any charitable use or trust;
- (iii) the clerk of the Borough shall keep a list, called the freemen's roll, of all persons on whom the freedom of the Borough has been conferred;
- (iv) where a freemen's roll is in existence at 30th September 1973 in a county or other borough to which this Order applies, that freemen's roll shall become and shall form part of the roll of honorary freemen of the borough;
- (v) in this Article the word "person" shall include any association or body of persons whether corporate or unincorporate.

Scaled with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 25th day of June 1973.

(L.S.)

J. Marsh,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order makes certain provisions in relation to the borough charters for the cities of Belfast and Londonderry and for certain other districts to which existing borough charters are applied.

Council

MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Thursday, 1st May, 2014
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Ó Muilleoir) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford);
the High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson);
Aldermen M. Campbell, Ekin, McCoubrey,
R. Patterson, Robinson, Rodgers and Stoker;
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie,
M. E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Convery,
Corr, Cunningham, Curran, Garrett, Groves,
Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hendron, Hussey,
Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy,
Kingston, Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, Mallon,
McCabe, McCarthy, McKee, McNamee, McVeigh,
Mullan, Newton, Ó Donnghaile, L. Patterson,
Reynolds, Thompson, Verner and Webb.

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.

Apology

An apology was reported on behalf of Alderman Browne.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor,
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford),

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

Variation of Minutes

At the request of Councillor Verner, the Council agreed that the minutes be varied to reflect the fact that she had declared an interest in relation to the minute of the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee under the heading 'Response to Delivering Change for Children and Young People' and had taken no part in the discussion.

**Meeting of Council,
Tuesday, 1st May, 2014**

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing variation, the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 1st April were approved and adopted.

Expression of Sympathy

The Lord Mayor expressed his regret at the recent death of the former Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Margaret Crooks and of the mother of Mr. E. Deeny, Head of Corporate Communications, and, on behalf of the Council, extended to their family circles his condolences and deepest sympathy.

Congratulations

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations to the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford) and his wife Laura on the birth of their son Cameron.

Expression of Support

The Lord Mayor, together with representatives of each of the Political Parties, voiced their condemnation at the recent attacks which had taken place on minority communities in parts of the City and on the Alliance Party's constituency office in East Belfast and affirmed their support for all those who had been affected.

Request to Film and Photograph Proceedings

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 25th April, had agreed to accede to a request from Pi Communications to film a portion of the Council meeting for use in an educational video entitled 'The Importance of Voting'.

He reminded the Council also that that Committee, at its meeting on 25th October, 2013, had agreed to permit access to Council meetings to Mr. Donal McCann, a photographer who was recording the current Lord Mayor's year in office.

The Council agreed that both parties be admitted to the meeting.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Alderman Robinson,
Seconded by Councillor Carson,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 4th and 25th April be approved and adopted.

**Meeting of Council,
Tuesday, 1st May, 2014**

Amendment

Disposal of Former Maysfield Leisure Centre

Moved by Councillor Webb,
Seconded by Councillor Jones,

That the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

On a vote by show of hands six Members voted for the amendment and forty-three against and it was declared lost.

Belfast Public Bike Hire Scheme

At the request of Alderman Rodgers, the Council agreed that a report be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee outlining the reasons why Belfast City Council had been omitted from the list of sponsoring organisations contained within the Northern Ireland Tourist Board's publicity brochure on the Giro d'Italia.

Amendment

Leisure Transformation Programme

Moved by Councillor McVeigh,
Seconded by Alderman Stoker,

That the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee of 25th April under the heading "Leisure Transformation Programme", in so far as it relates to Recommendation 7, be rejected and, accordingly, the Council agrees to continue to explore an in-house model on the basis of the Trades Unions submission.

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

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing addition, the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 4th and 25th April were approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor McKee,
Seconded by Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 10th April be approved and adopted.

**Meeting of Council,
Tuesday, 1st May, 2014**

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor Ó Donnghaile,

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

Variation of Minute

At the request of Councillor Webb, the Council agreed to vary the minute under the heading "Opportunities for Investment" to reflect the fact that he had not been in attendance whilst the report, which had made reference to a company for which he was employed, had been under consideration.

Amendment

Belfast/Boston – Sister Cities Relationship

Moved by Councillor Kingston,
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy,

That the decision under the heading "Belfast/Boston – Sister Cities Relationship" be amended to provide that the signing of the Sister Cities agreement between the Lord Mayor and the Mayor of Boston take place after the Local Government elections on 22nd May and prior to the end of the current Lord Mayor's term of office.

On a recorded vote, nineteen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-eight against and it was declared lost.

<u>For 19</u>	<u>Against 28</u>
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford); The High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson), Aldermen M. Campbell, McCoubrey, R. Patterson, Robinson and Rodgers; Councillors Haire, Hussey, Hutchinson, Kennedy, Kingston, Kyle, McKee, Newton, Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.	The Lord Mayor (Councillor Ó Muilleoir); Alderman Ekin; Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M.E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran, Garrett, Groves, Hanna, Hargey, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, Mallon, McCarthy, McNamee, McVeigh, Mullan, Ó Donnghaile and Webb.

**Meeting of Council,
Tuesday, 1st May, 2014**

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing variation, the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 15th April were approved and adopted.

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Corr,
Seconded by Councillor M. E. Campbell and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 2nd April be approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Alderman Ekin,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 16th April, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Designating Resolutions for New Street
Trading Sites/Variation of Existing Sites**

At the request of Councillor Jones, the Council agreed that the review which had been commissioned by the Development Department into sightseeing coach provision in the City be extended to consider issues around the licensing of tour companies.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing addition, the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 16th April were approved and adopted.

Town Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Hanna,
Seconded by Councillor Ó Donnghaile and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 3rd and 17th April, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Lord Mayor
Chairman

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Committee Chairmanships and Deputy Chairmanships 2014/2015

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	DUP Alderman Robinson	SF Councillor Carson
Development Committee	SF Councillor Hargey	DUP Councillor Spence
Health and Environmental Services Committee	SF Councillor Corr	SDLP Councillor Keenan
Licensing Committee	All Alderman Ekin	SF Councillor M.E. Campbell
Parks and Leisure Committee	DUP Councillor McKee	SF Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín
Town Planning Committee	SDLP Councillor Hanna	DUP Alderman M. Campbell

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