

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND THE COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Monday, 9th April, 2018 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council of 5th and 27th March, 2018 (Pages 1 - 12)
5. Request to Address the Council

To consider requests from representatives of Amnesty International UK, the FPA and Both Lives Matter to address the Council in relation to the motion on Criminalisation of Abortion being proposed by Councillor Nicholl.

To consider a request from Mr. Healy to address the Council in relation to Autism Awareness.

To consider a request from Mr. Rodgers to address the Council in relation to the motion on Special Schools being proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Copeland.

6. Official Announcements
7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 23rd and 27th March, 2018 (Pages 13 - 68)
8. People and Communities Committee of 6th March, 2018 (Pages 69 - 104)
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 7th March, 2018 (Pages 105 - 166)
10. Licensing Committee of 21st March, 2018 (Pages 167 - 178)
11. Planning Committee of 13th and 15th March, 2018 (Pages 179 - 198)
12. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee of 12th March, 2018 (Pages 199 - 200)

13. Notices of Motion

a) Criminalisation of Abortion

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

"This Council notes the increasing number of women who are accessing abortion pills via the internet, which leaves them vulnerable to prosecution.

The Council further notes the impact on healthcare professionals who, under Section 5 of the Criminal Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, may have a duty to provide information to the Police Service. Therefore, if a woman requires medical assistance after accessing these pills, the threat of prosecution and life in prison is likely to act as a real deterrent, thus potentially having a detrimental impact on her health.

Accordingly, the Council believes that abortion should be regulated like any other medical care and not by criminal law, while still enabling incidents of malpractice to be addressed, as with any other health service, through the general criminal law or medical disciplinary procedures.

A woman who has an abortion is not a criminal, nor are healthcare professionals who care for them, and the law should not treat them as such."

(To be debated by the Council)

b) Hyponatremia-Related Deaths

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,

Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

"This Council notes the shocking and heartbreaking findings in the Report Inquiry into hyponatremia-related deaths (IHRD), led by Mr. John O'Hara.

The Council notes that the family of Raychel Ferguson, who died after being fed the wrong type of saline drip following an appendix operation in Altnagelvin Hospital in 2001, have called for the establishment of a "Raychel's Law of Candour" as a fitting tribute to their daughter.

The Council supports the family in this call and, accordingly, agrees to write to the Department of Health calling on it to bring forward legislation to establish a new statutory duty of candour that would compel health care organisations to be open and honest and impose criminal liability on anyone in breach of the duty."

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Special Schools

Proposed by Councillor Copeland,

Seconded by Alderman Rodgers,

"This Council expresses its grave concerns at the plans by the Education Authority in Northern Ireland to close a number of special schools and also to amalgamate others in the city of Belfast.

The Council believes that if the plans go ahead they will have a devastating effect on staff and on pupils and their families, many of whom have serious physical and mental health problems.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to request the Chief Executive and members of the Board of the Education Authority to meet with an all-party delegation from the Council to discuss this as a matter of urgency."

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Childcare Strategy

Proposed by Councillor O'Hara,

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

"This council agrees to explore options and take practical steps, including through the Belfast Agenda and City Deal, with a view to creating a childcare strategy for the city that will encourage greater maternal employment, redress gender inequalities in the workplace, increase GVA in the city and, most importantly, improve educational and social outcomes for our children."

**(To be referred, without discussion, to
the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee)**

e) Greenway Strategy

Proposed by Councillor Dorrian,

Seconded by Councillor Kyle,

“That this council will support the further development of the Greenway strategy in Belfast, including assessing the benefits of a Sydenham Greenway, linking East Belfast and Holywood.

Council will engage with potential partners to assess how such a strategy would be implemented, with focus on improving connectivity and benefiting health and well being in our community.”

**(To be referred, without discussion, to
the People and Communities Committee)**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Wylie".

Chief Executive