

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, on Monday, 2nd March, 2020 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 18)
5. Official Announcements
6. Requests to Address the Council

To consider a request from:

- Mr. Liam Corr, Belfast Boxing Development Officer, to address the Council in relation to the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February, under the heading “Financial Reporting – Quarter 3 2019/20”, relating to a request from the Ulster Boxing Council for funding towards the hosting of the 2020 EUBC School Boys and School Girls European Boxing Championships from 7th June - 11th July 2020;
- Mr. John Jo McGrady, Chair of the Belfast Youth Forum, to address the Council in advance of Councillor Mulholland’s motion on Relationship and Sexual Education; and
- Ms. Mandy McDermott, Director of Compass Counselling, to address the Council in advance of the motion on Compass Counselling being proposed by Councillor Matt Collins.

7. Change of Membership on Committees/Outside Bodies
8. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 19 - 68)
9. People and Communities Committee (Pages 69 - 102)
10. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 103 - 146)
11. Licensing Committee (Pages 147 - 150)
12. Planning Committee (Pages 151 - 160)
13. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee (Pages 161 - 164)
14. Brexit Committee (Pages 165 - 170)
15. Motions

a) School Uniform Exchange

Proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McReynolds),
Seconded by Councillor McAllister,

“This Council agrees to introduce, in liaison with community partners, a school uniform exchange across Belfast, where items can be donated or claimed, free of charge, to help provide parents with good quality, clean and pre-worn uniforms and P.E kits; to help, in liaison with community partners, to make exchange available to all, without prejudice or means testing; and to liaise with other councils in Northern Ireland who already provide/have agreed to provide a similar service.”

(To be debated by the Council)

b) Dunmurry Manor Care Home

Proposed by Councillor Heading,
Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

“This Council reiterates its support for the Dunmurry Manor families in their campaign to bring justice to the victims of abuse.

The Council notes the 59 recommendations listed in the Commissioner for Older People’s ‘Home Truths’ report and calls upon the Minister of Health to ensure that the recommendations are adopted for implementation as soon as possible. It notes also the work carried out on behalf of the Department of Health by CEPA Ltd. into the care of older people in residential homes.

Accordingly, the Council welcomes this work and calls upon the Minister to publish in full the CEPA Ltd. report as soon as possible.”

(To be debated by the Council)

**c) Review of Hate Crime Legislation in Northern Ireland –
Inclusion of Misogyny as a Standalone Offence**

Proposed by Councillor Groogan,
Seconded by Councillor Verner,

“This Council recognises the impact of misogyny and transmisogyny on those affected by it, as well as the role these attitudes play in a variety of crimes, including harassment, assault, sexual assault and hate crimes, and on the career choices and personal lives of women, girls and non-binary people.

The Council supports the inclusion of misogyny as a standalone offence and as a category of hate crime, recognising crimes targeted at women including trans women as hate crimes based on misogyny, and will write a letter to that effect to Judge Desmond Marrinan, as part of his ongoing review of hate crime legislation in Northern Ireland.

The Council supports also the Raise Your Voice Project, which tackles sexual harassment and sexual violence across Northern Ireland, by placing posters in all Council properties to raise awareness of the project.”

(To be debated by the Council)

d) SUDS and the City

Proposed by Councillor Black,
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin,

“This City has a big vision, including realising aspirations for City centre living, whilst dually supporting environmental sustainability. One obvious way of contributing to these somewhat conflicting goals is via SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems).

There is real potential for SUDS at viable, multi-impact community sites to substantially support the immediate locality and wider City infrastructure.

SUDS can help to prevent water pollution, slow down surface water run-off and reduce risk of general and sewer flooding during heavy rain. Additionally, it can help to create, or contribute to, habitats for wildlife in dense urban areas and quality green spaces.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to explore mechanisms to support SUDS and to write to the Department for Infrastructure, NI Water and the Living with Water Programme Board to highlight the value of SUDS progression at an existing viable location, namely, Distillery Street/Westlink.”

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Higher Education Tuition Fees

Proposed by Councillor Kyle,
Seconded by Councillor McKeown,

“This Council:

- i. recognises the important contribution which higher education institutions and their students make to the economy of Belfast and believes that all people, irrespective of their socio-economic background, should be able to access higher education if they choose to do so;
- ii. notes that research by University College London and Universities UK shows that tuition fees and the loans system can create a barrier to accessing higher education to those from lower income backgrounds;
- iii. recognises the wider need for the Northern Ireland Executive to increase the current Northern Ireland student admissions cap, to meet the demand for places; and
- iv. resolves to write to the Minister for the Economy asking her to rule out an across the board increase in tuition fees, which would further limit access to university to those from lower income backgrounds, and to undertake an urgent review of the current funding for universities in Northern Ireland so that a sustainable funding model can be achieved.”

(To be debated by the Council)

f) Relationship and Sexual Education

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland,
Seconded by Councillor O'Hara,

"This Council notes the importance of accurate, inclusive, age appropriate Relationship and Sexual Education (RSE) in the development of young people and the formation of healthy, safe and fulfilling attitudes towards relationships, sexuality and intimacy.

The Council endorses the Belfast Youth Forum's recent report on Relationship and Sexual Education entitled 'Any use?' and notes with dismay that, of the 2/3 of respondents who actually received RSE in school, 60% indicated that they felt that the information they received was either 'not very useful' or 'not useful at all'.

The Council supports the three asks in this report, namely:

1. that a rights based and proactive approach to RSE should be adopted;
2. that a curriculum programme and relevant interventions be co-developed with young people;
3. that specialist staff should deliver RSE.

Given that 86% of respondents believed that the school environment was the best place to receive RSE, the Council agrees to write to the Minister of Education requesting him to endorse this report and the recommendations made within it and to consider the implementation of the three main asks."

(To be debated by the Council)

g) Compass Counselling

Proposed by Councillor Matt Collins,
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,

“This Council notes with deep concern that the mental health organisation Compass Counselling is facing imminent closure.

The Council recognises that we have huge problems in our community around mental health related issues and that this is a vital organisation in helping the citizens of Belfast to address these problems.

The Council declares its support for this organisation to remain open and requests that officers organise at the earliest opportunity a cross party delegation, made up of Elected Members and officers and involving the Department of Health and all other relevant agencies, to discuss ways of intervening in order to save this important organisation, so that it can continue to keep its doors open in the period ahead.”

(To be debated by the Council)

h) DNA Testing of Dog Fouling

Proposed by Councillor McMullan,
Seconded by Councillor M. Kelly,

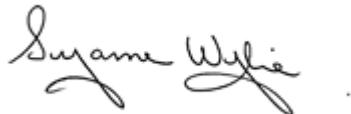
“This Council notes:

- the high number of complaints and the frustration of residents regarding dog fouling;
- that cleansing, signage and bins to address the issues come at considerable cost to ratepayers, as well as being a public health risk; and
- that other councils have piloted and adopted new methods for tackling persistent problems, notably DNA testing on dog fouling;

The Council agrees, therefore, to undertake its own scoping exercise of DNA testing and to bring back recommendations on whether it is something that could be adopted for Belfast.”

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Wylie'.

Chief Executive