

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 December, 2019 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 14)
5. Official Announcements
6. Requests to Address the Council

To consider a request from:

- i. Ms. Patrice Hardy, a teacher in John Paul II Primary School, for a number of Primary 7 pupils to address the Council in relation to the motion on Homelessness being proposed by Councillor Corr; and
 - ii. Mr. John Patrick Clayton, Policy Officer, UNISON NI, for a deputation from UNISON to address the Council in advance of the motion on Support for Health and Social Care Workers being proposed by Councillor McAteer.
7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 15 - 68)
 8. People and Communities Committee (Pages 69 - 106)
 9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 107 - 140)
 10. Licensing Committee (Pages 141 - 156)
 11. Planning Committee (Pages 157 - 188)
 12. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee (Pages 189 - 192)
 13. Brexit Committee (Pages 193 - 204)
 14. Notices of Motion
 - a) Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening

Proposed by Councillor Canavan,
Seconded by Councillor S. Baker,

“This Council notes that early diagnosis of bowel cancer and breast cancer offers patients the best chance of successful treatment.

England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland all currently use the more accurate screening test, the Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) for bowel cancer and have a lowered age for screening.

NHS England is currently trialling breast cancer screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.

This Council agrees to write to the Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, highlighting the difference in the screening service provision across Britain and Ireland and calling for the extension of the age range for bowel screening and to trial breast cancer screening at a lower age in the North of Ireland.”

(To be debated by the Council)

b) Support for Health and Social Care Workers

Proposed by Councillor McAteer,
Seconded by Councillor Groves,

“This Council supports the overwhelming result of the Royal College of Nurses’ ballot in favour of industrial action, supports the industrial action already being undertaken by UNISON and the decision of the other Health and Social Care (HSC) Trade Union, NIPSA, to ballot members on industrial action.

Health and social care workers are the system’s greatest assets and are entitled to fair pay and conditions, safe staffing levels and parity of pay with NHS colleagues.

Health and social care workers are taking action as they are no longer willing to see patients being denied the care to which they are entitled. There are currently over 7,000 non-medical vacancies, including 3,000 nursing posts, within the HSC system in the north of Ireland. These frontline vacancies are having a detrimental impact upon patient care and staffing, compromise the safety of staff and patients alike, contribute to long waiting lists and add enormous pressure to the existing HSC workforce, who are doing everything they can to care for patients.

This Council calls upon the Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, to engage respectfully and meaningfully with Trades Union representatives on a pay deal. It calls also upon the Permanent Secretary, alongside his colleagues in the Department of Finance and the Head of the Civil Service, to secure the funding that is needed to achieve pay parity for health workers.

Furthermore, the Council agrees to convene an all-Party meeting with those Trades Unions representing health and social care staff to hear directly the challenges which they are facing and to take such action thereon to support staff and patient care at this time.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Social Media Abuse of Political Representatives

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

"This Council notes the increasing level of personal abuse, intimidation, smear campaigns and false information directed towards political representatives and activists, particularly during election campaigns.

It further note the number of politicians, especially women, citing social media abuse and intimidation as a reason for leaving politics.

As Councillors, we pledge to use social media responsibly, to promote our policies positively and to engage in debate respectfully.

We call upon social media companies to also act responsibly and proactively to ensure that their platforms are not abused in this way, to end account anonymity and to co-operate with the PSNI swiftly where such abuse meets the threshold for a criminal investigation. "

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Patient Client Care Council - "Make Change Together" Programme

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

"This Council recognises and endorses the hard work of the Patient Client Care Council, notes the launch of its new programme 'Make Change Together', and agrees to support awareness of the programme through all of our available channels and platforms."

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Intermediate Football

Proposed by Councillor D. Baker,
Seconded by Councillor Black,

"In light of the proposed changes which the IFA will introduce to intermediate football and the concerns for the future of many grassroots clubs, I call upon this Council to engage with the FAI to explore alternative options for clubs to continue to play at the highest possible level."

(To be debated by the Council)

f) Irish Unity Referendum

Proposed by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin,

“This Council notes with deep concern the hugely damaging, toxic and chaotic politics currently being administered by the Conservative British Government regarding Brexit.

This City has an ever-growing population of young people who will ultimately have to live with the long term consequences of this British Government’s damaging policy of attempting to drag citizens out of the European Union against the wishes of the majority of citizens in Belfast who voted to remain.

As a Council, we have a duty to protect all our citizens, young and old, against the policies and hardship that this British government and its allies will bring by dragging them out of the European Union. There is no Brexit that is a good Brexit for the citizens of Belfast or elsewhere in Ireland.

This Council must, therefore, investigate alternative solutions to Brexit that seek to protect its citizens from the damaging effects which Brexit will ultimately bring.

In seeking alternative solutions to protect Belfast citizens, a referendum on Irish Unity, as enshrined within the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, must be legitimately considered. This is a solution that would protect our citizens from Brexit and is supported by categorical statements from the European Council where, in the event of Irish Unity, the citizens in the north would be returned back into the European Union.

We call upon this Council to write directly to the Taoiseach and to the British Secretary of State requesting that they clearly specify what would satisfy the requirement, as provided for under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, to facilitate an Irish Unity referendum.”

(To be debated by the Council)

- g) Irish Football Association - Criteria for Intermediate Status

Proposed by Councillor Brooks,
Seconded by Councillor Newton,

“This Council expresses its disappointment in the proposed new Irish Football Association (IFA) criteria for intermediate status. In our view, these criteria are arbitrary and highly questionable, and we are entirely dissatisfied with the explanations which have been offered in meetings with the IFA thus far. The Council, as a long term partner of the IFA in many areas, recognises and celebrates the contribution of local intermediate football clubs to our local communities and records our distaste at the contempt which we believe our concerns, reflecting those of local communities, have been shown to date.

Furthermore, as an organisation which has invested heavily in both past and future IFA events and programmes in our City, we are concerned that the IFA has put forward these criteria as a diktat, without even basic consultation with this Council, clubs, intermediate leagues or other partner organisations. This disregard for best practice is particularly concerning, in light of previous concerns raised in the public sphere around the fitness of the IFA structures and hierarchy.

The Council calls upon the IFA to reflect upon its strategy for engaging productively with partner organisations and, crucially, to further delay the implementation of these criteria in order to revisit parts of the restructuring plan and carry out meaningful consultation with partner organisations, leagues, clubs and the communities most impacted.”

(To be debated by the Council)

h) Free-at-the-Point-of-Use Universal Healthcare

Proposed by Councillor de Faoite,
Seconder Councillor Lyons,

“This Council:

- i. supports the principle of publicly-owned, free-at-the-point-of-use universal healthcare;
- ii. expresses concern at a decade of cuts and encroaching privatisation of the NHS and the intent of Donald Trump to use UK-US trade negotiations as an opening for further privatisation;
- iii. opposes any further privatisation of the NHS; and
- iv. calls upon the British Government to oppose any trade deal which would force any aspect of the NHS to be privatised or exposed to exorbitant price rises for medicine or medical equipment.”

(To be debated by the Council)

i) Women against State Pension Inequality Campaign

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

“This Council reaffirms its support for the Women against State Pension Inequality campaign and supports a fair transitional arrangement for women affected by State Pension age changes and calls upon the Government to work with WASPI to deliver a solution for everyone.”

(To be debated by the Council)

j) City Tree Initiative

Proposed by Councillor McLaughlin,
Seconded by Councillor D. Baker,

“This Council has ambitious plans to plant over one million trees over 15 years.

However, it acknowledges that there are several sites across Belfast that breach current legal guidelines in terms of air pollutants

Air pollution is often hidden in plain sight, but it can have potentially life-threatening consequences. Exposure to high levels of air pollution can lead to chronic respiratory problems and increased risk of developing cancer. Having access to clean air is a human right.

To reduce levels of air pollution, we need to reduce our reliance on carbon as well as finding innovative solutions to air pollution.

One such innovative solution is to introduce the City Tree initiative, which is in many European cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels and London. The City Tree does the work of 275 trees in 1% of the space. Each tree holds 1,682 pots of moss, which extract particulate matter, soot, dirt and other pollutants from the air.

This Council agrees that a report be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which will identify sites in each quarter of the city that are heavily polluted, explore the costs associated with the purchase of the trees and the potential public-private partnership in regards to the advertising space which comes with the tree which could be used to offset the cost of the purchase.”

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

k) Pridestrian Animation

Proposed by Councillor Garrett,
Seconded by Councillor Flynn,

“This Council recognises and values the huge contribution which our LGBTQ+ citizens make to the city of Belfast and beyond.

We commend the progressive approach taken by Belfast City Council in its support of Belfast Pride, the bid to secure Euro Pride, the illumination of and the flying of both the Rainbow and the Transgender Flags at the City Hall.

Building on this progressive approach and, as a demonstration of our continued solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, including our commitments to create a city that is welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive for all, we call on this Council to follow best practices elsewhere throughout the world in the creation of permanent Rainbow Pride themed animation.

We call on this Council to directly engage with the Department for Infrastructure and other Government departments, where, in partnership with the Council, we create permanent animation at appropriate points along the Pride Parade route ahead of the 2020 Pride festival. This should include, but not be limited to, pedestrian crossing points and public realm points along the route.”

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

l) Homelessness

Proposed by Councillor Corr,
Seconded by Councillor Hargey,

“This Council notes that today, 2nd December, marks the start of Homelessness Week and acknowledges the fact that the right to a home is a basic human right. It commends the ambition set out within the Belfast Agenda to build 1,800 social homes by 2021 and calls upon the Council to scope all publicly-owned sites and land within the city boundary, to ascertain their potential for building homes on them. We support that public housing continues to be a priority within the Belfast Agenda.”

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

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



Chief Executive