

Standards and Business Committee

Tuesday, 27th June, 2023

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM AND
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor McDonough-Brown (Chairperson);
Aldermen Copeland, Lawlor and McCullough; and
Councillors Bradley, M. Donnelly, P. Donnelly, D. Douglas,
Duffy, Groogan, Long, Lyons, Magee, F. McAteer,
G. McAteer, McDowell, R. McLaughlin and McMullan.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor;
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer; and
Ms. C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology was reported on behalf of Councillor Kelly.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 28th March were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 3rd April.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest were reported.

Motions

The City Solicitor informed the Committee that four motions had been received in advance of the Council on 3rd July.

The Committee considered each motion in turn and agreed the following:

Cathedral Quarter

That the motion in relation to Cathedral Quarter be adopted:

**Proposer: Councillor Groogan,
Seconder: Councillor Flynn,**

“This Council is frustrated at the lack of progress around redevelopment in the Cathedral Quarter, namely the so-called Tribeca scheme. The Council notes with concern the continuing decline of listed and

heritage buildings within the scheme and the impact that the current impasse has on the surrounding community and businesses. The dereliction, hoardings and abandoned scaffolding in the Cathedral Quarter area detracts from what is otherwise a thriving cultural and social hub in our city centre.

This Council wishes to see appropriate and sustainable regeneration of this area, that is sensitive to and in keeping with the built and cultural heritage of the Cathedral Quarter and requests that Project Goat Limited, Castlebrooke Investments and/or any of their subsidiaries or related companies who have an interest in or are responsible for the development of this site come before a future meeting of this Council or suitable Committee at the earliest possible opportunity to present on their plans and work to date to develop the area and to answer questions from members of this Council.”

CPR Training and Circuit

That the motion be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Department for Infrastructure – Standard of Repairs to Roads and Footpaths

That the motion in relation to Department for Infrastructure - Standard of Repairs to Roads and Footpaths be adopted:

***Proposer: Councillor Long,
Seconder: Councillor Nelson,***

“The Council will write to DFI to raise the issue regarding the standard of repairs to roads and footpaths.

In recent months, there have been many complaints from residents about repairs undertaken in Belfast and we would ask for assurances about how repairs are signed off by the Department to ensure that they are made to a satisfactory standard and are providing value for money.”

Playful Belfast City Streets

That the motion be referred, in the first instance, to the People and Communities Committee.

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Committee Schedule 2023

Proposal

Moved by Councillor McLaughlin,
Seconded by Councillor Maskey,

That the Committee would commence its meetings at 5.15pm rather than 5.30pm on the scheduled dates previously agreed by the Committee at its meeting in November, 2022.

On a vote, six Members voted for the proposal and nine against and it was declared lost.

Chairperson