# **Standards and Business Committee**

Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024

#### MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM AND REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor McDonough-Brown (Chairperson);

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Groogan; Aldermen Lawlor, McCullough and Rodgers; and

Councillors Bradley, M. Donnelly, P. Donnelly, D. Douglas, Duffy, Kelly, Lyons, Magee, Maghie, F. McAteer, G. McAteer,

McCormick, McDowell, R. McLaughlin and McMullan.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal

and Civic Services; and

Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

No apologies were reported.

#### <u>Minutes</u>

The minutes of the meeting of 4th January were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 8th January.

### **Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were reported.

# **Motions**

The City Solicitor informed the Committee that two motions had been received in advance of the Council on 1st February.

During discussion, she explained further the recommendation to refer the two motions to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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

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# **Transparency by Default Belfast City Council**

That the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor McKeown and seconded by Councillor Lyons, be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

# **Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy**

That the motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Anglin and seconded by Councillor McCabe, be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Chairperson