

Standards and Business Committee

Tuesday, 24th February, 2026

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Flynn (Chairperson);
Aldermen Lawlor and McCullough; and
Councillors Bower, Bradley, Carson,
de Faoite, P. Donnelly, D. Douglas, Long,
Lyons, Magee, McAteer, McCallin, McCormick,
McDonough-Brown, McDowell, I. McLaughlin,
R. McLaughlin and Murphy.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal
and Civic Services;
Mr. J. Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance
Manager; and
Mr. C. Mealey, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27th January, 2026, were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 9th February, 2026.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Long declared an interest in relation to the motion 'Call for the NI Executive to Introduce a Basic Income for Artists Scheme' in that his wife was a Northern Ireland Executive Minister. Councillor R. McLaughlin also declared an interest in relation to the same motion in that his partner was a Junior Minister within the Northern Ireland Executive. The Members did not participate in the discussion or vote on that motion.

Motions

Call for the NI Executive to Introduce a Basic Income for Artists Scheme

Proposal

Moved by Councillor de Faoite,
Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

“That the Committee agrees that the motion, which had been proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Doherty) and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, be adopted.”

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Amendment

Moved by Alderman Lawlor,
Seconded by Councillor I. McLaughlin,

“That the Committee agrees that the motion, which had been proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Doherty) and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, be referred to Council for debate at its meeting on Monday 2nd March, 2026, with no restriction to be placed on the number of speakers.”

On a vote, twelve Members voted for the amendment and four against and it was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that the motion, which had been proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Doherty) and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, be referred to Council for debate at its meeting on Monday 2nd March, 2026, with no restriction to be placed on the number of speakers.

Ormeau Arts Centre

The Committee noted that the motion, proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor McKeown, would be referred, in the first instance, to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Standing Order 14 - Submission of Minutes

The Committee agreed that, in accordance with Standing Order 14, as the meeting had been held later than seven clear days before the meeting of the Council, the minutes of the meeting be submitted to the Council on 2nd March, 2026, for ratification.

Chairperson