

## Note of meeting

### Party Leaders' Forum Thursday 31 October @ 10am Venue: Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

#### Attendees:

Cllr Donal Lyons  
Cllr Ciaran Beattie  
Ald Sonia Copeland  
Cllr Billy Hutchinson  
Cllr Michael Long  
Cllr George Dorrian  
Cllr O'Hara  
Cllr Matt Collins

#### Officers:

Suzanne Wylie  
Ronan Cregan  
John Walsh  
Nigel Grimshaw  
Lynsey Cameron (Secretariat)

#### (1) City Hall grounds

Members approved the following approach:

- The installation of a statue of Winifred Carney
- In respect of the statue of Winifred Carney, some reference or concept to be explored in the context of her relationship with George McBride
- Costs and designs for benches to be explored
- Tour of City Hall grounds to be facilitated with Chief Executive and City Solicitor in attendance

#### (2) Transform for Change (Peace IV)

Some concern was raised around the time commitment required from members and also the general timing of the programme as now we are in the run up to an election. Members also advised that a similar programme is due to run in east Belfast and asked how the 2 initiatives will link together. N Grimshaw to go back to SEUPB and explain difficulty over the next 6 weeks.

#### (3) AOB

- **Recruitment of Destination Hub post**  
S Wylie advised members that recruitment had begun for this post. As it is a fixed term contract, member participation on the panel is not required.
- **Licensing Consultation**  
J Walsh advised that DfC are currently seeking responses to their Licensing Consultation. BCC will be submitting a corporate response which will come through committee and Parties may wish to consider submitting their own responses.
- **DAERA Environmental Strategy Consultation**  
It was suggested that due to the pending election BCC should write to DAERA asking them to extend their consultation to the new year. J Walsh to action.
- **Westminster election**  
S Wylie advised that advice on purdah and conduct of members during a general election will be circulated to all members and officers. Also additionally, advice will be given to the Lord Mayor. J Walsh to action.  
General good practice on where members should and should not do media interviews in City Hall will also be circulated. S Wylie suggested members may wish to seek advice on this in advance of undertaking any media interviews in City Hall. J Walsh to action.

- **Members Room and Party Room**  
Guidance on where members can access supplies and who they should seek help from to be circulated. J Walsh to action.
- **Housing and strategic sites**  
S Wylie outlined the importance of this work to bring forward new housing sites in the inner city to include social, affordable and private. This piece of work would have the potential to promote 1000 new units and help to ensure the right mix of significant housing in the city centre. This will be brought to members of City Growth and Regeneration Committee (and where appropriate SP&R) in the coming months.
- **Party Leaders session with PHA**  
Members agreed PHA to attend November's meeting. L Cameron to action.
- R Cregan advised that work is starting on the development of a **Digital Commissioner** role. Further details on this will be available in due course.
- Following concern raised by Cllr M Collins regarding a recent event held in the newly refurbished Dunmurry Play Park the protocol around events, invitations and representation by Cllrs will be reissued. J Walsh to action.

**Bonfire Working Group followed this meeting**