

Meeting of Council  
Thursday, 1st April, 2021

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### Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing addition, the minutes of the proceedings of the Brexit Committee of 11th March, were approved and adopted.

### Motions

#### Presentation to Shared Island Unit/All-Party Working Group

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Gormley proposed:

“This Council will write to the Irish Government and seek representation from this Council to present to the Shared Island Unit on matters including, but not limited to, planning for constitutional change, All-Island Economy, Belfast to Dublin Economic Corridor, Brexit and the Irish Protocol and an All-Island approach to the climate crisis.

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Accordingly, to inform any presentation to the Shared Island Unit, this Council will create an Elected Member working group for the purpose of exploring how Belfast can establish and foster stronger social, economic and political linkages on the island of Ireland and how it can work collaboratively to avail of opportunities or deal with strategic issues and challenges to the benefit of our citizens.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Donnelly.

At the request of Councillor McAllister, the proposer agreed:

- i. to amend the first paragraph of his motion to read as follows:

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- ii. to add the words “without a prejudiced outcome” to the end of the second paragraph.

On a recorded vote, thirty-nine Members voted for the motion, as amended and set out below, and nineteen against and it was declared carried:

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<u>For 39</u>	<u>Against 19</u>
The High Sheriff (Councillor Long); and Councillors Baker, Beattie, Black, Bradley, Canavan, Carson, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Corr, De Faoite, Donnelly, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Gormley, Groogan, Hanvey, Heading, Howard, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAllister, McAteer, McCabe, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, McMullan, McReynolds, Mulholland, Murphy, Nicholl, O'Hara, Smyth, Walsh and Whyte.	The Lord Mayor (Alderman McCoubrey); Aldermen Copeland, Dorrian, Haire, Kingston, Rodgers and Sandford; and Councillors Brooks, Bunting, Cobain, Hussey, Hutchinson, T. Kelly, Kyle, McCullough, Newton, Pankhurst, Spratt and Verner.