

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Dear Member of Derry City and Strabane District Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Derry City and Strabane District Council** to be held in the Guildhall, Derry, on Thursday 28 June 2018 at 4.00 pm

Yours faithfully



**John Kelpie
Chief Executive**

AGENDA

- 1 Notice and Summons of Meeting**
- 2 Member Attendance and Apologies**
- 3 Webcasting Notice**
- 4 Declarations of Members' Interests**

Open for Decision

- 5 Chairperson's Business**
- 6 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Derry City and Strabane District Council held on Thursday 31 May 2018 (Pages 1 - 18)**
- 7 Matters Arising**
- 8 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on Monday 4 June 2018 (Pages 19 - 38)**

9 Adoption of the Open Minutes of the following Committees

- a Special Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2018**
(Pages 39 - 44)
- b Monthly Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 June 2018** (Pages 45 - 56)
- c Monthly Planning Committee held on Wednesday 6 June 2018** (Pages 57 - 66)
- d Monthly Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee held on Thursday 7 June 2018** (Pages 67 - 72)
- e Monthly Business and Culture Committee held on Tuesday 12 June 2018** (Pages 73 - 88)
- f Monthly Environment and Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 13 June 2018** (Pages 89 - 102)
- g Monthly Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 14 June 2018** (Pages 103 - 124)

10 Corporate Plan and Improvement Plan 2018/19 (Pages 125 - 224)

11 Notices of Motion

Councillor Tierney to Move:

This Council acknowledges the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign highlighting deep concern about the impact of the current definition of terminal illness used for eligibility for benefits including Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in Northern Ireland.

Council notes that PIP has special rules for applicants with terminal illnesses, which allows people to access payments quicker and without a face-to-face assessment. However, this avenue is only open to those who have been given a prognosis of six months or less. This restriction is unfairly excluding many people with terminal illnesses, including those with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), chronic heart failure and COPD, as they fail to access PIP under the special rules, meaning they have to wait much longer for their payments and undergo face-to-face assessments.

Council affirms that this is unfair and denies people the best quality of life during the time they have left and calls on the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to follow the lead of the Scottish government and implement the call from Marie Curie and the MND Association for a fairer definition of terminal illness that is based on clinical judgement and patient need, not a time-restricted estimation of life expectancy.

This Council will write to all of the other Councils in NI asking them to support this campaign.

Councillor Duffy to Move:

Tacaíonn an Chomhairle seo leis an vóta chun an tOchtú Leasú a bhaint den Bhunreacht; creideann muid gur chóir go mbeadh eolas cuimsitheach mar aon le comhairleoireacht toirchis neamhthreorach a chuimsíonn gach rogha ar fáil go furasta do gach bean, agus éilíonn muid cur chuige i dtreo cúram sláinte atá atruach agus comhlíontach maidir le cearta daonna agus a aithníonn gur chóir go mbeidh teacht ag mná ar chúram sláinte cuí sábháilte; chuige sin, tacaíonn muid le hathchóiriú reachtaíochta agus le díchóiriúlú an ghinmhille.

This Council welcomes the 'yes' vote to Repeal the 8th Amendment; believes that full information and non-directive pregnancy counselling embodying all choices should be freely available to women, and calls for a compassionate human rights compliant approach to healthcare, acknowledges that women should have access to safe and appropriate healthcare and thus endorses legislative reform and the decriminalisation of abortion.

Alderman Hussey to Move:

That Derry City & Strabane District Council supports the use of Medical Cannabis when its use is assessed as beneficial to the wellbeing of a recipient and then prescribed by the recipient patient's General Practitioner for such use.

This Council, being particularly concerned in regard to the immediate plight of Billy Caldwell, therefore urges the Home Office to withdraw its prohibition on such use of Medical Cannabis and the Northern Ireland Department of Health to explore licensing options of the same.

Councillor Cusack to Move:

The Council recognises local schools are at breaking point and that the current

funding situation is unsustainable with per pupil funding being slashed year on year; believes that an investment in educating children is an investment in our economy; further recognises that in the absence of radical investment or reform, the education system in Northern Ireland will be unaffordable, socially immobile and unfit for purpose; calls for reform in the form of a comprehensive, expert-led review, to ensure our education system is structured and resourced in a way that allows all our schools to deliver high quality education for all children; and will write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Education outlining this call.

Councillor McCauley to Move:

This Council recognises the harm and stress placed on young people who are forced, against their will, into so called "conversion therapies" and condemns any practice or treatment by any person that seeks to change, suppress and/or, eliminate another person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

This Council accepts the reports from the U.N. Committee Against Torture (C.A.T.), UK Council for Psychotherapy, NHS and all the major psychological professional bodies in the U.K. in their condemnation of these so-called therapies and their conclusions that conversion therapy is unethical and harmful. Therefore, this Council supports the call for a ban on "conversion therapies" across the U.K and Ireland.

Aithníonn an Chomhairle seo an dochar a dhéantar do dhaoine óga agus an brú a chuirtear orthu nuair a bhrúitear orthu, in éadán a dtola, dul faoi "theiripí iompaithe gnéasachta", mar a thugtar orthu, agus cáineann muid dá réir aon chleachtas nó ghnáthamh a bhfuil sé mar rún aige gnéasacht, féiniúlacht ghnéis nó féinléiriú gnéis duine a athrú, a chur faoi chois nó a dhíothú.

Glacann an Chomhairle seo leis na tuairiscí ón Choiste Eorpach in éadán na Céasta, ó Chomhairle na RA um Shíctearipe, ón tSeirbhís Sláinte Náisiúnta, agus ó na mórchomhlachtaí gairme eile sa RA a cháineann na "teiripí iompaithe gnéasachta seo", mar a thugtar orthu, agus glacann muid lena seasamh go bhfuil na teiripí seo mí-eiticiúil agus dochrach. Mar sin, éilíonn an Chomhairle seo go gcuirfí cosc iomlán ar "theiripí iompaithe gnéasachta" ar fud fad na RA agus na hÉireann.

Councillor McKeever to Move:

That this Council calls on NICTS to reverse its decision to completely close Derry Courthouse and transfer Court business to Coleraine and Omagh respectively for the purpose of carrying out essential maintenance work for a period of 8 weeks.

That Council recognises the impact that this decision will have on people's access to justice, on victims, witnesses, court staff, legal professionals and police resources.

That this Council writes to NICTS requesting that they identify suitable alternative accommodation within the Council area.

Open for Information

12 Responses to Motions (Pages 225 - 232)

13 Seal (Pages 233 - 234)

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