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Decision to call in motion of Thursday 29th October 2020 on NI Centenary.

We are seeking to call in the above decision on two grounds:

Procedural – Section 41 (1) a of the 2014 Act

Detrimental Community impact – Section 41 (1) b of the 2014 Act

Procedural

This motion constituted the adoption of a new policy without the completion of a public consultation or equality impact assessment. Therefore, this is established Council policy process and equality scheme failure.

It is also an action in contradiction with adopted policy, the Inclusive Growth Plan, that has been adopted through proper processes. The Inclusive Growth Plan commits to:

“Our vision is a thriving, prosperous and sustainable City and District with equality of opportunity for all.”

This decision does not create equality opportunity for all to mark the creation of Northern Ireland.

It states clearly


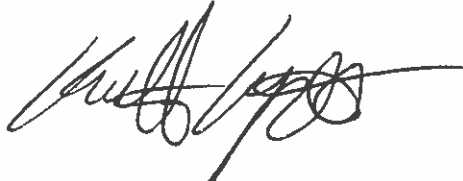

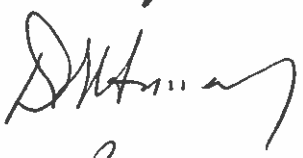
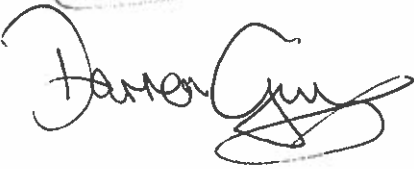

“Our sense of belonging and identity, of being rooted within our families, neighbourhoods, communities and our relationships and connections within them matter. This is affected by the physical places that we live in: our streets, our schools and our shops, our places of work, our heritage assets and our places of leisure and play. We are strongly connected to our place within nature and the connection we feel with the green open spaces where we live. Our communities are also those built on shared interests such as arts and sport which foster rich connections right across our City and District. Our future is one where we nurture our sense of belonging and our relationships with both our people and our place.”

This decision directly attacks the sense of belonging, shared interests and relationships.

Detrimental Community Impact

The creation of Northern Ireland, by the process of a double secession, is an important historical event of particular importance to those who support Northern Ireland’s membership, participation and contribution to the political, economic, social and cultural life of the United Kingdom. This decision has a detrimental impact upon those of a Unionist community in the Council area.

- 1) Public resources are to be made available for the Centenary commemorations and this decision will mean no funding applications by the Council, an organisation with a credible track record of event organisation and grant management. This will result in the loss of resources, and limit commemoration and reflection.
- 2) As the largest minority community in the Council constitutes a direct act to harm community relations and means the Council will fail to fulfil its good relations obligations.
- 3) This will create a chill factor among employees from a Unionist background and those in the recruitment pool of the Council.

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