

Title of Report: Responses to Motions	Officer Presenting: Chief Executive Author: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer
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1.0 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

1.1 To advise Members of correspondence received in relation to Motions passed by Council.

2.0.1 Motion – Academic Selection for Entry to Grammar Schools (C244/20)

At a Meeting of Council held on 23 July 2020 the following Motion was passed:

That this Council, in the best interests of the health and well-being of our young people, calls on those grammar schools within the City and District which have not yet suspended the use of academic selection as part of their entrance criteria for the school year commencing in September 2021 to do so immediately.

2.0.2 The following responses were received:

The Principal, Lumen Christi College – (Appendix 1)

The Principal, Foyle College (Appendix 2).

2.1.1 Motion – Implementation of the Brexit Protocol in Ireland (C304/20)

At a Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2020 the following Motion was passed:

That this Council notes the potential catastrophic economic implications of a ‘no deal’ on the Brexit negotiations on the Future Relationship;

recognises that while the Protocol on Ireland is imperfect, it guarantees that there will be no hard border on the island of Ireland, will protect the Good Friday Agreement in all its dimensions, North-South cooperation and the all-island economy;

that this Council writes to the British government and Executive

Departments acknowledging the potential negative impacts on people, communities and business in the council area;

noting the deep and profound fears outlined by the Derry Chamber of Commerce that local businesses feel insecure, unprepared and uninformed about any Brexit scenario come 31 December 2020;

further noting that these fears have been compounded by recent confirmation that the British Government intend to break international law and the terms of the Protocol on Ireland;

calling on the British Government to ensure the full and faithful implementation of the Brexit protocol on Ireland;

calling on the Ministers for the Economy and Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to put in place mechanisms to mitigate any increased financial or bureaucratic pressures on local businesses, and outline plans to ensure that local businesses are confident and secure in the environment they are operating in.

2.1.2 The following response was received:

Minister of Justice, Department of Justice - (Appendix 3)

2.2.1 **Motion – Development of Digital Hubs (C297/20)**

At the Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2020 the following Motion was passed:

That as part of its economic recovery plan, that this Council asks the Assembly Executive to prioritise the development of 'Digital Hubs' located in main urban and rural population centres to enable public and private sector workers, where appropriate, the ability work remotely and closer to home.

2.2.2 The following response was received:

Minister for the Economy (Appendix 4).

2.4.1 **Motion – School Uniforms (C350/20)**

At the Meeting of Council held on 29 October 2020 the following Motion was passed:

That this Council supports the choice of students to wear trousers as opposed to skirts and vice versa as part of their regulation uniform. In this age of equality, fairness and indeed comfort, no child or young adult should be forced to wear an item of uniform which is traditionally gender related. This Council will make contact with all schools in the City and District of both primary and secondary level to encourage and promote that this choice be included in their uniform policy. Furthermore, to contact the Education Authority and Education Minister seeking their support in this matter.

2.4.2 The following response was received:

The Principal, Culmore Primary School (Appendix 5).

2.5.1 **Motion – Raise Your Voice Project (C303/20)**

At the Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2020 the following Motion was passed:

That this Council recognises the impact of misogyny on those affected by it and in particular its impact on career choices and personal lives of women, girls and non-binary people.

This Council recognises crimes targeted at women (including trans-women) as hate crimes based on misogyny. This Council supports the inclusion of misogyny as a category of hate crime. That this Council undertakes to make representations to Judge Desmond Marrinan’s ongoing review of hate crime legislation accordingly.

That this Council supports the “Raise your Voice Project” and recognises the value of the work by this campaign and relevant partner organisations in raising awareness, tackling sexual harassment and sexual violence across the North.

2.5.2 The following response was received:

Judge Desmond Marrinan (Appendix 6).

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members are to consider the replies received and advise if any follow up action is required.