

Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Thursday, 26th May, 2005
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Ekin) (Chairman);
the High Sheriff (Councillor D. Browne); and
Councillors Adamson, Attwood, Austin, M. Browne,
W. Browne, Campbell, Cobain, Convery, Crozier,
Cunningham, Cush, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Empey,
Ervine, Hanna, Hartley, Hendron, Humphrey, Jones,
Kelly, Kirkpatrick, Lavery, Long, Maginness, A. Maskey,
P. Maskey, McCann, McCarthy, McCausland,
McClenaghan, McCoubrey, McGimpsey, McKenzie,
McMillen, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore, Mullaghan, Newton,
Ní Chuilín O'Neill, O'Reilly, Patterson, Rodgers, Rodway,
Smyth, Stalford, Stoker and Wilson.

Reading of Scriptures

In accordance with Standing Order 9, the Lord Mayor read a short passage from the Scriptures.

Filming and Recording of Proceedings

The Chief Executive reported that requests had been received from a number of broadcasting companies for permission to film and record the election and installation of the new Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor. He requested that the Council indicate whether it wished to accede to those requests.

The Council granted permission for the companies to be admitted to the Council Chamber to record the election and installation of the new Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Expression of Thanks

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Ekin) reviewed his year of Office and expressed his appreciation of the support which he had received from the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor O'Donnell), the High Sheriff (Councillor D. Browne) and the former High Sheriff (Councillor Patterson). He thanked also the Chief Executive and the staff who had assisted him during the previous year and placed on record his appreciation of the support which he had received from his wife and the Lord Mayor's Chaplain.

Tributes

Representatives of the Party Groupings on the Council paid tribute to the Lord Mayor (Councillor Ekin) for the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of Office.

Election of Lord Mayor

Nominations were invited for the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Ní Chuilín was proposed by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor O'Neill, while Councillor W. Browne was proposed by Councillor Newton and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

A division was immediately demanded. A poll having been taken on the nominations, there voted for Councillor Ní Chuilín fourteen Members, viz., Councillors Austin, M. Browne, Cunningham, Cush, Hartley, Lavery, A. Maskey, P. Maskey, McCann, McClenaghan, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore, Ní Chuilín and O'Neill; and for Councillor W. Browne thirty-seven Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Ekin); the High Sheriff (Councillor D. Browne); and Councillors Adamson, Attwood, W. Browne, Campbell, Cobain, Convery, Crozier, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Empey, Ervine, Hanna, Hendron, Humphrey, Jones, Kelly, Kirkpatrick, Long, Maginness, McCarthy, McCausland, McCoubrey, McGimpsey, McKenzie, McMillen, Mullaghan, Newton, O'Reilly, Patterson, Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth, Stalford, Stoker and Wilson.

It was accordingly

Resolved - That Councillor Wallace Browne be and he is hereby elected Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2006.

Councillor W. Browne, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Newton and Wilson, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Browne) in the Chair.)

Councillor W. Browne expressed his gratitude to the Members for the honour which they had bestowed upon him by electing him to the Office of Lord Mayor. He stated that, during his term of Office, he would strive to ensure that the City would retain its unique and prominent position within the Province subsequent to the Review of Public Administration. He referred also to the decisions which would have to be taken in relation to the implementation of the European Directive on Waste Management and the future provision of leisure facilities and stated that he would make strenuous efforts to enhance the City's reputation and encourage inward investment and that he would strive also to address the issue of racist attacks throughout the City.

Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the post of Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Convery was proposed by Councillor Maginness and seconded by Councillor Hanna, while Councillor Lavery was proposed by Councillor McCann and seconded by Councillor Austin.

A division was immediately demanded. A poll having been taken on the nominations, there voted for Councillor Convery thirty-three Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Browne); and Councillors Attwood, Campbell, Cobain, Convery, Crozier, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Ekin, Empey, Ervine, Hanna, Hendron, Humphrey, Jones, Kelly, Kirkpatrick, Long, Maginness, McCarthy, McCausland, McGimpsey, McKenzie, McMillen, Mullaghan, Newton, O'Reilly, Patterson, Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth, Stalford and Wilson; and for Councillor Lavery fourteen Members, viz., Councillors Austin, M. Browne, Cunningham, Cush, Hartley, Lavery, A. Maskey, P. Maskey, McCann, McClenaghan, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore, Ní Chuilín and O'Neill. Four Members, the High Sheriff (Councillor D. Browne) and Councillors Adamson, McCoubrey and Stoker, did not vote.

It was accordingly

Resolved – That Councillor Pat Convery be and he is hereby elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2006.

Councillor Convery, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Maginness and Hanna, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He then thanked the Members for his election.

Appointment of Aldermen

The Council considered the question of the election from amongst the Councillors of up to twelve persons to be designated as Aldermen, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Modification of Borough Charters) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and it was

Resolved – That the Council agrees not to designate during the current Council term any persons from amongst the Councillors as Aldermen.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Browne),
Seconded by Councillor M. Browne and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 3rd May, 2005 be taken as read and signed as correct.

**Appointment of Members to Standing Committees,
Sub-Committees and the Housing Liaison**

The Council considered the appointment of Members to the Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and the Housing Liaison Committee and it was

Resolved – That the Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and the Housing Liaison Committee as set out below be and they are hereby appointed for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2006:

Membership of Standing Committees

Policy and Resources Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Newton
Councillor Rodway
Councillor Wilson

Sinn Féin Group (6)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Hartley
Councillor Lavery
Councillor A. Maskey
Councillor McCann
Councillor Moore

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Maginness
Councillor O'Reilly

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Cobain
Councillor Rodgers

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Jones

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Community and Recreation Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (5)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor McMillen
Councillor Stalford
Councillor Wilson

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor McCann
Councillor McClenaghan
Councillor Ní Chuilín
Councillor O'Neill

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery)
Councillor Attwood
Councillor Mullaghan

Ulster Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor McCoubrey
Councillor Rodgers
Councillor Stoker

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Ekin
Councillor Hendron

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Ervine

Development Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Newton

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Hartley
Councillor A. Maskey
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor Ní Chuilín

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Convery
Councillor Kelly
Councillor McCarthy

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Empey
Councillor McGimpsey
Councillor Stoker

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Ekin
Councillor Long

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor N. Dodds
Councillor Kirkpartrick
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor McMillen
Councillor Patterson

Sinn Féin Group (6)

Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Cush
Councillor McCann
Councillor McClenaghan
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín
Councillor O'Neill

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (4)

Councillor Hanna
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Mullaghan
Councillor O'Reilly

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor D. Browne
Councillor McCoubrey

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Jones

Town Planning Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Patterson
Councillor Rodway
Councillor Stalford
Councillor Wilson

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor Lavery
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor McClenaghan
Councillor Moore
Councillor O'Neill

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Hanna
Councillor Maginness
Councillor McCarthy

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Cobain
Councillor Empey
Councillor McGimpsey

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Hendron
Councillor Long

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Membership of Sub-Committees

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
SUB-COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS' SUB-COMMITTEE

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Newton

Democratic Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor McMillen
Councillor Patterson

Sinn Féin Party Group (3)

Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Hartley
Councillor O'Neill

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Lavery
Councillor McCann
Councillor Ní Chuilín

**Social Democratic and Labour
Party Group (2)**

Councillor Convery
Councillor Maginness

**Social Democratic and Labour
Party Group (2)**

Councillor Kelly
Councillor McCarthy

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Rodgers

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Cobain
Councillor McCoubrey

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Jones

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Hendron

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Ervine

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE

**POLICY AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor N. Dodds
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Patterson
Councillor Wilson

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Newton

Sinn Féin Party Group (3)

Councillor Cunningham
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor Moore

Sinn Féin Party Group (3)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín
Councillor Moore

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Kelly
Councillor Mullaghan

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Mullaghan

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Cobain
Councillor Rodgers

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor Stoker

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Ekin

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Ekin

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Ervine

**BELFAST WATERFRONT AND ULSTER
HALLS BOARD**

**COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor Rodway
Councillor Stalford

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor McMillen
Councillor Newton
Councillor Patterson

Sinn Féin Party Group (3)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Lavery
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor Cush
Councillor McCann
Councillor Moore
Councillor O'Neill

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (3)**

Councillor Convery
Councillor Maginness
Councillor O'Reilly

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Hanna

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Empey
Councillor McGimpsey

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Stoker

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Ekin

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Long

**PARKS AND CEMETERIES SERVICES
SUB-COMMITTEE**

ARTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Humphrey
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Stalford

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Humphrey
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Newton

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Cush
Councillor Hartley
Councillor McClenaghan

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Hartley
Councillor Lavery
Councillor P. Maskey

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Attwood
Councillor O'Reilly

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Kelly
Councillor Maginness

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor McGimpsey
Councillor Rodgers

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor Cobain

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Long

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Long

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**TOURISM AND PROMOTION OF
BELFAST SUB-COMMITTEE**

Democratic Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Newton

Democratic Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor Patterson

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor McCann
Councillor McClenaghan

Sinn Féin Party Group (4)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Hartley
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor Convery
Councillor McCarthy

**Social Democratic and
Labour Party Group (2)**

Councillor McCarthy
Councillor Mullaghan

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Empey
Councillor Stoker

Ulster Unionist Party Group (2)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor McCoubrey

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Jones

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Hendron

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Membership of Housing Liaison Committee

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor McCausland
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor McMillen
Councillor Patterson

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Cush
Councillor McCann
Councillor Ní Chuilín
Councillor O'Neill

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Convery
Councillor McCarthy

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Empey
Councillor McCoubrey

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Hendron
Councillor Jones

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and the Housing Liaison Committee

The Council considered the appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees and of the Housing Liaison Committee and it was

Resolved – That the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and of the Housing Liaison Committee as set out below be and they are hereby approved and adopted for appointment for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2006:

	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>
Policy and Resources	SF Councillor A. Maskey	DUP Councillor Rodway
Community and Recreation	UUP Councillor Stoker	SF Councillor O'Neill
Development	DUP Councillor McCausland	SF Councillor P. Maskey
Health and Environmental Services	SDLP Councillor O'Reilly	UUP Councillor Adamson
Town Planning	DUP Councillor Patterson	SDLP Councillor McCarthy
Housing Liaison Committee	SF Councillor Cush	DUP Councillor Campbell
Finance, Administration and Information Systems	ALL Councillor Jones	SF Councillor Cunningham
Members'	SF Councillor Lavery	DUP Councillor Patterson
Personnel	UUP Councillor Cobain	SF Councillor Moore
Policy and Performance Review	SDLP Councillor Attwood	SDLP Councillor Mullaghan

	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>
Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Halls Board	DUP Councillor Stalford	SDLP The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery)
Community and Leisure Services	DUP Councillor McMillen	SF Councillor McCann
Parks and Cemeteries Services	UUP Councillor Rodgers	DUP Councillor Humphrey
Arts	SDLP Councillor Kelly	DUP Councillor Kirkpatrick
Economic Development	SF Councillor M. Browne	UUP Councillor Stoker
Tourism and Promotion of Belfast	Democratic Unionist Party Councillor D. Dodds	SF Councillor Hartley

**Nomination and Appointment of
Members to Serve on Outside Bodies**

The Committee considered the nomination of Councillors to serve on various Outside Bodies for the period to end on the date of the Local Government Elections to be held in June, 2009, schedules of which had been previously been circulated to the Members, and it was

Resolved – That the undernoted Members be appointed or nominated to serve on the Outside Bodies referred to for the period to end on the date of the Local Government Elections to be held in June, 2009:

Belfast City Airport Forum

Councillor Newton

Belfast City Council Road Safety Committee

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Browne)

Councillors: Attwood
Campbell
Cunningham
Kirkpatrick
Long
McCoubrey
Mhic Giolla Mhín
Mullaghan
O'Neill
Rodgers
Rodway

Belfast City Marathon Company Limited

Councillors: M. Browne
Stalford

Belfast Education and Library Board

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery)

Councillors: Attwood
Austin
Cobain
Cunningham
D. Dodds
Hartley
Long
McCarthy
McCausland
McGimpsey
McKenzie
Moore
Rodgers

Belfast First Stop Shop Limited

Councillors: Crozier
Kirkpatrick

Belfast Harbour Commissioners

The High Sheriff (Councillor D. Browne)

Councillors: Hartley
McCarthy
Newton

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Belfast Visitor and Convention Bureau Limited

Councillors: Hendron
P. Maskey
McCausland
Mullaghan
Smyth
Stoker

Eastern Health and Social Services Council

Councillors: Ervine
Hendron
Kelly
Mhic Giolla Mhín
Moore
Patterson

Grand Opera House Trust Limited

Councillor McGimpsey

Ground Work Northern Ireland

Councillor Austin

Investment Belfast Limited

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery)
Councillors: M. Browne
Crozier
Ekin
P. Maskey
McCarthy

Laganvalley Regional Park Advisory Committee

Councillors: Stalford
Stoker

Laganside Corporation, Board of

Councillor Crozier

Linenhall Library

Councillor Hartley

Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues

Councillors: Cush
O'Neill

National Association of Councillors

Councillors: Jones
McCarthy
Stoker

Northern Ireland Amenity Council

Councillor Newton

Northern Ireland Housing Council

Councillor McCoubrey

Northern Ireland Local Government Association

Councillors: Attwood
M. Browne
Campbell
Ekin
Ervine
Hartley
Kirkpatrick
Lavery
McCann
McCarthy
McClenaghan
Mullaghan
Newton
Patterson
Rodgers
Stoker
Wilson

Ormeau Baths Gallery Limited

Councillor Cunningham

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland

Councillor Humphrey

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Somme Association

Councillors: McCausland
Stalford

Ulster Orchestra Society Limited, Board of

Councillor Kirkpatrick

University of Ulster, Court of

Councillors: Adamson
M. Browne

Lord Mayor
Chairman