City and County Borough of Londonderry

UNIVERSITY SUB-COMMITTEE.

<u>REPORT</u> OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE GUILDHALL ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1965.

PRESENT: THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR A. W. ANDERSON), IN THE CHAIR; ALDERMAN AUSTIN; COUNCILLORS DOHERTY, MCFARLAND, BEATTY AND JOHN A. CANNING.

APOLOGY: AN APOLOGY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE WAS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR FRIEL.

IN ATTENDANCE: THE TOWN CLERK (MR. R. H. HENDERSON); AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (MR. D. W. TODD).

1. THE SUB-COMMITTEE MET PURSUANT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S DECISION OF 22ND JUNE, 1964, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON 30TH JUNE, AS FOLLOWS :-

"THAT THE FOLLOWING BE RECONSTITUTED A SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SECOND UNIVERSITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, IN LONDONDERRY :-

THE MAYOR; ALDERMAN AUSTIN; COUNCILLORS DOHERTY, MCFARLAND, BEATTY, JOHN A. CANNING AND FRIEL.

FURTHER, WE RECOMMEND THE COUNCIL TO GRANT TO THE SAID SUB-COMMITTEE COUNCIL POWERS IN RESPECT OF :-

- (A) THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE CASE FOR THE PROMOTION OF A UNIVERSITY AT LONDONDERRY;
- (B) THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF A CASE FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THIS AREA AND FOR THE TAKING OF SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH."
- 2. The Mayor opened the proceedings by intimating that he had asked the Committee to meet at short notice in order to take note of the contents of the Lockwood Report (Cmd. 475) and the White Paper (Cmd. 480) relating thereto. He had also invited to attend a number of the supporters of the Public Meeting held in the Guildhall on 8th February, 1965 in furtherance of Londonderry's claim for a University and Mr. G. Black, Mr. M. Canavan, Mr. B. Gallagher, Mr. J. Garmany, Major G. S. GLover, Alderman J. Hegarty, Mr. A. W. Jack, Dr. D. McCourt and Dr. D. H. Sidebottom were present.

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3. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ENSUED UPON THE REPORT AND THE WHITE PAPER FOLLOWING WHICH THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED TO THE PRESS :-

2.

A MEETING TOOK PLACE ON THE MORNING OF 10TH FEBRUARY, 1965 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, GUILDHALL, LONDONDERRY.

THE MAYOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LONDONDERRY CORPORATION MET A SMALL BUT REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING OF THOSE CITIZENS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEIR SUPPORT FOR LONDONDERRY'S CLAIM FOR A UNIVERSITY.

THOSE PRESENT RECEIVED THE LOCKWOOD REPORT AND THE WHITE PAPER RELATING THERETO WITH THE MOST BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

IT WAS THE UNANIMOUS WISH OF THE CORPORATION'S REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SPOKESMEN ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE GUILDHALL ON 8TH FEBRUARY SHOULD IN MAKING THEIR REPRESENTATIONS IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF LONDONDERRY'S CLAIM INDICATE IN THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THEY CARRY WITH THEM THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE CORPORATION.

4. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE MAYOR'S HOPE THAT HE MIGHT AT AN EARLY DATE CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE ABOVE.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.