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DERRY CITY COUNCIL

Electioneering has now started in earnest in the North West.

I have just heard from Colm Geary, Clerk, Derry City Council, that the Deputy Mayor, Liam Bradley, (Irish Independence Party) has put forward a motion asking the council to agree to the erection of a plaque in the Guildhall to commemorate those who died on 'Bloody Sunday'. The Clerk thinks that the motion will be before the council sometime in January but ^{he} will keep me informed.

It is difficult to know how the SDLP will move on this issue particularly so close to the May elections but if they support it the repercussions in the protestant community could magnify the divisions already clearly in existence and make it very difficult, if not impossible, for councillors like Jim Guy (OUP) to return to the council chamber.

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