



## A MAN AND WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND

Karen and Harry Parkinson take a short rest at the Lockkeeper's Cottage while walking the dogs along the Lagan

# 'INCLUSIVITY MY PRIORITY'

## Incoming Lord Mayor Micky Murray speaks of his hopes for the coming year

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BELFAST'S first openly gay Lord Mayor says he'll use his

coming year in office to ensure Belfast is "a more diverse, forward-thinking and kind city".

Balmoral Alliance rep Micky Murray will take over as Belfast's First Citizen from Sinn Féin's Ryan Murphy in

June – and he's determined to put the city's vulnerable at the top of his agenda.

"I want to help transform

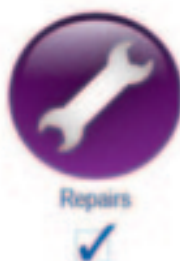
Belfast into a more inclusive city that everyone can enjoy, regardless of who you are or where you're from," he said,

adding that regeneration of the much-criticised city centre is also a key policy target.

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