



May 2nd, 2017

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 2nd May 2017** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 3 April 2017 (copy attached)

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### *Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing*

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## 4.0 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2017 (copy attached)

📄 *Council\_Minutes\_03-04-2017.pdf*

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## 5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 27 March 2017 (copy attached)

📄 *Special Council Minutes 27 03 2017.pdf*

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### *Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption*

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## 6.0 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2017 (copy attached)

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## 7.0 Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2017 (copy attached)

📄 *SPR Minutes.pdf*

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### 7.1 Addendum to Book of Condolence Policy (as considered at Party Reps Meeting 25/04/17) (copy attached)

📄 *Books of Condolence Report.pdf*

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## 8.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2017 (copy attached)

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## 9.0 Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 19 April 2017 (copy attached)

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### *Reports from Officers*

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## 10.0 Organisation of Rally to Support the Delivery of A&E Services at Daisy Hill (copy attached)

📎 *Full Council 2nd May 2017 - DHH Rally.pdf*

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### *Correspondence and Conferences*

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## 11.0 Correspondence received from Housing Council (copy attached)

📎 *Housing Council Letter.pdf*

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## 12.0 Mna Na hEireann 2017 - Celebrating Women in Northern Ireland (copy attached)

Conference Dates: Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May 2017

📎 *Email to councillors.pdf*

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📎 *Mna na hEireann 2017 County Council Notice.pdf*

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## 13.0 Battle of Messines Centenary Pilgrimage - Somme Association

Battlefield tour for the forthcoming centenary of the Battle of Messines.

The trip would be departing Belfast on 6th June and returning on 9th June.

The trip would include a black-tie dinner on the evening of 6th June and the state commemorations on 7th June, both will be attended by VIP guests.

The travel arrangements have not yet been made but will most likely be Belfast – London, the Euro Star to France, the accommodation will be 4 Star in Belgium or on the French/Belgian border.

Price - TBC

**AGREED AT COUNCIL - 1ST FEBRUARY 2017**

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/31/2016**

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME**

**Read:** Invitation received from the Somme Association regarding Commemoration of the Centenary

of the Battle of the Somme (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Harvey that the Council's two representatives for 2015/16 on the Somme Association, Councillors Burgess and Reilly, attend the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme in 2016, and a similar arrangement be made in respect of the following years' representatives, allowing for incoming representatives to attend the Centenary in their respective years.

#### **14.0 Invitation received from Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Commemoration marking Centenary of the Battle of Messines Ridge, 7th June 2017**

Costs to be covered - flights and accommodation

Transport to event from Ypres supplied by organisers

[📄 Invitation to Commemoration marking Centenary of the Battle of Messines.pdf](#) Page 59

#### **15.0 Correspondence received from Permanent Secretary and HSC Chief Executive regarding Orkambi (copy attached)**

[📄 Orkambi Response.pdf](#) Page 60

#### **16.0 Correspondence received from NIO regarding Tony Taylor (copy attached)**

[📄 NIO letter.pdf](#) Page 62

#### **17.0 Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure regarding Motion on Churches, Church Halls and places of Worship being exempt from Planning Fees**

[📄 Response to Liam Hannaway - Newry Mourne & Down - Church exemption from Planning Fees.pdf](#) Page 64

#### **18.0 Correspondence received from Southern Health & Social Care Trust regarding Potential Closure of Emergency Department at Daisy Hill Hospital**

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### *Consultation Documents*

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#### **19.0 Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service - Consultation on Draft NIFRS Security Policy (copy attached)**

[📄 NIFRS Consultation.pdf](#) Page 67

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## **20.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Enright and Trainor**

"This Council recognises the importance of the work of 'Mayors for Peace' which through close cooperation among member municipalities/cities strives to raise international public awareness regarding the need to abolish nuclear weapons and contribute to the realisation of genuine and lasting world peace by working to eliminate starvation and poverty, assist refugees fleeing local conflict, support human rights, protecting the environment, and solving the other problems that threaten peaceful coexistence within the human family. Further, this Council wishes to join Mayors for Peace to contribute to this global effort to achieve a lasting peace and to deal with the issues that we face on both a global and local level with regards poverty, starvation, supporting human rights and protecting our environment."

## **21.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Trainor**

"That this council recognises the continuous threats to Health Service Provision in Newry, Mourne and Down District and in wishing to address these issues will designate three of the special full council meetings each year to be dedicated to health, inviting the health trusts to come to council to discuss the issues. To aid with this, this council will also convene the two Health fora prior to each of these Health designated special council meetings to explore the issues and involve local activists to ensure that health provision issues and concerns are identified and explored."

## **22.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown**

'That this Council recognises the positive impact local farmer and artisan markets can have on the local economy, particularly our tourism, small business and agrifood sectors. It also notes the success of the Newry night market and similar farmers markets in Comber. Council will consult with local food providers and prepare a business case on the viability of a monthly market in the traditional market town of Downpatrick'

## **23.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Andrews**

"That Newry, Mourne & Down District Council notes the recent establishment of the Smart Pass Equality Campaign and endorses its call for the full fare concessionary travel pass to be issued to all people who are unable to drive for medical reasons."

## **24.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Devlin**

"That this Council calls on the Department for Communities to overhaul current liquor licensing legislation. We need to modernise these laws so our hospitality sector can survive and thrive, and in turn boost our local tourism industry."

*Items Restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014*

## **25.0 Report from Chief Executive regarding Councillors Attendance at Meetings (copy attached)**

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

📄 ***Report from Chief Executive.pdf***

***Not included***

# Invitees

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**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 3 APRIL 2017**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/58/2017	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Agreed.	Y
C/60/2017	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Agreed	Y
C/61/2017	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Agreed	Y
C/62/2017	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2017	<i>AHC/51/2017 – Letter from Peter Weir – 2<sup>nd</sup> request to meet declined</i> Letter to be sent to the new Minister for Education when the Assembly is re-instated.  Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Agreed	
C/63/2017	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 22 March 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	C O'Rourke	Agreed	Y
C/64/2017	All-Island Local Authority Forum Housing & Planning Conference	It was agreed that Council's Housing Council Representatives to attend the All-Island Local Authority Forum Housing & Planning Conference. Any other Councillor wishing to attend can do so.	Democratic Services	<b>Members booked onto Conference – booking confirmed 20/04/2017</b>	Y
C/65/2017	Correspondence received from SONI re North/South Interconnector Project	It was agreed that a letter be sent to SONI asking what impact Brexit would have on the North/South Interconnector Project and how it would affect energy policy across NI.	Democratic Services	<b>Letter to SONI sent on 13.4.2017</b>	
C/66/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown	It was agreed :  "at Council meeting on 6 June 2016, Council agreed that Committee Meetings (with the exception of the Planning Committee, on which legal advice would be taken including guidance on the Code of Conduct)	L Hannaway/E McParland	Awaiting legal advice sought on 27/4/17 by Lyndsey Moore	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<p>be audio recorded and recordings made available for inspection by the public at the Council Offices for 6 years from the date of the Meeting. This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the audio recordings also be uploaded to the Council's website for a period of 2 years".</p> <p>Report on recording of Planning Committee to be brought back to SPR Committee</p>	D Carville		
C/67/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna	It was agreed that Council writes to the relevant authorities to ensure that all churches, church halls and places of worship in this Council area, Newry, Mourne and Down, should be exempt from Planning fees.	Democratic Services	<b>Letter to Dept for Infrastructure sent 13.4.2017</b>	
C/68/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Mulgrew	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Express Council's opposition to the proposals from the SH&amp;SCT to suspend services in the Emergency department at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry.</li> <li>• Commend the hardworking NHS Staff, particularly at a time when the health services is under pressure as a result of Tory cuts.</li> <li>• In recognising the importance of a local Emergency Department, demand that the SHSCT maintains 24/7 service by making every effort to support current staff and ensure the staff shortage is urgently addressed.</li> <li>• Convene a meeting with the SHSCT as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Investigate the issue of whether the rotation of consultants around the hospitals was written into contracts.</li> </ul>	L Hannaway	<b>Letter to SH&amp;SCT sent on 12.4.2017.</b>	



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****NMD/C/**

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor G Fitzpatrick**In attendance: (Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor S Burns
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor L Devlin	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor P O'Gribin	Councillor B O'Múiri
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities  
 Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services  
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**C/56/2017****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Kimmins, Doran, Stokes.

The Chairperson welcomed Down Area Youth Council who were in attendance to observe the work of the Council and Councillors. She

stated she hoped the group enjoyed the proceedings and was sure that if any of the young people wanted to shadow one of the Councillors, they would be only too willing.

The Chairperson advised an Emergency Motion had been received from Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Byrne and in order to hear the motion it would require the suspension of Standing Orders. She advised that this suspension would require 80% of the members present and voting to agree with the suspension. She said this matter would be tabled at the end of the meeting.

The Chairperson advised her thoughts were with the family of the man whose body washed up on the beach at Murlough as well as the family of Christopher Martin from Downpatrick who was killed in a car accident in Crossgar.

The Chairperson stated a book of condolence had been opened with Kilkeel Coastguard for the helicopter crew of Rescue 116.

The Chairperson advised the books of condolence for Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness would be closing within the next few days.

The Chairperson condemned the assault and robbery of an elderly man in Kilkeel over the weekend and urged anyone with any information to contact the PSNI.

The Chairperson offered congratulations to Warrenpoint Town Football Club who had been relegated from the premier league the previous year, but had now regained their place.

The Chairperson advised she had attended the recent YAFTA event in Newry, which some of the Down Youth Council members had attended. She stated one of the YAFTAs was awarded to a group who had embarked on a community film project and she encouraged everyone to try to see these films, as they conveyed a lot of very important messages.

The Chairperson asked Members to be vigilant regarding the SIMSIMI app which encouraged cyberbullying by allowing people to send messages anonymously. She encouraged everyone to speak to young people and advise them to remove the app if they had it on their phone.

The Chairperson congratulated the girls from St Louis Grammar School in Kilkeel who recently became the All-Ireland Public Speaking champions.

The Chairperson congratulated all staff involved in the Council's recent Tourism Launch and the very successful St Patrick's Festival.

**C/57/2017                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Craig, Harvey and Taylor declared an interest in item 12 – Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna as they were members of their Church committees.

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING****C/58/2017                    MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017**

Read:                        Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017 (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hearty.**

**C/59/2017                    ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017**

Read:                        Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017(copy circulated)

Councillor Curran asked that the date when letters were sent be added to the details on the action sheet.

**C/48/2017 – Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly**

Councillor Reilly queried why his notice of motion had been put to a Committee when he had submitted an apology for the meeting he could not attend. He asked how Council makes the determination as to whether a motion is heard or not.

The Chief Executive advised that Standing Order 16.1 dealt with how Notices of Motion were heard.

Councillor Reilly stated if he attended the Committee meeting, he might not be permitted to speak by the Chair of that Committee as was stated in Standing Orders.

The Chairperson of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor Brown advised he would be permitting Councillor Reilly to speak at the Committee meeting on his motion.

**C/49/2017 – Notice of Motion received from Councillor Burns**

Councillor Carr thanked officers for their swift action in arranging the meeting between Council and representatives from First Trust bank. He also thanked Des Moore and Stephen Comer from First Trust for attending the meeting. Councillor Carr advised officials were considering the mitigating points that were put to them by Members.

**AGREED:** The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017 was agreed.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/60/2017 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2017**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2017 (copy circulated).

**ERT/043/2017 – Service Level Agreements 2017-2018**

Mrs Ward advised there had been a typing error within the report regarding St Patrick Visitor Centre SLA and that the figure should read £115,000.

**ERT/048/2017 – Castlewellan Forest Park – Task & Finish Project Board**

Councillor Harvey congratulated Shirley Keenan, Project Development Officer on the work undertaken with regard to the above and queried when this would be taken forward to implementation.

Mrs Ward advised the Task and Finish working group for Castlewellan would be meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund and would report through the ERT Committee as had been occurring up to now.

**AGREED:** The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

**C/61/2017 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2017**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2017 (copy circulated).

**SPR/30/2017 – Saintfield Community Centre**

Councillor Burgess advised he still had not received a copy of the email that had been tabled at SPR Meeting in February 2017 and requested a copy as soon as possible.

The Chief Executive advised the email had been received from Councillor Brown.

Councillor Brown stated he would send the email as soon as he could.

**Outdoor Education Centres**

Councillor D McAteer asked that the issue of the proposed closures of Outdoor Education Centres be kept on the action sheet.

**SPR/66/2017 – Brexit Update**

The Chief Executive advised Members would receive an invitation to a presentation on the research undertaken by University of Ulster on the impact of Brexit on Council areas at the border. He stated this would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May at Lough Erne at 10.30am and representatives from Intertrade Ireland, the Taoiseach's Office and Northern Ireland Executive would be in attendance. He advised there would be 2 representatives invited from the local Chambers of Commerce.

**SPR/192/2016 – Former Kindle Primary School – Business Case**

Mr Lipsett advised he had recently received an email stating that the valuation for Kindle had not changed due to demolition of the school and it was still £65k. He stated he would proceed to progress purchase of the site, assuming that Council was content with this way forward.

Councillor O'Gribin entered the meeting at this stage 6.24pm

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**C/62/2017                    MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2017**

Read:                         Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2017 (copy circulated)

**AHC/51/2017 – Letter from Peter Weir – 2<sup>nd</sup> request to meet declined**

Councillor Hyland queried who exactly the letter would have been sent to as there was currently no Minister for Education in place.

Councillor Walker clarified that the letter was to be sent to the new Minister, whoever that may have been, when the Assembly was reinstated.

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Walker.**

**C/63/2017                    MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2017**

Read:                         Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 March 2017 (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Trainor.**



**CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES****C/64/2017      ALL-ISLAND LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM HOUSING & PLANNING CONFERENCE**

**Read:** Conference notification from Co-operation Ireland regarding all-Island Local Authority Forum Housing & Planning Conference to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Dunboyne Castle, Co Meath (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rune that the Council's Housing Council representatives attend the All-Island Local Authority Forum Housing & Planning Conference. It was also agreed that any Councillor who wished to attend could do so.

**C/65/2017      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM SONI RE: NORTH SOUTH INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 22 March 2017 received from SONI regarding North South Interconnector Project (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed that a letter be sent to SONI asking what impact Brexit would have on the North/South Interconnector Project and how it would affect energy policy across Northern Ireland.

**NOTICES OF MOTION****C/66/2017      NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR BROWN**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Brown

**"At Council meeting on 6 June 2016, Council agreed that Committee Meetings (with the exception of the Planning Committee) be audio recorded and recordings made available for inspection by the public at the Council Offices for 6 years from the date of the Meeting. This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the audio recordings also be uploaded to the Council's website for a period of 2 years".**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Brown stated that he had previously brought a Notice of Motion to Council requesting video recording and live streaming of Council meetings and audio recording of committee meetings.

Councillor Hyland seconded the motion, saying Councillors were criticised in the press for not being proactive, but this Notice of Motion would allow the public to know more about the work of Council.

Councillor Burns questioned whether the other Councils were audio recording their meetings and what the uptake on listening to the recordings was. He also queried the capacity on the website, what the figures were for the uptake on the Council audio recordings and staffing costs, saying he would like to see a report with this detail,

Councillor Burgess spoke in support of the motion, but asked to see costings.

Councillor Murnin proposed an amendment to the motion that the Planning Committee would also be included in the audio recording, subject to a costings report being brought back to Council.

Councillor Brown accepted Councillor Murnin's amendment.

Mrs Carville advised that she would bring information back to Council regarding the current uptake of listening to the audio recordings. She confirmed there was capability to host recordings on a cloud based system at minimal cost to Council, and also that the staffing cost to upload the recordings was minimal.

Mr Hannaway suggested taking legal advice on the recording of the Planning Committee, including guidance on how Council would advise agents/public etc., before recording was introduced.

Councillor Walker proposed an amendment to the motion to read:

**"At Council meeting on 6 June 2016, Council agreed that Committee Meetings (with the exception of the Planning Committee, on which legal advice would be taken including guidance on the Code of Conduct) be audio recorded and recordings made available for inspection by the public at the Council Offices for 6 years from the date of the Meeting. This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the audio recordings also be uploaded to the Council's website for a period of 2 years".**

This was seconded by Councillor Burgess.

Councillor Clarke expressed concerns over the recording of the Planning Committee, saying applicants' personal information was discussed at these meetings, and he was not happy therefore to agree to this.

Councillors Hanna, Taylor and Hearty also expressed concerns over the recording of the Planning Committee, saying a discussion was required at Planning Committee level first before a final decision was taken.

Councillor Murnin withdrew his amendment that the Planning Committee Meetings be recorded, subject to receiving legal advice.

The amendment, as proposed by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess was put to a vote, with voting being as follows:

**FOR: 16**  
**AGAINST: 16**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 1**

The Chairperson used her casting vote to vote for the amendment, which was CARRIED by 17 votes to 16, with 1 abstention, and became the substantive motion, which was then put to a vote. Voting was follows:

**FOR: 32**  
**AGAINST: 0**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 1**

**The substantive motion was CARRIED.**

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess, "at Council meeting on 6 June 2016, Council agreed that Committee Meetings (with the exception of the Planning Committee, on which legal advice would be taken including guidance on the Code of Conduct) be audio recorded and recordings made available for inspection by the public at the Council Offices for 6 years from the date of the Meeting. This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the audio recordings also be uploaded to the Council's website for a period of 2 years".**

Mr Hannaway advised that a report on the matter of recording the Planning Committee would be brought back to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

**CI/67/2017      NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR HANNA**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Hanna

**"This Council writes to the relevant authorities to ensure that all churches, church halls and places of worship in this Council area, Newry, Mourne and Down, should be exempt from planning fees."**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Hanna said churches, church halls and places of worship formed a large part of people's lives and provided community facilities

including youth clubs, Sunday schools, mother and toddler group, senior citizen groups and holiday bible clubs and provided a valuable facility which Council would struggle to provide.

Councillor Hanna referred to the notes for reference for Planning which stated that "no fee was payable for an application where Council was satisfied that it is made on behalf of a club, society or organisation, including any persons administering a trust that is not established or conducted for profit and following conditions specified or satisfied", saying he believed churches fulfilled this criteria.

Mr Hannaway clarified that the legislation governing exemptions was made by the Department for Infrastructure, and therefore the Department would be required to agree to any changes. However, if a church was registered as a charity, it was exempt, although not all churches were registered as charities.

Councillor Andrews seconded the motion.

Councillor Enright proposed an amendment to the motion to add that the existing regulations on charitable purposes be properly implemented in Council.

Councillor Macauley on behalf of the UUP, Councillor Walker on behalf of the DUP and Councillor McMurray on behalf of the Alliance Party provided support to the motion, saying churches provided an important role in the communities.

Councillor Clarke said whilst he recognised the good work churches did in the community, Sinn Fein had concerns over the motion, in particular the costs to Council, loss of revenue to Council and the future changes in fee exemptions which would impact on the ratepayer.

Councillor Reilly provided support to the motion, saying churches were to be highly recommended for their work, although he requested clarity on the legislation, saying it was how the Chief Planning Officer interpreted it.

Councillor Burns said that if every place of worship automatically received charitable status, and therefore an exemption from planning fees, Council could be open to challenge and he asked for clarity on the definition of a place of worship.

Councillor Burns requested if a vote was to take place, that it be a recorded vote.

Councillor Brown clarified the definition of a place of worship as *"a specially designed structure or consecrated space where individuals or a group of people such as a congregation come together to perform acts of devotion, veneration or religious study. A building constructed or used for this purpose is sometimes also called a house of worship"*.

Councillor Hanna accepted Councillor Enright's amendment.

Councillor Clarke requested clarity on the costs which would be incurred by Council.

Councillor Hanna said there would not be a massive amount of money involved.

Mr Hannaway clarified that the motion was to write to the Department for Infrastructure to change the legislation to include churches and places of worship as exempt from planning fees.

Mr Hannaway said Council did fully implement charitable status and adhered to the legislation.

The Chairperson put the amended motion, proposed by Councillor Hanna and seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the Council write to the Department of Infrastructure to change the legislation so that all churches, church halls and places of worship in this Council area could be exempt from planning fees to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 20**  
**AGAINST: 9**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 3**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

Copy of recorded vote attached.

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Andrews that the Council write to the Department of Infrastructure to change the legislation so that all churches, church halls and places of worship in this Council area could be exempt from planning fees.**

**C/68/2017      NOTICE OF MOTION – SUSPENSION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN DAISY HILL HOSPITAL**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Brown and by qualified majority vote to suspend Standing Orders at this point in the meeting, to allow for the tabling of the following Motion due to the urgency of the issue and its importance to the District. The suspension having been agreed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Mulgrew:

**"That Newry, Mourne and Down District Council expresses its opposition to the proposals from Southern Health & Social Care Trust to suspend services in the Emergency Department at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry. The Council commends our hardworking NHS staff, particularly at a time when our health service is under pressure as a result of Tory cuts. Recognising the importance of a local ED, we demand that the SHSCT maintains 24/7 service by making every effort to support current staff and ensure the staff shortage is urgently addressed. The Council**

**should convene a meeting with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust as soon as possible."**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Mulgrew stated it was extremely upsetting to again be talking about cuts at Daisy Hill Hospital. She felt that doctors' contracts should state they should go where they are needed as patients were not given a choice to be seen in their local hospital. She stated in the previous year, 53,500 people attended the A&E Department at Daisy Hill Hospital and it was not possible for people from South Armagh, Rostrevor or Kilkeel to make the journey to Craigavon in 45 minutes as was muted in the media; it would take them more than an hour and a half.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion stating as a resident in a rural area he was dependent on Daisy Hill and any removal or dissolution of services, from Culloville to Kilkeel, would result in putting lives at risk. He stated that consultants should be hired on a Trust wide basis and not solely to one hospital. He welcomed the call for a delegation and advised he was meeting with the Acting CEO of the Trust to put forward the Party's strong opposition.

Members discussed the issue at length with all unanimously agreeing with the motion to convene a meeting with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust as soon as possible.

Councillor Walker stated over the last number of years, the stripping away of the services at the Downe Hospital had occurred and legislation needed to be passed that if the Department of Health decided 10 consultants were needed at a certain hospital, those consultants should be made to work there. He said the only way the matter could be resolved was to have the Assembly functioning once more.

Councillor Hearty stated it was unfeasible for people to have to travel from Crossmaglen or Culloville to Craigavon, as it would take an hour and a half and the ambulance service was overstretched in the area.

In summing up, Councillor Mulgrew stated this was one issue that people should set aside their Party politics on and she thanked all Members for their support. She advised she had been told by staff this was a management problem and that consultants had it written in their contracts that they should rotate around the hospitals. She stated if this was the case, the consultants are not being asked to live up to what was in their contracts by the Trust.

**AGREED:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Council:**

- **expresses its opposition to the proposals from Southern Health & Social Care Trust to suspend services in the Emergency Department at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry;**
- **commends our hardworking NHS staff, particularly at a time when our health service is under pressure as a result of Tory cuts.**
- **In recognising the importance of a local Emergency Department, demand that the SHSCT maintains 24/7**

service by making every effort to support current staff and ensure the staff shortage is urgently addressed.

- convene a meeting with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust as soon as possible.

It was also agreed that the issue of whether the rotation of consultants around hospitals was written into contracts to be investigated with the Trust.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.17pm

Signed:

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
RECORDED VOTE**

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna – Exemption of Planning Fees for Churches, Church Halls and Places of Worship

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess	X			
S Burns		X		
P Byrne	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey		X		
W Clarke		X		
G Craig			X	
D Curran	X			
L Devlin				X
S Doran				X
S Ennis				X
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna	X			
V Harte		X		
H Harvey			X	
T Hearty		X		
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins				X
M Larkin		X		
K Loughran	X			
J Macauley	X			
D McAteer	X			
K McAteer				X
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew		X		
M Murnin	X			
P Ó Gribin				X
B Ó Muirí		X		
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly	X			
M Ruane		X		
G Sharvin				X
G Stokes				X
D Taylor			X	
JJ Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor	X			
B Walker	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

NMD/C/

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 27 March 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor G Fitzpatrick**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor S Burns
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor B O'Múiri
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor J J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer  
 Mrs L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Representatives from UNA (NI)  
 Students and Teachers from Down High School, Downpatrick; St Paul's High School, Bessbrook; St Mary's High School, Newry and Shimna Integrated College, Newcastle.

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**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Clarke, Craig, Devlin, Harte and Sharvin.

The Chairperson stated she was delighted to receive the UN Charter on behalf of Council and applauded the work carried out by the regional group. She commended the local students and stated she was looking forward to listening to their presentations. She invited Patricia Irvine, Chairperson of UNA (NI) to speak.

C/53/2017

**INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRPERSON OF UNA (UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION) NI**

Mrs Irvine thanked the Chairperson of Council for agreeing to host the special reception and the opportunity to meet with the Council. She stated the event marked the completion of the UNA Schools' project celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UN and UNA.

Mrs Irvine advised she had been privileged to see the dedication of pupils and hear about the huge range of work regarding international issues that has been undertaken within the schools and thanked the teachers for their encouragement and support.

She stated that within the 70 years of its existence, huge changes have taken place within the UN and there were many local people who find a career within the UN. She highlighted Sean Lester who was the last director general and had been born in Carrickfergus.

Mrs Irvine highlighted a new set of 17 sustainable development goals for the world to work towards and that UNA was part of worldwide voluntary membership organisation and the only charity to build support for UN among policy makers, and the public. She advised UNA was a friend and critique of the UN that campaigns for reform where and when necessary.

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**PRESENTATION BY SCHOOLS**

The Chairperson invited the students to make their presentations.

Lois and Jordan from Down High School gave a presentation on their experiences with Saphara in India.

Molly and Hannah outlined the work undertaken with regard to African School Projects by St Mary's High School, Warrenpoint.

Richard, Tara and Kerry highlighted the International Project Programmes undertaken by St Paul's High School, Bessbrook.

Megan and Maya from Shimna Integrated outlined their work as part of the Amnesty International grouping within their school.

Sarah and Nicole from Shimna Integrated highlighted the work on-going with their school and Habitat for Humanity.

The Chairperson thanked the students for their very comprehensive presentations and the excellent work that they and their schools had undertaken.

**C/55/2017**

**OPEN SESSION**

Members spoke in support of the work undertaken by the students and their schools with regard to international charity work, stating they were a credit to their parents, schools, communities and themselves.

Mrs Irvine presented a copy of the Charter to a representative from each school as well as to the Chairperson for the Council. She thanked the Chairperson for hosting the event.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.10pm

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 10 April 2017 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry**

**Chairperson:** Councillor R Burgess

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D Curran

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor C Casey

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor H Harvey

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor B Quinn

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor J Tinnelly

**(Non Member)**

Councillor O McMahon

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
Ms M Ward	Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mrs M Quinn	Project Development Manager
Mr M Patterson	Enterprise Development Officer
Ms A Smyth	Enterprise Development Officer
Mr A Patterson	Tourism NI
Miss S Taggart	Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:**

Mr E McGuinness	University of Ulster
Mr R Christie	Invest NI
Mr S Anderson	Invest NI
Mr M Bleakney	Invest NI
Ms S Keenan	Invest NI

**ERT/063/2017: APOLOGIES / CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor N Bailie  
Councillor A McMurray

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Oksana McMahon to the Committee Meeting stating she had taken over from former Councillor, Sinead Ennis.

Mrs Ward advised BE Aerospace had invited the Committee to visit their premises and she would report back to Members with possible dates for this visit.

**ERT/064/2017:     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**ERT/065/2017:     ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 13 MARCH 2017**

Read:           Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:     It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**ERT/066/2017:     PRESENTATION  
NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN STATISTICAL RESEARCH**

Read:           Mr Eoin McGuinness from University of Ulster delivered a presentation on Newry, Mourne and Down Statistical Research.

Mrs Ward advised Council had signed an agreement with University of Ulster to conduct some research on how the Council could promote the local economy.

Mr McGuinness delivered a presentation during which the following issues were highlighted:

- Business Services and ICT are likely areas of growth in terms of job creation.
- The Northern Ireland economy is growing at a much slower rate than UK or Republic of Ireland.
- Projected job creation shows jobs across a mix of sectors however business services, professional, scientific and some construction jobs are most likely. Projections show potential losses in education and public administration jobs.

- Newry, Mourne and Down has a higher than average share of private sector jobs, good affordable housing and good quality of life however the tourism spend is much lower than may be expected for the Council area and the Northern Ireland average.
- NM&D shows a higher spread across Wards from high to low levels of unemployment than in most Council areas. The inactivity rate within the District was much higher than the rest of Northern Ireland.
- Projections for the future show jobs are more likely to be in services due to the natural shift that was likely to occur. Manufacturing and tourism were likely to add growth in terms of employment.
- Brexit is an issue for consideration - its impact and how to mitigate against this; the easing of austerity could also be a factor.
- Need for Council to develop employment and economic development strategies with continued focus on tourism.

The Chairperson thanked Mr McGuinness for his presentation and invited questions from Members.

Members raised the following issues:

- Will freedom of movement be affected for cross border workers following Brexit?
- What can the Council do to improve tourism spend figures?
- Do the figures reflect the threat to the interdependency between North and South in terms of supply and manufacturing?
- With ICT services being an economic driver is there opportunity for Council to increase average wage?
- UK only provides 43% of its own food – is there opportunity for Northern Ireland farmers?
- Would special status mean that Northern Ireland would receive all the disadvantages of being in the EU and none of the advantages of being outside?
- Could Council capitalise on potential growth of industries, ie, arts and crafts, music and film, software apps etc?
- Reasons for decrease in jobs within quarrying and mining sector?
- Are infrastructure difficulties proving problematic for other Council areas?

Mr McGuinness responded to the queries as follows:

- Impact of Brexit on cross-border workers will depend largely on common travel area arrangements.
- Although there were a large number of visitors to the District as outlined in the tourism figures, their spend per head was lower than other areas. Council need to investigate age profile of tourists and whether they were visiting family etc as they tend not to spend as much.
- The agri-food sector was seeing flat growth with structural changes to the sector over a long period. Brexit impact had been inputted into the forecast as the agriculture sector was quite exposed.
- Firms seeking to expand/invest in areas, generally concentrate large investments within cities that have a concentration of younger graduates ready and willing to work. Typically these have been in areas such as Belfast and Dublin.
- Import substitution is huge for farmers and Northern Ireland offering to the Great British market would only be credible if there was an arrangement in place to allow all-island flow.

- It is difficult to speculate on likely impact and outcome of Brexit – need to identify where risks were likely and try to mitigate against those risks.
- Ulster University will provide statistics as part of a bi-annual presentation to the Department of Economy and Finance and work closely with Invest NI.
- The District performed well in terms of creative industries, however these are employing lower numbers of people and a lot are self-employed. Creative industries could feed into tourism and as the District is well known for natural assets and scenery, the creative, food and retail outlets should try to attract people to stay.
- Employment numbers were down within the quarrying and mining sector due to the increase in automation. The increase in automation over the next 10-20 years will further reduce employment numbers in this sector even while the industry is growing.
- Infrastructure remains a challenge for local regions particularly roads infrastructure as this underpins sectors such as manufacturing, food firms, quarrying and mining. Many Councils had complaints regarding access to markets and broadband speed was a key factor. Although there has been improvements within recent years, these improvements must continue over the next 10 year period as inward investors will query broadband speeds and roads infrastructure before deciding to invest.

The Chairperson thanked Mr McGuinness for attending the meeting.

(Councillors Clarke and Tinnelly entered the meeting during the above discussions – 3.04pm)

**ERT/067/2017:      PRESENTATION**  
**INVEST NI**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Richard Christie and Mr Seamus Anderson from Invest NI and invited them to make their presentation. He also welcomed Mark Bleakney and Sharon Keenan to the meeting.

Mr Christie advised he was part of the investment team who deal with first time projects who were considering Northern Ireland as a place to do business. He advised the team hosts 120 visits per year which could range from half day visit up to 2/3 days showcasing Northern Ireland.

He said despite Brexit and the uncertainties with the local Executive a lot of business was conducted last year with a significant amount post-Brexit. He advised that although the team promote Northern Ireland as a whole, the first place investors want to investigate is Belfast. The team aimed to receive investment from businesses and spread this investment across other parts of Northern Ireland.

Mr Anderson referred to the three industrial estates in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. He said Carnbane Industrial Estate in Newry was expanding with 21 acres available and four viable interests at present. He explained the first phase was completely taken up in the Down Business Park there was interest expressed in 4.3 acres of the available 26.3 acres. He said that within Killough Road Business Park 11.5 acres of the site was still available.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and invited questions from Members.

Members raised the following issues:

- What type of questions are businesses asking when they come to Northern Ireland?
- Would Invest NI consider taking businesses on tours around other parts of Northern Ireland, for example, Downpatrick, in order to let the Council showcase what they have to offer?
- When showcasing Northern Ireland to potential investors, where does Newry, Mourne and Down and particularly Newry sit in the pecking order?
- Newry should be showcased as an important place to do business given its proximity to both international airports.
- Shortage of industrial estates in Kilkeel.
- Possibility of Council attending international trade missions?
- Suggest tourism team from Invest NI present to Council's ERT Committee regarding type of proposals that would be funded.
- How can Invest NI and Council work better regarding development plan and zoning of land in increase business investment.?
- Implications for US businesses in Northern Ireland following change in US administration.

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- Businesses were seeking for value for money and a highly competitive place to do business. Invest NI had been successful in attracting first time businesses into Northern Ireland, usually in Belfast and hope they may reinvest a second time usually outside of Belfast.
- Where appropriate, Invest NI have arranged visit programmes for companies to visit places in Northern Ireland. Invest NI are often under non-disclosure agreements and businesses prefer details of possible locations they are considering, to remain confidential.
- There is no priority list order. Invest NI's role is to showcase and promote the whole of Northern Ireland.
- Newry has been an ideal area to showcase given its close proximity to airports.
- Invest NI have invested in Kilkeel. In order to expand, land needs to be zoned.
- Invest NI are involved in community planning and the local development plan and provide statistics on qualifying businesses, look at existing zonings and work with planners to ensure adequate provision for the life of the plan.
- It would be difficult to predict any impact following change in US administration and there are currently no issues in terms of projects coming from America.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives from Invest NI for attending the meeting.

## **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

### **ERT/068/2017: FORKHILL GREEN SPACE SCHEME**

Read: Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a Licence Agreement regarding Forkhill Green Space Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**



- AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding Forkhill Green Space Scheme:
- Council to enter into and sign a License Agreement with Forkhill Parish Church for an access are on Church/School property to provide a 3<sup>rd</sup> entry point to the newly installed Forkhill Greenspace Project.
  - Council to utilise at least £10,000 funding from its 2017/18 Capital Contribution set against this scheme to match fund additional DEARA monies to cover additional contract works that had to be carried out on-site.
  - Council accept an additional DEARA Letter of Offer amount (£30,000) for the Forkhill Greenspace Project.

(Councillor McMahon left the meeting at this stage – 4.53pm)

**ERT/069/2017:      BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF SUPPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms A Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer regarding the delivery of Business Development Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

- AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms A Smyth Enterprise Development Officer, regarding the delivery of the following business engagement activities which will result in job creation, the up-skilling of employees/entrepreneurs, and knowledge transfer activity that will encourage business sustainability and growth:
- SRC Crest Programme that will provide training opportunities to the unemployed;
  - Mentoring Programme for existing businesses;
  - Short term business development workshops (i.e. digital marketing, brand development, procurement, e-commerce, sales development, idea generation for new starts)

**ERT/070/2017:      INTERREG EUROPE PROJECT INSIDE OUT OF EU**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms A Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer regarding participation on the Stakeholder Group for implementation of the Interreg Europe Project – Inside Out of EU. **(Copy circulated)**

- AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms A Smyth Enterprise Development Officer to approve participation on the

**Stakeholder Group with the DFE for the implementation of the Interreg Europe Project: Inside Out EU.**

**ERT/071/2017: DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY  
INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding a response to the Department for the Economy Industrial Strategy Consultation Response. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer, that the Council approve the Industrial Strategy consultation response as presented and submit same in advance of the closure date on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**ERT/072/2017: NEWRY CHAMBER  
TRADE VISIT TO SZCZECIN, POLAND**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 24 February 2017 from Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade regarding a trade visit to Szczecin, Poland 15-17 May 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Ward advised the Chairperson of Council and an officer had been invited to attend the trade visit and costs to Council would involve flights only.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to appoint the Chairperson of Council and 1 No. Council officer to attend the Newry Chamber of Trade and Commerce Business Trip to Poland.

**TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS**

**ERT/073/2017: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT  
KILKEEL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Service Level Agreement with Kilkeel Development Association. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn asked if this issue could be kept under review.

Mrs Ward advised there would be a review of all Council visitor information centres within the next few months.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism

**Development Officer, to approve the SLA with Kilkeel Development Association with a budget of £20,000 and a Co-operative Marketing Campaign valued at £10,000 on Coastal Flavours.**

**ERT/074/2017: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT  
ORNI**

Mrs Ward advised this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and forwarded to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting for consideration.

**ERT/075/2017: CLANBRASSILL BARN & TEA ROOMS  
TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding expressions of interest for an economic operator to utilise the Clanbrassil Barn & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer, that the Council, in partnership with DAERA (Forest Service) seek Expressions of Interest from interested parties for service provision in Clanbrassil Barn and Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park.**

**ERT/076/2017: WARDENS HOUSE  
KILBRONEY PARK, ROSTREVOR**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer and Ms B Magill, Administration Officer regarding the letting of the Wardens House, Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query regarding a 1 year lease, Mrs Ward advised there was a possibility of including a 2 year extension onto the lease.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor D McAteer, seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve a one year lease of the Wardens House at Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor to the proposed tenant at a rental cost of £200 per month. Electricity, heating, insurance, rates etc, will not be included in the rental figure but will be paid separately by Lessee, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer**

**It was also agreed to include the possibility of a 2 year extension to the lease if required.**

**ERT/077/2017: NEWRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the development of Newry Agricultural Show. **(Copy circulated)**

Members queried whether the Council could support the other shows within the District also.

Mrs Ward advised the show this year included award winning Aberdeen Angus cattle which would draw an international crowd and this was an opportunity for the Council to engage with the sector and being to develop linkages with farm groups and agri food producers to develop a platform to assist businesses to adapt to the challenges and opportunities posed by Brexit.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor D McAteer, seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed the Council work with Newry Show Committee to develop a range of interventions and programmes to support both agri food and agriculture sectors, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

**ERT/078/2017: POLICIES – NEWRY & MOURNE MUSEUM ACCREDITATION APPLICATION**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms N Cunningham, Museum Curator regarding Newry & Mourne Museum Policies for Museum Accreditation. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve the following policies to be supplied with a signed copy of the Council Minutes to the Northern Ireland Museums Council as a central part of the Museum's Accreditation application in June 2017, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms N Cunningham Museum Curator:

- Collections Development Policy
- Documentation Policy
- Access Policy Statement
- Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement
- Collections Care and Conservation Policy Statement

**ERT/079/2017: FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO STRANGFORD**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a familiarisation visit to Strangford. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to approve the familiarisation visit to Strangford and the

surrounding area in June 2017, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

**ERT/080/2017: TOURISM EVENTS SUPPORT 2017/2018**

Read: Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Tourism Events Support 2017/2018. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to queries from Members, Mrs Ward advised conditions were attached to the funding and developmental aspect of the events.

She referred to how festivals and events were organised differently within the two legacy Councils and said capacity building could be investigated for groups throughout the District. how festivals and events were organised

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor D McAteer it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager that Council approve a financial contribution of £10,000 to the following non-Council led music festivals/events:

- 19<sup>th</sup> International Blues on the Bay Festival, Warrenpoint 24-29 May 2017
- SOMA Festival, Castlewellan 14-23 July 2017
- Fiddlers Green Festival, Rostrevor 21-30 July 2017
- Iúr Cinn Fleadh, Newry 7-10 September 2017
- Newry Chamber Music Mid-summer Festival/programme June 2017

It was also agreed that a financial contribution in the sum of £5,000 be granted to the following non-Council led key tourism events:

- GI Jive Festival, Kilkee 29 July-4 August 2017
- Newry City Pride Festival, Newry 2 September 2017

It was further agreed that capacity building workshops be investigated to support local community groups to set up and run festivals/events.

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/081/2017: FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT  
FLYING DISPLAY DIRECTOR**

Read: Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding an extension of the appointment of the Festival of Flight post of Flying Display Director. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding an extension of the appointment of the Festival of Flight post of Flying Display Director.

(Councillor Ruane left the meeting at this stage – 5.14pm)

**ERT/082/2017: CONFERENCE – DEVELOPING & MANAGING RECREATION IN PROTECTED AREAS**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding co-hosting a Conference on developing and managing recreation in protected areas. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor D McAteer it was agreed to note the co-hosting of a conference on developing and managing recreation in protected areas as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager.**

**ERT/083/2017: STUDENT PLACEMENT 2017/2018**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding the placement of students from the Tourism Marketing & Events Management Degree Courses at the University of Ulster. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the support the placement of students from the Tourism Marketing and Events Management Degree Courses at the University of Ulster as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager**

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/084/2017: ERT ACTION TRACKING UPDATE**

**Read:** Action Tracking Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the ERT Action Tracking Update.**

**ERT/085/2017: JOINT TOURISM NI COUNCIL INITIATIVES 2016/2017**

**Read:** Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a review of the Joint Tourism Initiatives between Tourism NI and the Council. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a review of the Joint Tourism Initiatives between Tourism NI and the Council.**

**ERT/086/2017: MARINE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT**

Read: Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms C Nolan, SLLP Manager regarding a Shared Management Scheme for the Marine Protected Area. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the report Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms C Nolan, SLLP Manager regarding a Shared Management Scheme for the Marine Protected Area.

**ERT/087/2017: SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.17pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

**Signed:** **Councillor R Burgess**  
**Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**Signed:** **Ms M Ward**  
**Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday  
13 April 2017 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,  
Downpatrick.**

In the Chair:	Councillor P Brown												
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Councillor W Walker													
Also in Attendance	Councillor A McMurray												
Officials in Attendance:	<p>Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities  Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory &amp; Technical Services  Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources  Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy  Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager  Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer  Mr E McManus, Capital Projects  Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer  Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer</p>												

**SPR/71/2017      APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Quinn, Sharvin and Mr E Curtis.

The Chairperson advised that Agenda Item 8 – Management Accounts - would now be taken with the other exempt items.

**SPR/72/2017      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**SPR/73/2017      ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2017**



**Read:** Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2017 (circulated).

**Agreed:** The Action Sheet of 16 March 2017 was noted.

**SPR/21/2017 – Terms of Reference for a Review of the Big Screen, Newry**

In response to Councillor Brown's query regarding the update on the Terms of Reference for the Big Screen, and specifically an update on the audit process, Mrs Carville advised that ASM, the Internal Auditors had concluded their review and she was to undertake a conference call with them on 14 April 2017 to begin the close out process, after which a report would be taken to the Audit Committee on 27 April 2017 for consideration.

Councillor Brown requested that the draft report on the for Big Screen be circulated to Members of the Audit Committee as much in advance of the meeting as possible.

**SPR/19/2017 – Saintfield Community Centre**

In response to concerns from Councillor Burgess and Councillor Walker, Councillor Brown advised that he had been under the impression all parties had been consulted with regarding the 3 proposals via the Saintfield Trust.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**SPR/74/2017      STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – FINALISED DRAFT**

Due to a number of late representations received by the Planning Department on 7 April 2017, which required to be fully considered and addressed, the above item was withdrawn. An amended report would be brought to the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 11 May 2017.

**SPR/75/2017      LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 12 (PART 2) COUNTRYSIDE – DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE ANALYSIS**

**Read:** Report from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, dated 13 April 2017, regarding Preparatory Studies: Paper 12 (Part 2): Countryside – Development Pressure Analysis (circulated).

Questions from Members regarding Paper 12 were answered by Mr Hay as follows:

- Planning policy development in Northern Ireland had reflected to a degree the policy development in England, Wales and Scotland, but had been adapted to suit the Northern Ireland context.

- Dispersed rural communities were referred to in PPS21 and had been included in the draft Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS), but then removed from the final version. The SPPS stated that the policy approaches to new developments in countryside should reflect the differences within the region and be sensitive to local needs, and be sensitive to environment issues including the ability of settlements and landscapes to absorb development. This gives scope for local councils in the development of their strategies and policies to look at their own particular sensitivities applying to their District.
- The nature of the rural development taking place in the District, particularly in south Armagh where houses were more dispersed in the rural communities, would be taken into consideration in developing a strategy for the countryside.
- The paper looked at the situation which took place over the past number of years back to 2002, regarding sporadic one-off houses in the countryside and how this had impacted on the countryside. In terms of sustainable development, it was important that a balance was struck between the need for houses in the countryside and the impact such development has on the landscape, and the value of countryside as an asset for tourism.
- From 2002 to 2009, planning approval for over 10,000 new dwellings in the countryside was given in the District.
- Since the introduction of PPS21 in 2010, planning approval had been given for over 3,500 new houses.
- There was an opportunity for the Council in developing its own local policies for houses in the countryside to include design requirements.
- Over a third of all planning approvals following the introduction of PPS21 in 2010 were for replacement dwellings, and a third for farm dwellings.
- The population of the District living in the countryside was about 60,000, approximately 35% of the total population. The population had only grown marginally over the past 15 years. A number of houses built in the countryside had been for farming families, for sons and daughters moving out of the family home, or replacement dwellings, resulting in more houses but not a significant increase in the rural population.

**AGREED:** It was agreed that the content of the report be noted.

### **CORPORATE PLANNING & POLICY**

#### **SPR/76/2017 QUARTERLY POLICY SCREENING REPORT**

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 13 April 2017, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period January – March 2017 (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period January – March 2017.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

#### **SPR/77/2017 BOOK OF CONDOLENCE POLICY**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 13 April 2017 regarding the Policy on arrangements for Books of Condolence (copy circulated).

In response to concerns from Councillor Carr, Mrs McParland advised that the draft policy had been discussed at Party Representatives Forum. She said within the draft policy it was a matter for the Chairperson to decide when a book of condolence should be opened and detailed criteria had not been included, due to the difficulty in being prescriptive on the matter and foreseeing situations that may arise in the future.

Councillor Clarke said it was a huge honour to open up a book of condolence, and that the Chairperson should act on behalf of all citizens of the District.

In response to concerns from Councillor Clarke regarding the locations of the book of condolence, Mr Hannaway advised that the rationale behind the location of the books was to have one in town location and one in the civic centres in both Downpatrick and Newry, but a rationale on the location of the books being more evenly spread could be brought back to Committee.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the policy on arrangements for Books of Condolence be agreed in principle.

**AGREED:** It was further agreed that the rationale on more locations across the District of the Books of Condolence, would be brought back to Committee.

## POLICIES

### **SPR/78/2017 ANTI-FRAUD POLICY, FRAUD RESPONSE PLAN AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 13 April 2017, regarding Anti-Fraud Policy, Fraud Response Plan and Whistleblowing Policy (copy circulated).

In response to queries from Councillor Andrews, Mrs Carville explained that all staff would receive training on the Whistleblowing Policy and a member of SMT would be present at the training to drive home the message of the importance of staff being protected as far as possible within the legislation.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the following policies be approved:

- Anti-Fraud Policy
- Fraud Response Plan
- Whistleblowing Policy

**SPR/79/2017      SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 13 April 2017 regarding the Scheme of Delegation in respect of the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the under Categories 1 and 6 of Council's Schedule of Delegation for the period October 2016 – April 2017, be approved.

**SPR/79/2017      COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES**

Read: Correspondence received from the Department for Communities dated 4 April 2017, regarding Councillor Allowances Rates & Guidance Circular (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the correspondence received from the Department for Communities dated 4 April 2017 regarding the Councillor Allowances Rates & Guidance Circular.

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS****SPR/80/2017      DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE – PROPOSAL FOR THE ROADS (EIA) REGULATIONS (NI) 2017 – CONSULTATION PAPER**

Read: Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure dated 14 March 2017, regarding the Proposals for the Roads (EIA) Regulations (NI) 2017 – Consultation Paper (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure regarding the Proposals for the Roads (EIA) Regulations (NI) 2017 – Consultation Paper.

**NOTICE OF MOTION****SPR/81/2017      NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM MARCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chairman advised that the Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly had not been withdrawn, but deferred to the May meeting of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

SPR/82/2017

**MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 13 April 2017 regarding Management Accounts to 28 February 2017 (copy circulated).

Councillor Carr requested that a report be brought back from each Director on the performance of their Directorate for the year. Councillor Enright seconded this proposal.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Enright to note the Management Accounts for the 11 month period ending 28 February 2017 and that a report be brought back from each Director on the performance of their Directorate for the year.

SPR/83/2017

**NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE – PHASE 2 CONTRACT – COMPENSATION EVENTS**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 13 April 2017 regarding Newry Leisure Centre – Phase 2 Contract – Compensation Events (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Burgess to note the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the following recommendations as detailed in Section 3.1 of the Report:

1. To provide a security barrier on the East side of the Phase 2 Building at the cost set out in the report.
2. To provide a Fire Suppression system in the Cooker Canopy in the Kitchen at the Café at the cost set out in the report.
3. To change the block work balustrade for the main stair B in Phase 2 to a metal balustrade at the additional estimated cost set out in the Officer's report.

It was noted that 2 of the figures contained within the report were duplicated in SPR/79/2017 – Scheme of Delegation.

**SPR/84/2017**      **GREENWAY PHASE 1 PROJECT – NEWRY TO WEIR ON MIDDLEBANK**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 13 April 2017 regarding Greenway Phase 1 Contract – Newry to Weir on Middlebank – Health & Safety Works (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ruane to note the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the following recommendations as detailed in Section 3.1 of the Report:

1. To carry out further works along Middlebank, mainly relating to Health and Safety measures, as detailed in the Officer's Report, as part of the Greenway Phase 1 contract at the total cost set out in the Officer's

Report, which would result in a project overspend on the contract – figures detailed in Officer's Report.

2. The cost of these works to be paid from funding allocated to the project by the Landfill Community Fund.

**SPR/85/2017      NEWRY CIVIC CENTRE UPDATE**

**Agreed:**            On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).

**Read:**              Report from Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism, dated 13 April 2017 regarding Newry Civic Centre progress report (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:**            When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Clarke to agree the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the following recommendations as detailed in Section 3 to appoint the Company named as value for money service.

**SPR/86/2017      REPORT ON STAFF RESTRUCTURING**

**Agreed:**            On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to any consultations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the council or a government department and employees of, or office holders under, the council and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).

**Read:** Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 13 April 2017 regarding Staff Restructuring (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Walker to agree the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the recommendations in Section 3.1 of the report; to proceed with the two redundancies identified.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.23pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 2 May 2017

**Signed:** **Councillor Patrick Brown**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:** **Dorinnia Carville**  
**Director of Corporate Services**



<b>Report to:</b>	Party Representatives Forum
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	25 April 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Policy on arrangements for Books of Condolence – SPR minute reference: <b>SPR/77/2017</b>
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Liam Hannaway Chief Executive
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eileen McParland Democratic Services Manager

<b>Matters for consideration:</b>	
Following discussion at SPR Committee meeting held on 13 April 2017, consideration be given to the following locations being provided with Books of Condolence on those occasions when the Council makes available Books to facilitate members of the public to record their respects.	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background:</b>
1.1	At SPR Committee meeting on 13 April 2017, Members agreed the policy on arrangements for Books of Condolence in principle.
1.2	It was further agreed that the rationale on more locations across the district for such Books would be brought back to Committee. (note: SPR Committee recommendations are subject to ratification by Council when tabled on Tuesday 2 May 2017).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues:</b>
2.1	Subject to Council approving the recommendations of the SPR Committee, the following locations will be suggested to cover each DEA within the District – report to be presented to May SPR Committee for consideration:  <b>Crotlieve</b> – Warrenpoint Town Hall <b>Downpatrick</b> – Council Headquarters and Down Arts Centre <b>Newry</b> – Council Headquarters and Newry Town Hall <b>Rowallane</b> – Ballynahinch Market House <b>Slieve Croob</b> – Castlewellan Community Centre <b>Slieve Gullion</b> – Crossmaglen Community Centre <b>The Mournes</b> – Newcastle Centre
2.2	Occasionally, in response to the specific circumstances surrounding the opening of a Book of Condolence, additional location/s may be added.
2.3	A Book of Condolence facility also be hosted on the Council's website when the upgraded website is available.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations:</b>
3.1	For the information of PRF and discussion within respective groupings.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	staff time and cost of flowers and books used in additional locations.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications:</b>
5.1	None
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2017

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 20 April 2017 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,  
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor M Carr

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**

Councillor Byrne	Councillor Harte
Councillor Harvey	Councillor Hyland
Councillor Kimmins	Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray	Councillor Ó Muirí
Councillor Taylor	Councillor Trainor

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities  
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing)  
 Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Leisure & Sports)  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/54/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran, Fitzpatrick and Walker and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Community Engagement)

**AHC/55/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**AHC/56/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2017**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 March 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

**AHC/38/2017 – Presentation – ORNI**

Mr Lipsett advised that following the presentation by ORNI, officers had been tasked to develop further proposals for community trails across the 7 DEAs. He stated a report was attached to the agenda asking for agreement to the development of a Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI for Community Trail Plans across the 7 DEAs.

Mr Lipsett stated the option for all 7 DEA Community Trails would cost £69,000 which was included within the current year's budgets.

Councillor Byrne asked whether the £69,000 was for 130 days provided by ORNI and would the detailed evaluations be additional cost.

Mr Lipsett advised he would seek to get more detail on the scheme from the Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail, including the level of cost required.

#### ***AHC/53/2017 – Update on Footgolf***

Mr Lipsett advised he had met with the promoter who had requested a lease on a seasonal, pro-rata basis.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve a seasonal lease on a pro-rata basis to the Footgolf.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the action sheet.

#### **AHC/57/2017 COMMUNITY TRAILS SLA WITH OUTDOOR RECREATION NI**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017 regarding Community Trails SLA with Outdoor Recreation NI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** As above, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail, including the level of cost required.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **AHC/58/2017 DEA UPDATE**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Co-ordinator (Crotlieve), dated 20 April 2017, regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the DEA update.

**AHC/59/2017**      **SOUTH ARMAGH/SOUTH DOWN PEACE CENTRE STAGE II APPLICATION**

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager (Acting), dated 20 April 2017, regarding the South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre Stage II Application (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to forward the report for the nomination of positions for the Partnership Board of the Peace IV Stage 2 South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre to the Party Representatives Meeting for nominations.

**AHC/60/2017**      **POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Mrs S Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the minutes and officer report of Policing & Community Safety Partnership.

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/61/2017**      **USE OF GRASS PITCHES**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Use Of Grass Pitches (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** Councillor Byrne proposed that the matter be deferred until investigations into the benefits arising out of the Sports Strategy, especially with regard to pitch quality, before any decision would be taken on this issue. This was seconded by Councillor Harte.

**AHC/62/2017**      **DISABILITY SPORTS HUB PROJECT**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Disability Sports Hub Project (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne queried whether groups and members of the public would be permitted to hire out the outdoor equipment that would be provided.

Mr Moore stated it would be the intention that the equipment could be utilised by as many people as possible and Council would work with local existing groups as well as groups set up by Disability NI in order to make the scheme as successful as possible.

Councillor Byrne asked that the issue of £1900 which was to be funded by the Council for training should have been included within the report under resource implications and therefore should be recorded within the agreed recommendations.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Byrne to support the development of a Disability Sports Development Plan 2017-2019 and set up a Disability Sports Hub in partnership with Disability Sport NI and to consider Council signing up to a Memorandum of Understanding with Disability Sport NI in order to accept the new Hub equipment and thereafter develop a 2 year development plan and increase access to sports for less abled.

It was recommended that the training fund for the equipment of £1900 which was to be provided by the Council that should have been noted in the report was agreed.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne to ensure the Hub equipment was transferable across the District.

**AHC/63/2017**      **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REGARDS LEASING COUNCIL LAND**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Expression of Interest regarding Leasing Council Land (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to approve the public adverts for the Expression of Interest in line with NMDDC lease/sale policy and to approve the officer's recommendation.

It was agreed that any submissions would be evaluated by the Administration Department to ensure their business case sets out how sports clubs would deliver on the rights of all existing users.

**AHC/64/2017**      **CAFÉ OPERATING MODEL FOR NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE PHASE 2**

**Read:**            Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Café Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**        **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muiri, seconded by Councillor Loughran, to note the contents of the report and consider and agree to Café Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2.**

**AHC/65/2017**      **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT PROJECT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Macmillan Cancer Support Project (copy attached).

**AGREED:**        **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to submit the application and letter of support to the Macmillan Move More Project 2017-2020, in order to improve the quality of life for people living with cancer in Newry, Mourne and Down District and to consider recommendations as outlined below:**

- **The Council agreed to submit the application for the partnership of Move More programme with Macmillan Cancer Support for Newry, Mourne and Down**
- **The Council to approve the letter of support to Macmillan approving to be the lead partner for this project**
- **If the application for the 3 year funded programme was successful then allow officers to proceed and internally recruit the coordinator post, to commence the programme from September 2017 to September 2020.**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**AHC/66/2017**      **AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME UPDATE**

**Read:**            Report from Ms S Trainor, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Affordable Warmth Scheme Update (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**        **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities to express concerns with the current situation regarding Affordable Warmth Scheme.**

**It was also agreed to amend the letter to make it known to the Permanent Secretary that a cut had been expected however not as severe as what was implemented and asked for the reasons behind this severity.**

**AHC/67/2017**

**CANN PROJECT INTERREG VA PROGRAMME**

**Read:** Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 April 2017, regarding CANN Project INTERREG VA Programme (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.37pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

**Signed:** Councillor M Carr  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities



**NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 19 April 2017 in the Boardroom, District Council  
Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Mulgrew

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**Members:**

Councillor C Casey	Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor V Harte
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials in Attendance**

Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services  
 Mr A McKay, Head of Planning  
 Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management  
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance  
 Mr E Newell, Building Control Officer  
 Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**RTS/44/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

It was noted apologies were received from Councillor Trainor and Councillor Craig.

**RTS/45/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Noted:** There were no declarations of interest.

**RTS/46/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 2017. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** **The Action Sheet was noted.**

RTS/35/2017 – Interruptions in bin service collections

- In response to a request for an update from Councillor Andrews on a request that DEA Councillors be sent a text message if there was an interruption in the collection of a bin route, Mr Parkes confirmed it would difficult to do this. However Officials were looking at sending an email to DEA Councillors advising if there were any interruptions to service, the routes affected and the estimated alternative pick up arrangements.
- In response to concerns expressed by Councillor Casey regarding delays in the bulky refuse collection service, Mr Parkes said there was staffing issues with the service and officials were working on dealing with the backlog of requests and putting a more robust system in place in the former Newry and Mourne Council area. He said the aim was to have all items collected within the next two weeks.
- At the request of Councillor Fitzpatrick it was agreed Mr Parkes investigate issues with the non-collection of black bins in the Mayobridge area.
- At the request of Councillor Hyland it was agreed Mr Parkes investigate issues with the non-collection of brown bins from the Warrenpoint Road area on 19 April 2017.

**RTS/47/2017:      REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN  
-      UPDATE Q4**

**Read:**                      Regulatory and Technical Services Business Plan – Update Q4. **(Circulated).**

**Noted:**                      Mr O'Rourke responded to queries from Members regarding A5 – effectively implementing sickness absence management procedures and A19 rationalise 4 day vs 5 day week for refuse collection regimes.

**Agreed:**                      **The Regulatory and Technical Services Business Plan – Update Q4 was noted.**

**PLANNING****RTS/48/2017:      PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Read:**                      Planning Performance Indicators for March 2017. **(Circulated)**

**Agreed:**                      **The above Report was noted.**

Mr McKay gave a breakdown on information contained in the report:-

### 1. Live applications

There were 1600 live applications in January 2016 and this figure had now been reduced to 1074. After Belfast City Council, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Planning Department is the busiest amongst the 11 Councils. During this period processing times had been improved to approximately 9 weeks for local applications.

### 2. Live applications by length of time in system

In April 2016 there were 222 applications in the system between 12 and 18 months. Planning staff had worked hard on legacy applications, most of which were pre December 2014 and in March 2017 that figure had reduced to 87.

### 3. Live applications by Case Officer

The number of live applications by Case Officer had been reducing but due to staff turnover and maternity leave, these were now rising again. The process was underway to replace staff but this would take time to complete. Mr McKay also confirmed that the number of planning applications being received as up 8-10% month on month.

### 4. Decisions issued per month

There has been a slight slump in the figures – April 2016 (168) March 2017 (155) but this was slowly starting to recover.

### 5. Decisions issued ytd

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were on par with Belfast City Council. The average number of decisions issued by other Councils was between 500 and 700. Newry, Mourne and Down was one of the most productive Planning Departments with an approval rate of 88%. The refusal rate was largely a result of the legacy applications in the system.

### 6. Enforcement live cases

There was currently 721 enforcement cases which reflected the level of unauthorised activity in the District but the Planning Team were actively working on this area.

### 7. Planning Committee

Mr McKay said the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Planning Committee was one of the most hard working Committees throughout the

Councils in terms of the number of planning applications they dealt with on a monthly basis.

#### 8. Appeals

From April 2016 to March 2017 46 decisions had been referred to the PAC. Of these 37 were dismissed and 9 upheld which was an 80% success rate for the Council.

#### 9. Statutory Targets Performance Data

Previously the average processing time of an application was 32 weeks and this had now been reduced to 23 weeks.

#### **RTS/49/2017: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES – JANUARY 2017**

**Read:** Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives for February 2017. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** **The above Report was noted.**

**Noted:** Councillor Fitzpatrick said she had held a number of meetings with Planning staff which were not recorded and it was agreed Mr McKay would speak to his staff to ensure all meetings with public representatives were recorded.

#### **RTS/50/2017: REGISTER OF CONTACTS – Q4 JANUARY – MARCH 2017**

**Read:** Register of Contacts – Q4 1 January to 31 March 2017. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** **The above Report was noted.**

#### **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **RTS/51/2017: REPORT RE: MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF MAGHERADROOL PARISH GRAVEYARD, CRABTREE ROAD, BALLYNAHINCH**

**Read:** Report dated 19 April 2017 from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director, regarding maintenance and upkeep of Magheradrool Parish Graveyard, Crabtree Road, Ballynahinch. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed-

- Council continues to maintain the site as part of its Grounds Maintenance Programme which should be extended to periodically cut back the ivy and other vegetation which grows on the church ruins, in consultation with the Historic Environment Division.
- Whilst the Council will not seek to discourage any work at the old graveyard the local group wishes to pursue this will be subject to the group receiving both Council approval and that of the Historic Environment Division before such work is undertaken.

**RTS/52/2017:** REPORT RE: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CLEAN-UP WORKS AT WELL LANE GRAVEYARD, NEWRY

**Read:** Report dated 19 April 2017 Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director, regarding request to investigate possible clean-up works at Well Lane Graveyard, Newry. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed:-

- Mr Scullion and Mr Parkes consider a proposal for the Council to undertake a one-off clean-up of Well Lane Graveyard, Newry and submit a report for consideration by the Newry DEA Fora.
- Officer time be allocated to investigate other potential sources of funding and to pass this information to the Riverside Reform Presbyterian Church. Information obtained from any research undertaken to identify other possible funding sources should be shared with other Church maintained cemeteries.

#### FOR NOTING

**RTS/53/2017:** ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN 30 MARCH 2017

**Read:** Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin 30 March 2017. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the above Bulletin.

**RTS/54/2017:      ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
-      MINUTES OF THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017**

**Read:**              Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated 26 January 2017.  
(Circulated).

**Agreed:**           It was agreed to note the above Minutes.

**RTS/55/2017:      CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED WATER ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS**

**Read:**              Consultation on proposed Water Environmental Impact  
Assessment Regulations. (Circulated)

**Agreed:**           It was agreed to note the above correspondence.

**RTS/56/2017:      BUILDING REGULATIONS REPORT  
-      1 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 28 FEBRUARY**

**Read:**              Building Regulations Report from Mr Colm Jackson, Assistant  
Director of Regulatory & Technical Services regarding applications  
received from 1 September 2016 to 28 February 2017.  
(Circulated).

**Agreed:**           It was agreed to note the above Report.

**RTS/57/2017:      HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**

**Read:**              Report re: Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Action  
Tracking Update. (Circulated).

**Agreed:**           It was agreed to note the above Report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.00 pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

**Signed:**           **Councillor Roisin Mulgrew**  
**Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee**

**Signed:**           **Mr C O Rourke**  
**Director Regulatory & Technical Services**

<b>Report to:</b>	Full Council Meeting
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Organisation of rally to support the delivery of Accident & Emergency Services at Daisy Hill Hospital
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive

<b>Decisions required:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree to organise a public rally to enable the public to voice their support for Daisy Hill, Accident and Emergency Services.</li> <li>To agree that the Party Representatives Forum will oversee the organisation of the rally.</li> </ul>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background:</b>
1.1	Given the recent announcement by the Southern Trust of the senior staff shortages in the A & E Services and the impact this may have on services long term, the public have been raising concerns. The Chairperson and Party Representatives Forum have proposed to host a public rally to allow the public to voice their support and request that the Accident and Emergency Services are fully staffed for a 24 hour service.
1.2	The event will be held on 13 May 2017 at an open air public facility within Newry City, exact location to be agreed.
1.3	The Party Representatives Forum will agree speakers and arrangements for the event.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations:</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree to organise a public rally to enable the public to voice their support for Daisy Hill A &amp; E Services on 13 May 2017 at an open air public facility within Newry City.</li> <li>To agree that the Party Representatives Forum will oversee the organisation of the rally.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Preparations of the venue, overtime for stewards and ancillary work.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications:</b>
5.1	None
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None



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11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to inform you of your Councillor's attendance at the Housing Council and Committee Meetings between the period April 2016 and March 2017.

The Housing Council held 12 meetings.

Your representative Charlie Casey was recorded as present at 11 of these meetings.

The Housing Council Committee held 6 meetings.

Your representative was recorded as present at 5 of these meetings.

Yours sincerely

PP

Kelly Cameron  
Senior Administrative Officer  
NI Housing Council



## **Councillor Emma Coffey**

49 Fair Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth

By email.

10/03/2017

**Re: Mna Na hEireann 2017 - Celebrating Women in Modern Ireland  
Conference Dates: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be most grateful if you would present the attached conference information to the relevant personnel for Approval for Councillors to attend. I believe that the Conference would be of value, benefit and be relevant to County Councillors particularly female Councillors.

**Many Thanks**

***Councillor Emma Coffey***

**Fianna Fail**

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***Mna na hEireann 2017***  
**THE DUNDALK WIDOWS GROUP**  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF CLLR EMMA COFFEY

**“MNA NA HEIREANN 2017” - A CONFERENCE ON THE THEME OF  
WOMEN IN MODERN IRELAND**

**TO EXPLORE THE ROLES OF WOMEN IN THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY, POLITICS  
AND INDUSTRY IN MODERN IRELAND. SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE  
INCLUDE;**

- **MARIAN HARKIN MEP,**
- **ARLENE FOSTER MLA,**
- **HISTORIAN SINEAD MCCOOLE,**
- **JOURNALIST SUSAN MCKAY,**

**AND WOMEN FROM MANY DISCIPLINES IN THE ISLAND OF IRELAND**

**THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
2017, AT AN GRIANAN, THE I.C.A. HEADQUARTERS IN TERMONFECKIN, CO.  
LOUTH.**

**THE FEE PER DELEGATE INCLUDING ALL MEALS ETC IS €180.00.**

The Conference will concentrate on the gender equality, diversity and inclusion issue and on encouraging women to enter and progress in the role of a public representative, in areas such as the political field, boards of management and public/ voluntary committees.

Drawing on analysis of candidate data and electoral results from the 2014 local elections, it shows that women's political representation currently stands at just under 21 %, which is a record high for women's participation in the elected structures of county and city councils.

The conference through a series of lectures and Q+A sessions will evaluate the lessons learned about political parties, gender and candidate recruitment at the 2014 local elections and the impact of 'Gender Quota 'system on the 2016 General election. Is the Gender Quota system working as the main driving force behind women's increased participation in elections?

The conference will highlight the administrative structures of local authorities, where men dominate senior management positions. Recent years have shown an increasing numbers of women are accessing senior management roles however, gender barriers remain.

For more Information please contact

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Or

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### Battle of Messines Ridge

### Chath Dhroim Messines

at the Island of Ireland  
Peace Park, 7<sup>th</sup> June  
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ag Páirc Shíochána Oileán na  
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**From the Permanent Secretary  
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Our ref: RP1010  
SCORR-0053-2017

Date: 3 April 2017

Dear Mr Hannaway

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2017 regarding support for the campaign to fund Orkambi for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers in Northern Ireland. We received your correspondence on the 20 March 2017 in which you request that the incoming Minister of Health engage with Vertex Pharmaceuticals on the cost of the supply of Orkambi. You also requested that, in the interim, the Department of Health progress the matter of funding Orkambi for CF sufferers in Northern Ireland.

I am aware that the Department of Finance has already replied to you on this issue on the 21 March 2017.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published guidance on the use of Lumacaftor and ivacaftor (Orkambi) combination therapy for treating cystic fibrosis homozygous for the F508del mutation. This guidance (TA398) does not recommend the use of Lumacaftor and ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis.

The Department of Health endorsed TA398 as applicable here in August 2016 and Orkambi would not therefore be offered as a routinely commissioned drug for CF.

For therapies not routinely commissioned locally, the HSC Board considers funding requests for treatment where exceptional clinical circumstances can be established. These are known as individual funding requests (IFRs). The details of the process can be found at the following link:

[http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Protocol ECR and IFR arrangements.pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Protocol%20ECR%20and%20IFR%20arrangements.pdf)

As the main issues you raise in your letter clearly relate to Government policy, and as there is currently no Health Minister in place to respond to your correspondence, I would advise you to write to the incoming Minister once appointed.

I trust you find this response of value.

Yours sincerely

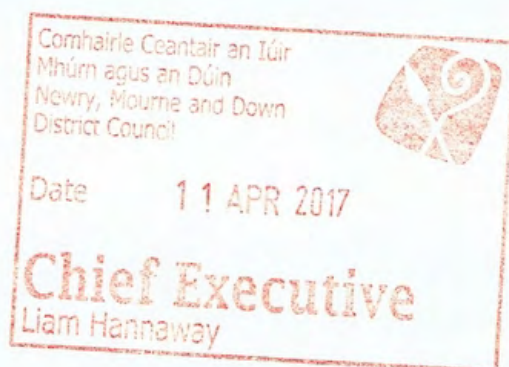


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Cc: Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance



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62 April 2017

Dear Liam,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2017, in which the Council requests that I forward details of the open reasons why Mr Taylor's licence was revoked.

The open statement of evidence on behalf of the Secretary of State is an open document that has been served on Mr Taylor as required by S. 28(3) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 following his recall to prison. As you know, Mr Taylor's case has been referred to the independent Parole Commissioners.

Parole hearings are private hearings which are not open to the public and the material generated and relied upon is not made public. Rule 22 (3) of the Parole Commissioners' Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009 provides that "Information about the proceedings and the names of any persons concerned in the proceedings shall not be made public." More information on their recall process can be found at

[www.parolecomni.org.uk](http://www.parolecomni.org.uk)

Further, given the open statement contains sensitive personal data, we consider that disclosure of the statement to you would not be in compliance with our data protection obligations.

I am sure that you will appreciate that as the review of this case is ongoing it would be inappropriate for me to comment further on the Parole Commissioners proceedings.



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28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Mr Hannaway,

**RE: Churches, church halls and places of worship to be exempt from planning fees**

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 April which was received on 24 April.

You reported that the District Council had passed a motion calling for churches, church halls and places of worship within the district to be exempt from planning fees.

You will be aware that regulation 6(1) of the Planning (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 states that a planning application (or deemed application) from a club, society or other organisation is eligible for a nil fee exemption if the application meets certain conditions. Namely, the application must relate to the provision of community facilities (including sports grounds and playing fields) and the development must be carried out on land which is, or is intended to be, occupied by the organisation and is to be used wholly or mainly for the carrying out of its objects.

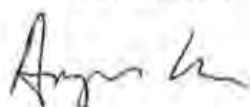
The Department has historically held the view that a church cannot be construed as being of a character similar to a club or society and so cannot be exempt under the current legislation.

The Department recently reviewed this issue and has no current plans to change the existing legislation. However, the matter was discussed with councils at Strategic Planning Group meetings last year and I understood that some councils were intending to give further consideration to the scope of the existing exemption. I am not aware if this has taken place or what the outcome has been.

I trust you find this information helpful.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Kerr', written in a cursive style.

**ANGUS KERR**  
Director



Quality Care - for you, with you

**Chair**

Roberta Brownlee

**Chief Executive (Interim)**

Francis Rice

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20 April 2017

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Dear Liam

**RE: POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT DAISY HILL HOSPITAL**

I am happy to meet the Council to discuss the issues set out in your letter of 11 April 2017.

Please contact my office to agree a suitable date, time and venue.

Yours sincerely

**STEPHEN MCNALLY, ACTING**  
*obo* **FRANCIS RICE**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE (INTERIM)**

Dear Stakeholder

The HMG Security Policy Framework is a guide for all Her Majesty's Government organisations, setting out underpinning arrangements that apply to personnel security, physical security and information security.

In response to this Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) has drafted a NIFRS Security Policy which complies with this Framework. In addition, NIFRS has a legal responsibility under the Health & Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to provide a safe working environment.

The draft Policy covers all aspects of security arising from terrorist and non-terrorist related issues such as theft, extortion and wilful malicious damage with the aim of protecting the safety, security and welfare of staff, third party contractors and the general public, whilst on NIFRS property. The focus is on safe systems and safeguards against crime, loss, damage or theft of property, equipment or other NIFRS assets and also minimising any disruption or loss of service to the public and staff.

Review by the policy lead officer has indicated no significant adverse impacts for any of the 9 equality categories under Section 75 and we have 'screened out' the draft Policy and a full EQIA is not required.

As the draft NIFRS Security Policy applies to external customers of NIFRS as well as employees, we invite stakeholders to give us their views on the screening outcome and also on the draft Policy and its implementation in general.

Consultation documentation is downloadable from our website [www.nifrs.org/consultation/](http://www.nifrs.org/consultation/)

If you require clarification or would like to discuss the draft NIFRS Security Policy further, face to face meetings can be arranged with the lead officer, Mr Sean Fitzsimons, Interim Head of Facilities & Estates or telephone conversations facilitated on request. Alternative formats may also be considered, where reasonable and upon request.

Consultation responses should be forwarded no later than **Friday 30 June 2017** using the consultation questionnaire, if preferred. Responses to be forwarded to:

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Thank you in advance for your contribution to this consultation.

Regards  
**Adèle Davidson**  
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