



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

November 30th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 3rd December 2018** at **6:30 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

Christmas Dinner will be served in the Commedagh Room from 5.30pm prior to the Council Meeting at 6.30pm

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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Notices of Motion

14.0 Notice of Motion - Housing Symposium

Notice of Motion received in the names of Councillors Savage, Devlin, Casey, Clarke, Hyland, Taylor, Walker and McMurray

"Against the backdrop of a growing social housing crisis in Newry city and across the district, this Council agrees to hold a major Housing Symposium in Newry in early 2019. All stakeholders within the housing sector and associated support service providers will be invited to attend this event which will have the aim of providing opportunities for collaboration to provide short, medium and long term solutions to tackle the housing crisis in Newry and across the district."

15.0 Notice of Motion - Request to create post Brexit UK Sovereign Wealth Fund

Notice of Motion received in the names of Councillors Reilly and Hanna

"That this Council requests the UK Government to create a post Brexit United Kingdom Sovereign Wealth fund that would receive the same level of payments that the UK would have paid to the EU if still a member of the European Union."

16.0 Notice of Motion - Restoration of Ulster Way from Killyleagh to Strangford via Downpatrick

Notice of Motion received in the names of Councillors Enright and Walker

"The loss of the Ulster Way section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick and hence to Strangford was a huge blow to East Down in 1989. Since then Council staff have promised to re-assert off-load links to recreate these vital routes but it has not been prioritised.

Council resolves that this work now needs to be prioritised on a cross departmental plan to have any hope of success within a reasonable timescale;

- The Policy and Resources department and their legal team need to ensure off-road links are restored, enforced and maintained. Or that necessary section 12 declarations under the Countryside Order are put in place.
- The Active and Healthy department needs to target key routes for community trails between Kilclief, Strangford, Saul, Killyleagh and Downpatrick to ensure we have an off-road network that is worthy of being adopted as a way-marked trail.
- The Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Department needs to strategically link up these community trails to way-marked trails on a regional basis. We will need to apply to have this section of the Lecale Way recognised once again as part of the Ulster Way all the way to Killyleagh around the Southern banks of Strangford Lough and across the Quoile."

Invitees

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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/170/2018	Chairman's Remarks	Condolences to be passed to Councillor Hearty and his family and the family of former Newry Councillor Sean Gallogly.	D Services	Condolences sent	Y
C/173/2018	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 October 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	Y
C/174/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 24 September 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	Y
C/175/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2018	ERT/160/2018 – Community Led Festivals It was agreed that information regarding the differences between community-led and tourism festivals be circulated to Members. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Adopted	Y
C/176/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Adopted	Y
C/177/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Adopted	Y
C/178/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2018	It was agreed that a letter be written to the Permanent Secretary asking that Council be furnished with schedules for weed-spraying next year. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	R Moore	Adopted	Y
C/179/2018	Minutes of Audit	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and	D Carville	Adopted	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2018	adopted.			
C/180/2018	Correspondence received from Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) regarding Council's concerns relating to the final deal of our exit from the European Union	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	Y
C/181/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Ó Muíri and Hearty	It was agreed that Council sets an example of having staff and facilities become JAM Card friendly and encourages local business and towns/villages to do the same.	M Lipsett		
C/182/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Andrews	It was agreed that Council calls on Secretary of State, Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP to follow the lead of the Scottish Government and implement the call from Marie Curie and the MND Association for a fairer definition of terminal illness that is based on clinical judgement and patient need, not a time restricted estimation of life expectancy.	Democratic Services	Letters sent Acknowledgement received from Derek Baker, Permanent Secretary, Department of Education – 26/11/2018	Y
C/183/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Loughran	It was agreed that Council write to the Department of Education expressing our concerns and disappointment that funding is no longer available, and calling for the reinstatement of funding for this essential programme of which 3,600 pupils from 400 primary schools have benefitted on an annual basis. It was further agreed to forward the Motion to all Councils seeking their support.	Democratic Services	Letters sent	Y

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 5 November 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Murnin**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor L Devlin	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor O McMahon
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing, Enforcement and Business Support
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/170/2018**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Harte, Hearty and Quinn.

- The Chairman passed his condolences to Councillor Hearty and his family on the loss of his mother and advised of the funeral arrangements.
- Councillor Savage also asked that condolences be expressed to former Newry Councillor Sean Gallogly who had recently passed away.
- The Chairman congratulated Newry Rainbow Project who successfully bid to host UK and Ireland Pride 2019.

- The Chairman advised October had again been a busy month with the following events and visits taking place:
 - Red Bull Fox Hunt in Rostrevor; trip to China with Chief Executive, Chamber of Commerce and SRC representatives; successful City Deal announcement which would bring great benefits to the District; City of Merchants Festival with thanks to First Derivatives; WW1 Roll of Honour Event; successful Hallowtides in Newcastle with over 20k in attendance; successes at NILGA Awards with Newry Leisure Centre winning best building and Sean McKeivitt being nominated in employee of the year category.

C/171/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive declared an interest in agenda item 7 – Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2018.

C/172/2018 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 1 October 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 1 October 2018 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/173/2018 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 October 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/174/2018 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 24 September 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 24 September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/175/2018 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2018 (copy circulated).

ERT/160/2018 – Community Led Festivals

Councillor Curran asked when the workshop to discuss Community Led Festivals would take place.

Mrs Ward advised the workshop would take place on 6th December 2018.

Councillor Enright advised he had not been allowed to have his motion on this matter seconded at the ERT Committee meeting and the matter needed to be discussed.

Councillor Ruane stated he had chaired the ERT Committee meeting and the motion had been discussed in detail and a decision was made, therefore it was false to say the motion had not been heard or dealt with.

Members discussed the issue at length with congratulations being extended to Newry Rainbow Community on their successful bid for Pride 2019 and Councillor Kimmins asked whether there had been any discussions as yet as to how the Council would assist with the Pride festival and subsequent convention.

Mrs Ward advised that officers would be meeting with the Rainbow Community to explore how to support the event and a report would be brought to the December or January ERT Committee Meeting.

Councillor Hanna asked that information on the differences between community-led and tourism festivals be circulated to Members for their information before the workshop.

Mrs Ward advised she would undertake to circulate the information to all Members.

Agreed: It was agreed that information regarding the differences between community-led and tourism festivals be circulated to Members.

City Deal

Councillor Savage paid tribute to the delegation which travelled to Westminster and congratulated Council on securing money from the Treasury. He stated there was some confusion as to the preferred site for the new civic centre in Newry and asked for clarity on which the preferred site was, and when the decision for that had been reached.

The Chief Executive advised the decision in terms of the need for a civic centre for Newry was identified in the Council's Corporate Plan published in March 2015. The

Corporate Plan detailed the major strategic projects Council wished to bring forward during the 2015-2019 term of Council. Council then appointed Deloitte to investigate available and suitable sites for a civic centre and adjacent conference facilities. Sites within Council ownership and other sites were both identified and reviewed. He clarified that some Council owned sites, such as lands at Albert Basin, had been excluded and the Abbey Way lands were the Council owned site that remained a possibility to cater for the size and city centre location. However a definite site had not yet been finalised and this project was one that might be delivered as a joint venture as different private sector options were still being explored.

Mrs Ward advised the preferred site for the theatre and conference facilities was the Ross Thompson site with the procurement process for integrated design teams for both projects having begun. She advised two separate teams would be put in place for the theatre and conference centre and the civic centre.

Councillor Savage asked if Southern Regional College came back to Council stating they were not interested in the former sports centre site at Patrick Street, could that site then be considered. Mrs Ward agreed to advise why this site was not considered suitable.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Hanna.**

C/176/2018 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2018**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2018 (copy circulated).

SPR/130/2018 – Report on Irish Language Financial Assistance Scheme 2019/2020 and Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2019/2020

Councillor Walker said he was outraged at the increase in budget for the Irish Language Bursary Scheme by £10k stating that once again, Unionists in the District were being discriminated against, while additional monies were being given to the nationalist community. These sentiments were echoed by Councillors Craig, Taylor and Reilly.

Councillor Ó Muiri stated if other languages were to be considered, Councillors should set up a working group similar to the Irish Language Working Group. He stated there had been no request for funding from the Irish Language Working Group within the first two years its establishment as a strategy was being developed during that time. However, the uptake for the bursary scheme was oversubscribed and the proposal from the working group was to increase the bursary by £10k.

Mrs Carville advised the full amount of £50k through the financial assistance scheme had not been expended. However, as discussed at the SPR Committee, this was

similar to the first year in other financial assistance schemes as perhaps the scheme was not promoted as widely as it could have been. The money allocated was out of the overall financial assistance scheme, and not additional monies. She stated as part of the Corporate Services business plan, an objective existed to look at a minority and other languages strategy for Council, with a paper going to the next Equality and Good Relations Forum.

Members discussed the issue at length with Members putting points both for and against the recommendation of the SPR Committee and outlining in detail their individual views on the initiative, following which the Chairman put the matter to a recorded vote (copy appended to these minutes), the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 27
AGAINST: 7
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The minutes were AGREED.

Agreed: The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Savage.

The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

C/177/2018 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Andrews.

C/178/2018 MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2018 (copy circulated).

RTS/151/2018 – Bus Shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook

Councillor Mulgrew stated she had been asked by the community in Cloughreagh Park to ensure a bus shelter was put in place. She said this was essential for the people living there, many of who were elderly.

Councillor Stokes said he would question the version of events surrounding the issue of a bus shelter for Coughreagh being put forward by Councillor Mulgrew.

Members discussed the issue at length and Councillor Mulgrew asked that the recommendation be amended to provide for the erection of a bus shelter at Cloughreagh Park.

The Chairman put the recommendation of the RTS Committee meeting on this matter to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 15
AGAINST: 11
ABSTENTIONS: 3

The recommendation was AGREED as detailed in the Committee minutes.

RTS/140/2018 – Car Park Review Update

Councillor Trainor queried why there were no public consultation events taking place on the car park review, particularly in the Downpatrick area where the issue was so relevant.

Mrs Ward advised public engagement in the process was by way of online user survey and there were also printed versions in all Council premises. She stated the intention was to allow the process to conclude and public events could be arranged as necessary following this.

RTS/156/2018 – DFI re: Weed-Spraying in the Newry, Mourne and Down Area

Councillor McAteer proposed that Council write to the Permanent Secretary asking that schedules for the next year's weed-spraying be provided to Council in advance. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Ruane to write to the Permanent Secretary asking that Council be furnished with schedules for weed-spraying next year.

Agreed: The Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McMahan.

The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McAteer.

Councillor Reilly left the meeting during the above discussions – 7.40pm

C/179/2018 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/180/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION (DExEU) REGARDING COUNCIL'S CONCERNS RELATING TO THE FINAL DEAL OF OUR EXIT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Read: Correspondence dated 25 October 2018 received from DExEU Correspondence Team regarding Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's concerns relating to the final deal of the exit from the European Union (copy circulated).

Noted: **The correspondence received was noted.**

Councillors Craig, Clarke, Hyland and Walker left the meeting at this stage – 7.45pm

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/181/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS Ó MUIRI AND HEARTY**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Muíri:

“This Council recognises the high levels of people living with autism, learning difficulties and communication barriers in the district and commends those groups who work to support them: proposes that the Council sets an example of having staff and facilities become JAM Card friendly and encourage local businesses and towns/villages to do the same”

In proposing the motion, Councillor Ó Muíri provided background to the JAM Card saying it was an initiative undertaken by the NOW social enterprise group, the aim of which was to increase independence for people with learning difficulties and autism. JAM – short for 'Just a Minute' was a simple card that had 'Just a Minute' printed on one side and 'Please be patient I have a learning difficulty' on the other side that could be discreetly handed to shop assistants to advise them that the person may need a

little extra time with their transactions. Councillor Ó Muíri said there were more than 12,000 people using the JAM card and it was being supported by eight of the eleven Councils in N. Ireland along with other businesses including Translink, SSE Arena, Consumer Council and NIE Networks. He said the card was also available to download as an app.

Councillor Larkin seconded the motion.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the motion.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri seconded by Councillor Larkin that Council sets an example of having staff and facilities become JAM Card friendly and encourages local business and towns / villages to do the same.**

C/182/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREWS**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Andrews:

“That Newry, Mourne and Down District Council acknowledges the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign highlighting deep concern about the impact of the current definition of terminal illness used for the eligibility for benefits including PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENTS [PIPS] in Northern Ireland. Council notes that PIP has special rules for applicants with terminal illnesses, which allows people to access payments quicker and without face to face assessments. However this avenue is only open to those who have been given a prognosis of six months or less. This restriction is unfair excluding many people with terminal illnesses, including those with Motor Neurone Disease, chronic heart failure and COPD as they fail to access PIP under the special rules, meaning they have to wait much longer for their payments and undergo face to face assessments. This Council affirms that this is unfair and denies people the best quality of life during the time they have left and calls on the Secretary of State Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP to follow the lead of the Scottish Government and implement the call from Marie Curie and the MND Association for a fairer definition of terminal illness that is based on clinical judgement and patient need, not a time restricted estimation of life expectancy”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Andrews said that both Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Associations were looking at reforming the special rules that were currently in place whereby access to PIPS payments were quicker and did not require face to face assessments for those people who had a prognosis of six months or less. Councillor Andrews said this was a very unfair process and the main thrust of reform was to make a case for a more compassionate system to be put in place. He continued, saying that many people with MND died within one year of diagnosis and all people who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness should be afforded dignity and should not have to wait for payments or be subjected to face to face assessments.

Councillor Devlin seconded the motion saying the six month rule was very harsh and it was disgraceful that people with terminal illnesses should be treated in this way. She continued, saying people in the final months or years of their life should be nurtured and treated with dignity and respect.

Councillor Hanna said DUP was happy to support the motion and commended Councillor Andrews for taking it forward.

Councillor Taylor said UUP would support the motion and he thanked Councillor Andrews for taking it forward, saying a fairer and more compassionate system was needed.

Councillor Kimmins said SF would support the motion and she said it was a humiliating process for affected families to have to go through.

Councillor McMurray expressed support for the motion saying it was further evidence of hostile environment that has been created by government.

In summing up, Councillor Andrews thanked the Councillors for their support saying it was the most vulnerable who were being targeted by the current definition of terminal illness used for the eligibility for benefits. He said it was unfair, discriminatory and degrading for all those affected by terminal illness.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Devlin that this Council calls on the Secretary of State Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP to follow the lead of the Scottish Government and implement the call from Marie Curie and the MND Association for a fairer definition of terminal illness that is based on clinical judgement and patient need, not a time restricted estimation of life expectancy”.**

C/183/2018

NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR LOUGHRAN

“That this Council acknowledge and applaud the contribution that the “Curriculum Sports Programme” have made to the emotional health and physical wellbeing of our primary school children since it was introduced in 2007 and request that this Council write to the Department of Education expressing our concerns and disappointment that funding is no longer available, and calling for the reinstatement of funding for this essential programme of which 3,600 pupils from 400 primary schools have benefitted on an annual basis”.

In proposing the motion Councillor Loughran said over the past decade thousands of children across Northern Ireland had benefited from this award winning programme that had been delivered by Ulster GAA and the IFA and it contributed not only to the children’s physical wellbeing but also their emotional health. She continued, saying

the axing of funding would result in a devastating blow to school children and those whose jobs are at risk.

Councillor Trainor seconded the motion saying that sports played an important part in young people's lives in terms of team work and personal development and commended the coaches for doing such a good job. He continued, saying that encouraging an active healthy lifestyle in children would have long term benefits from a medical aspect.

Councillor Harvey expressed support for the motion saying the removal of this funding would have the detrimental effect on the health of children.

Councillor McMurray said he would be happy to support the motion saying that children were not getting enough physical activity daily. He said Northern Ireland had the highest obesity rates in 14 year olds which inevitably would have long term effects and that research demonstrated the positive effects that physical activity had in terms of academic improvements, mental health and physical wellbeing.

Councillor Taylor thanked Councillor Loughran for bringing the motion and expressed his disappointment in the withdrawal of much needed funding. He said there was a certain irony in the decision to withdraw this funding by the Department of Education as the day following the withdrawal of funds, the Department issued a statement highlighting the benefits of outdoor play. He said that sports were very important for young children and the Education Authority should be challenged to reverse their decision.

Councillor Devlin expressed support for the motion saying that obesity was a real challenge that had resulted in deaths. She said that as we were living in a digital age every effort should be made to encourage sports activity among young people. Councillor Devlin asked that it be noted that if the Assembly was operating in Stormont this issue would be dealt with directly by a locally elected Minister and, by not having the Assembly, this resulted in youth of the area being disadvantaged.

Councillor Mulgrew said whilst she agreed generally with the motion she proposed it be amended to include the following additional wording:

“That this Council recognises that these cuts are as a direct result of Tory austerity and that as a Council we reaffirm our objection to these cuts that are little more than an attack on the most vulnerable of our society”

Councillor Mulgrew said that since the announcement had been made regarding the cuts to the funding, Sinn Fein had been very proactive in an effort to reach a resolution and had met with the Head of the Civil Service, David Stirling and made a formal request that interim funding be found until long term funding could be secured. She said that SF had also met with the Ulster Council and had requested a meeting with the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Education.

Councillor Kimmins seconded Councillor Mulgrew's amendment.

Councillor Carr welcomed the comments made and said the cuts had a direct effect on young people.

The Chairman asked Councillor Loughran if she accepted the proposed amendment to the motion.

Councillor Loughran confirmed she did not and the amendment was therefore put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 10
AGAINST: 15

The amendment was declared LOST.

The motion, as proposed by Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Trainor was then put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agreed: **It was agreed that Council write to the Department of Education expressing our concerns and disappointment that funding is no longer available, and calling for the reinstatement of funding for this essential programme of which 3,600 pupils from 400 primary schools have benefitted on an annual basis". It was further agreed to forward the Motion to all Councils seeking their support.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 5th November 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: C/176/2018 – SPR Committee Minutes held on 11 October 2018 –
SPR/130/2018 – Report on Irish Language Financial Assistance Scheme 2019/2020 and Irish
Language Bursary Scheme 2019/2020

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Baillie				X
P Brown				X
R Burgess				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			
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna		X		
V Harte				X
H Harvey		X		
T Hearty				X
R Howell	X			
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins	X			
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran	X			
J Macauley		X		
D McAteer	X			
O McMahan	X			
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin	X			
B Ó Muiri	X			
B Quinn				X
H Reilly		X		
J Rice	X			
M Ruane	X			
M Savage	X			
G Sharvin				X
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor		X		
JJ Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor	X			
B Walker		X		
TOTALS	27	7	0	7

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMC/SC**

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 October 2018 at 6pm in the
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

In the Chair: Councillor M Murnin**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor Mulgrew
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

(Officials)

Mr. L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr. J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning
 and Performance
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
 Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:**Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)**

Mr. M Bloomfield, Chief Executive
 Mr. B McNeill, Director of Operations

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Mr Shane Devlin, Chief Executive
 Mrs Melanie McClements, Director of Older People &
 Primary Care Services
 Mrs Charlene Stoops, Assistant Director of Corporate
 Planning

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Roisin Coulter, Director of Planning, Performance and
 Informatics
 Seamus McGoran, Director of Hospital Services
 Claire Campbell, Planning Manager, Engagement and
 Involvement Lead

SC/35/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Craig, Curran, Devlin, Fitzpatrick, Harte, McMurray, Sharvin and Stokes.

SC/36/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised there would be a question and answer session following each of the three presentations.

**SC/37/2018 PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Chairman welcomed Mr M Bloomfield, Chief Executive and Mr B McNeill, Director of Operations from NIAS to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr McNeill referred to Council's request for information on a list of relevant topics to which NIAS had sent a response on 16 October 2018, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda.

Mr McNeill said NIAS had experienced significant growth in demand for emergency 999 response calls over recent years and were proposing to introduce a revised Clinical Response Model to provide a more appropriate ambulance response.

Mr McNeill advised Northern Ireland Ambulance Service had launched a Consultation and EQIA on the Introduction of Proposed Clinical Response Model which was due to close on 20 December 2018. He then provided an overview of the proposed Ambulance Clinical Response Model (Copy of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Members asked the following questions:

- Was a 5 hour wait on a blue light ambulance transfer to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast acceptable?
- NIAS must ensure any changes implemented were patient driven.
- The use of vehicles must be examined to ensure patients were getting the appropriate vehicle in response to their call e.g. a Rapid Response Vehicle paramedic sent to a call when an ambulance was required to transfer patient to hospital.
- Concerns were raised regarding rural response. NIAS response time of 58 minutes to Crossmaglen, South Armagh was unacceptable and more resources were required to help rural areas such as this.
- Time taken to triage patients upon arrival at A&E, and the need for NIAS staff to remain with patients until they were accepted, was delaying NIAS staff to be released to the next call.
- Concerns were raised regarding NIAS using the English Model with its infrastructure being different to Northern Ireland, and therefore the Scottish model may be more appropriate.
- How confident was NIAS that they would get the additional resources?

- Were there any proposals to collaborate with NIFRS to have more paramedic services based at part time fire stations in rural areas?
- Were there plans to have a first responder for the Mourne area?
- Were there any colleges offering paramedic training within Northern Ireland, particularly for school leavers?
- How would Brexit affect cross border Ambulance Service?
- NIAS needed to lobby the Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) to ensure a rapid response vehicle was positioned closer to the border and South Armagh.
- What age was the NIAS fleet?
- Would NIAS staff be able to make accurate assessments of people's needs when the callers were under pressure?
- Concerns were raised regarding triaging, bed management and flow of people from A&E once brought to a hospital by NIAS.
- Ambulances were being reallocated to emergency calls in Belfast area and away from rural areas.
- There has been an issue with the time taken to answer calls to NIAS on occasions.

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- There were, on occasions, unacceptable lengths of time to wait and these illustrated why changes were required, particularly to Category A – Potentially Immediately life-threatening calls.
New categorisation of calls would result in 7% of 999 calls being Category A calls rather than 30%. This would mean a reduction in the proportion of incidents requiring an 8 minute response which would then release resources to improve responses to all patients.
- NIAS currently send the nearest available resource when a 999 call was received. The proposed model would result in a little more time taken to establish the needs of a patient before sending the appropriate resource.
- Implementation of the new proposals along with additional resources in vehicles and staff would result in an improvement in rural areas.
- NIAS was working in partnership with the Ulster Hospital in developing protocols to improve handover at A&E. A pilot scheme was to be operated over the coming weeks whereby someone who was clinically qualified could accept a patient on arrival (until such times as a nurse was available) to allow NIAS crews to be released. If successful this may be rolled out across other Emergency Departments.
- NIAS used the NHS England Ambulance Response Programme for adopting the call categorisation of Category 1 to Category 4 as it had received 14 million calls though the programme with no reported adverse incidents.
- There was a need for first responders and first responder programmes particularly in rural areas.
- It was anticipated a new foundation course in Paramedic studies would commence in the University of Ulster in January 2019 and run until 2021. It was then hoped a university would undertake to offer a Bachelor Science in Paramedic studies so that school leavers could avail of this.
- NIAS was working closely with the Department of Health to examine the implications of Brexit and should there be a no deal. The NIAS Chief Executive was also working closely with his counterpart in the South and it was hoped movement of ambulances over the border would continue.
- Large scale investment was required to implement the proposed clinical response model. There was no budget at this stage so a strong consultation

response was required along with the Department of Health supporting and seeking to prioritise this.

- 48 paramedics had recently been recruited out of over 100 applications from Ambulance Technicians. These Ambulance Technicians would now need to be backfilled.
- NIAS Call handlers were all specialist trained.
- NIAS operates a rolling Fleet Replacement Programme. 80% of NIAS fleet is 5 years old or less at this time.
- NIAS operates a single regional service and ambulances were dispatched to areas where they are required at that time.
- NIAS call takers aim to pick up calls from BT in 5 seconds however there are occasions when the number of calls exceeded the call takers. NIAS was seeking to increase the capacity of call takers particularly at peak times such as meal times and the weekends.

The delegation from NIAS thanked Members for their time and encouraged them to respond to the consultation process.

Councillors Burgess, Macaulay and Taylor joined the meeting during the presentation – 6.10pm.

Councillors Reilly, Hearty, Hanna and Enright left the meeting during the above discussion – 7.15pm, 7.15pm, 7.20pm and 7.35pm respectively.

SC/38/2018

PRESENTATION FROM SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

The Chairman welcomed the delegation to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Devlin advised copies of his response to the queries sent by Council on 16 October 2018 had been circulated with the agenda and he called on Ms Stoops to make her presentation on the Pathfinder Project.

Ms Stoops provided an overview to the Pathfinder Project, the priorities for transformation, an update on the implementation of the project and the key milestones for the project. (copy of presentation appended to the minutes).

Members asked the following questions:

- Had new staff been recruited for the project or were the Trust utilising existing staff resources.
- How had the new unit been designed, as the old A&E department was quite claustrophobic.
- There was a backlog in the gender identity clinic, what could be done by the Trust to deal with this backlog, particularly with the fact that electrolysis was available on the NHS in England and Wales but not in Northern Ireland.

Ms Stoops and Mr Devlin responded to the queries as follows:

- The project was an ambulatory model based on GPs being able to speak to a consultant, explaining a patient's needs and given an appointment for that day, if required. This negated the need for patients waiting in the emergency department for hours, enabled quicker turnaround times for patients, dealt with build-up of ambulances and would alleviate the pressures on the ambulance

service. The project was staffed by a new team and would operate on a Monday-Friday 9-5 basis depending on the recruitment process.

- The new unit would be housed in the current outpatients department which is adjacent to the Emergency Department and will provide for increased space for patients currently attending ED.
- Would look into the issue of electrolysis and revert back to the Member.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

SC/39/2018 PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

The Chairman welcomed the delegation to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr McGoran advised he was pleased to announce good news on the appointment of 2 consultants for the Downe Hospital which along with agreement from 6 physicians from the Ulster Hospital working for 2 week periods on a rota basis, would stabilise the team at the Downe Hospital. He also stated that there was due to be decisions taken regarding prototypes for dedicated elective centres and would communicate this to the Council when the announcement was made.

Members asked the following questions:

- It was disheartening to hear of the minor attendance figures for the population at the Downe Hospital. Would there be any scope to replicate the Pathfinder Project at the Downe Hospital?
- What could be organised collaboratively with the Trust and Council to sell the area and encourage more people to want to work at the Downe?
- With the acquisition of new beds at the Downe, what was being done with the old beds, would they be repurposed?
- How could the Trust use the Downe and Lagan Valley to cope with winter pressures more effectively?
- Were there any plans for additional funding in psychiatry and mental health services?
- What services were provided for young people's mental health?
- Drugs were still a huge problem across the District, including abuse of prescription drugs, what was being done to address this?

Mr McGoran and Ms Coulter responded to the queries as follows:

- There was a typing error in the letter, it should have said "in addition attendances to the emergency department at the Downe Hospital at nighttime is minimal." The Pathfinder approach would likely be rolled forward through the Department as it was clear a regional approach was required on how unscheduled care was taken forward. The difference between Downe (level 3) and Daisy Hill (level 1) was the ED level status, however the Downe Hospital is now close to providing a sustainable model which meets many of the local population needs.
- The Trust welcomed all collaborative work on the promotion, sustainability and commendation of the service at the Downe Hospital, indeed many teams from across Northern Ireland were visiting the site to look at how the services were being delivered.

- The old beds were in pretty poor condition, some had been kept as spare beds however most went through the process of being delivered to a charity.
- Winter remains very challenging across the Trust with only 4 escalation beds in the Downe Hospital. However the Frail, Elderly Rapid Assessment service would expand as appropriate to assist with winter pressures. Beds at the Ulster were and continue to remain, a challenge however the staff were doing remarkable work and there were other measures being put in place for winter planning including more diagnostic support, teams trying new ways of working, more ambulatory services along with pilot for ambulance handover times.
- Challenges existed regarding mental health and suicide however there was a need for greater investment and joined up working with PSNI and Council along with other services. There was a current project in partnership with PSNI and NIAS at weekends for a second response service to 999 calls on weekend nights.
- There was a direct link between mental health, suicide and the abuse of prescription drugs. The Community Planning Partnership was keen to support in terms of mental health space and currently there were models being investigated to work towards zero suicide.
- The abuse of drugs was a multi-agency approach and with the combination of resources, preventative measures could be put in place to tackle the issue.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 December 2018.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

Proposed Ambulance Clinical Response Model

Brian McNeill
Director of Operations

 Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Health and Social Care Trust



What is the proposal about ?

Changes to how we:

- * manage 999 calls
- * categorise and prioritise 999 calls
- * best meet our patients needs
- * measure our service performance

 Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Health and Social Care Trust



The Case for Change

The current Service needs reform in order to:

- * Prioritise the sickest patients
- * Offer more alternatives to patients than emergency transportation to ED
- * Make best use of Ambulance Service resources and clinical skills



Case for change Why the way we respond to Patients needs to change

- * Lack of evidence to support time based targets (1974), lead to good clinical care for most patients, other than for clinically specific conditions e.g. Cardiac Arrest
- * Currently, 30% patients categorised as requiring an 8 minute response
- * But evidence suggests < 7% require 8 minute response



Case for change

Why the way we respond to Patients needs to change

Time-based ambulance response standards cause inefficiency and poor patient experience by:

- Dispatching resources to a 999 call before a disposition is reached
- Dispatching multiple ambulance vehicles to the same patient
- Diverting ambulance vehicles from one call to another repeatedly.
- Using Paramedic Response cars to “stop the clock”, followed by a long wait for a conveying Ambulance.
- Resulting in very long waits for lower priority calls.



Proposed Clinical response Model



Sending the right Resource first time

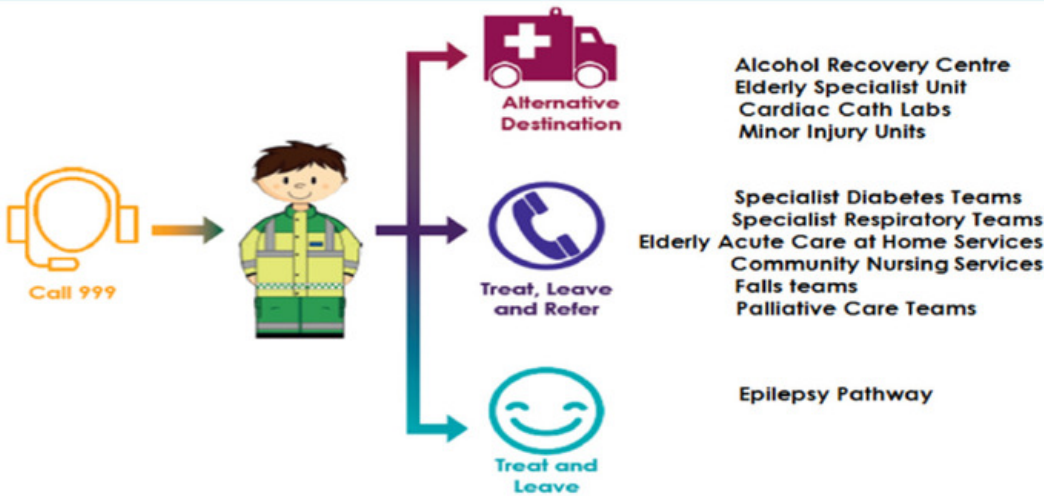
Change in how we best meet our patients needs

* We will send the most appropriate resource to meet the clinical needs of the patient first time, reducing unnecessary multiple ambulance resources being sent to calls.

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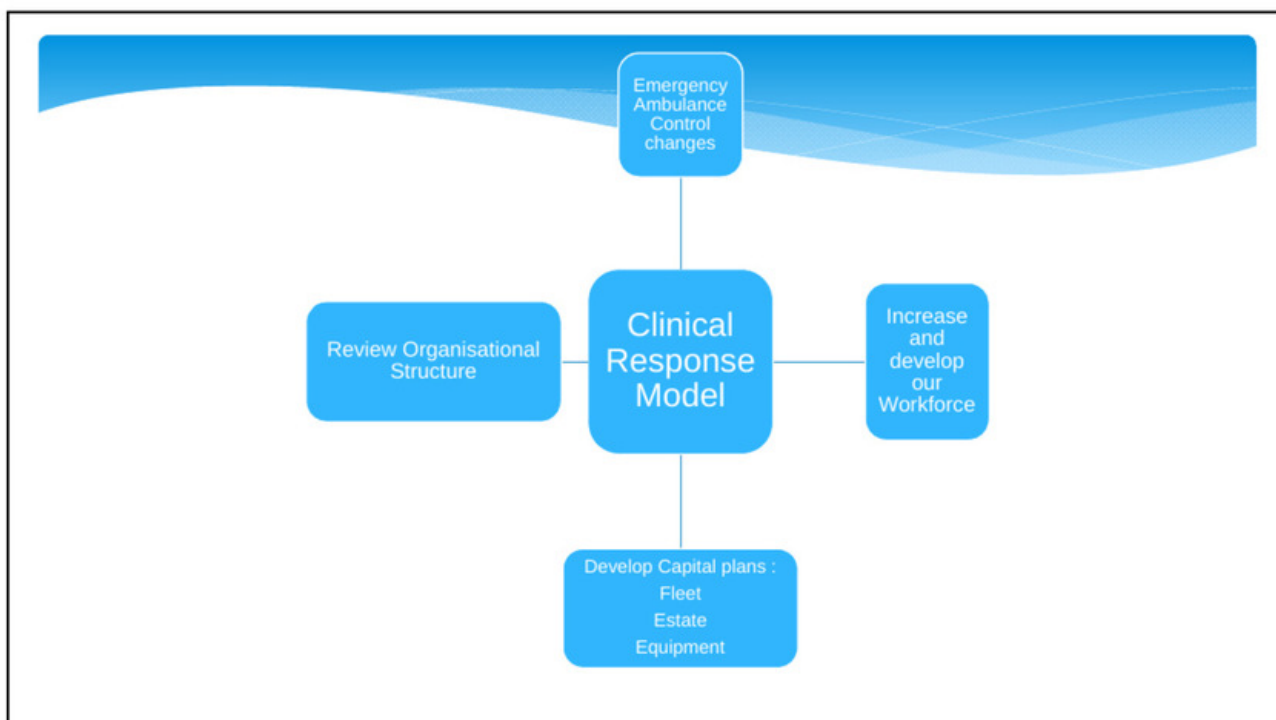
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*** PROPOSED NEW STANDARDS**

Change in how we will measure our service performance .

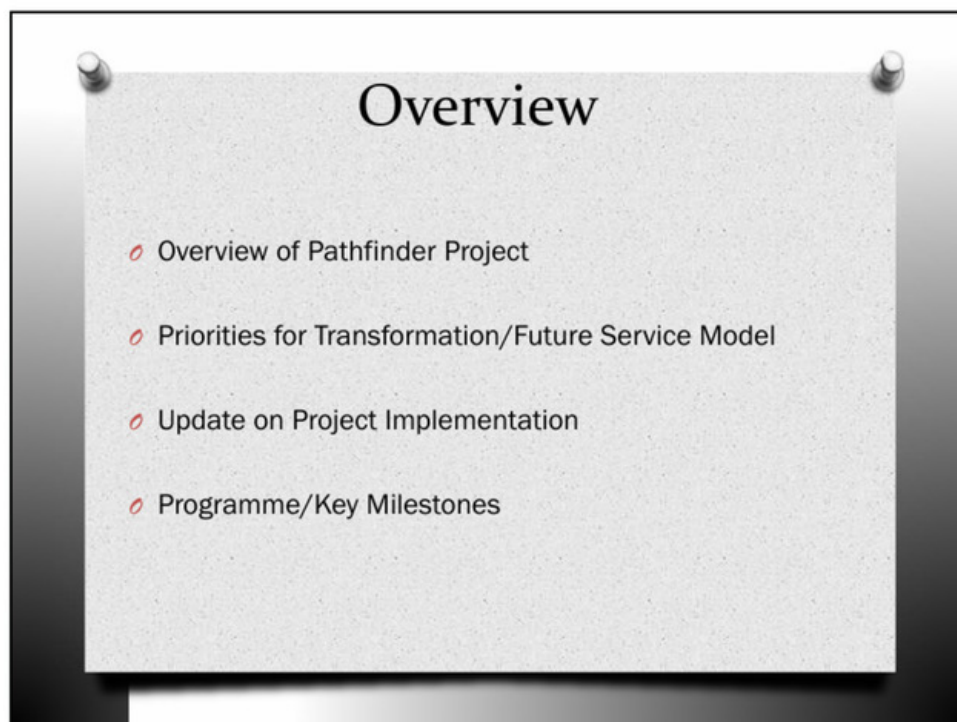
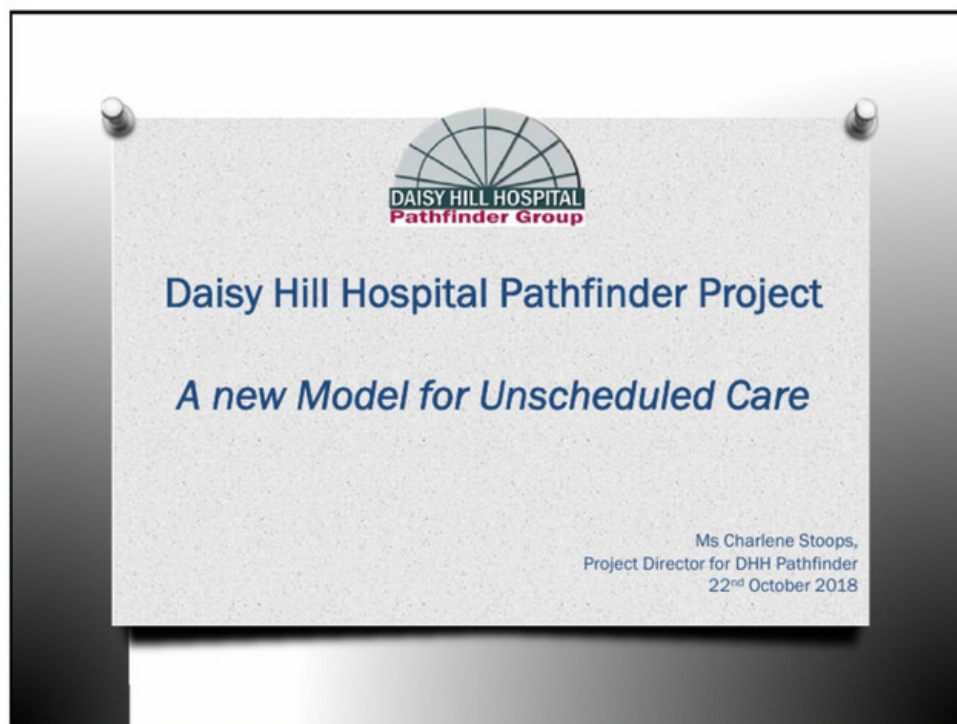
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1 Life threatening	Mean	Response	08:00
		Transport	19:00
	90 th centile	Response	15:00
		Transport	30:00
2 Emergency - potentially serious	Mean	Response	18:00
	90 th centile	Transport	40:00
3 Urgent problem	90 th centile	Transport Response	120:00
4 (999 calls) Less urgent problem	90 th centile	Transport Response	180:00




Summary

- * **Ensure the fastest possible response for a larger number of people.**
- * **Establish the patients needs, and match those needs to the right response, in the right time frame.**
- * Have your say – please let us know what you think by responding to the consultation







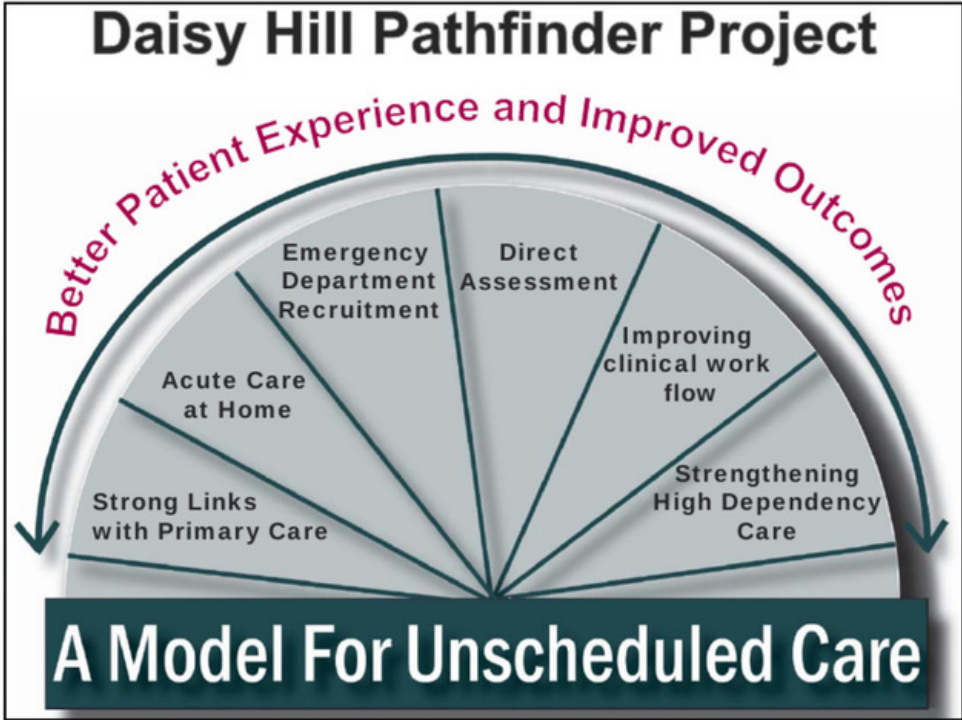
- o The Trust raised concerns about the sustainability of DHH Emergency Department, particularly in the out of hours period.
- o Following a Regional Risk Summit in May 2017, the DOH initiated the DHH Pathfinder Project.
- o Task Set
 - o To develop a long term plan to **stabilise** the ED
 - o To identify measures across primary, community and hospital services to deliver a **sustainable** service

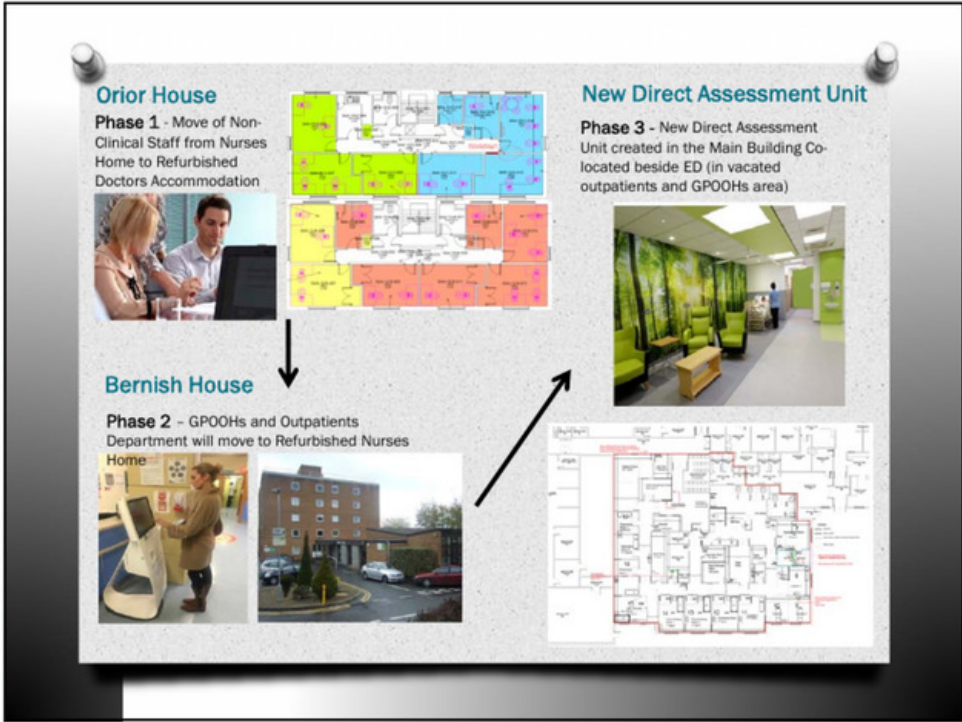
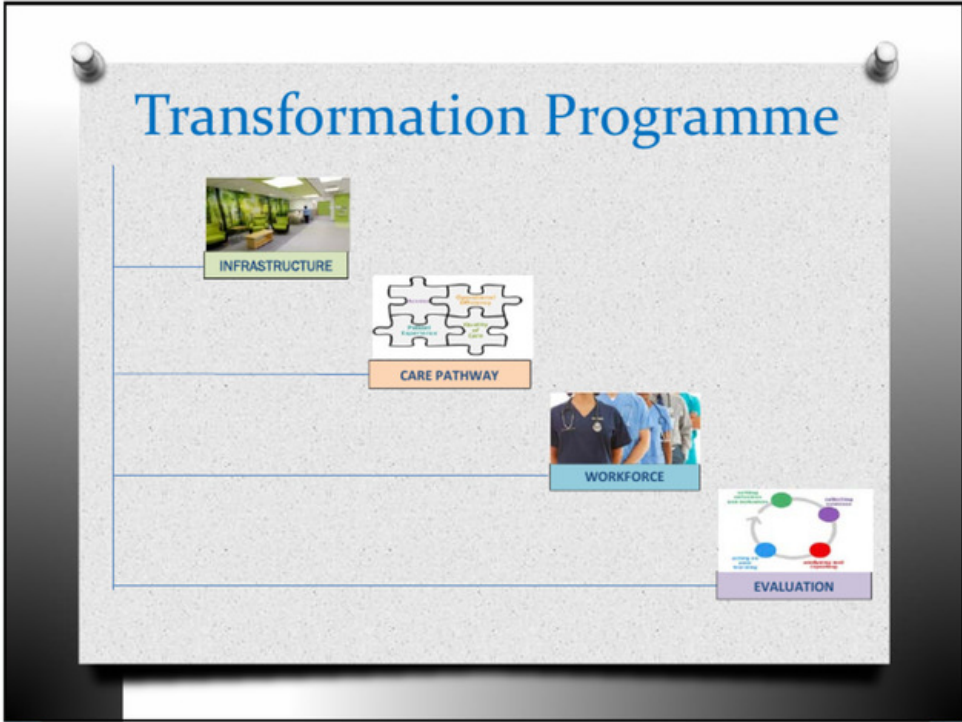
Approach

- o Data-driven & evidence based
 - o Comprehensive Population Health Needs Assessment
 - o Clinical Audits
 - o Literature Reviews
- o Regional policy & strategy
- o National & Regional standards
- o Co-production & Co-Design
- o Collective Leadership

Population Health Needs Assessment

- o Justified need for 24/7 ED at DHH
- o 53,481 attendances (2016/17) – 6th busiest ED
- o Over 3 year period (2014/15 – 2016/17)
 - o 15% increase in adult ED attendances/28% increase in paediatric attendances
 - o 35% increase in medical admissions between 8pm-8am
- o Significant demographic change – population to increase by 18% over next 20 years compared to 8% NI average
- o Outcome of Clinical Audits – HSCB Patient Flow; ED Clinical Audit; 100% ED Challenge





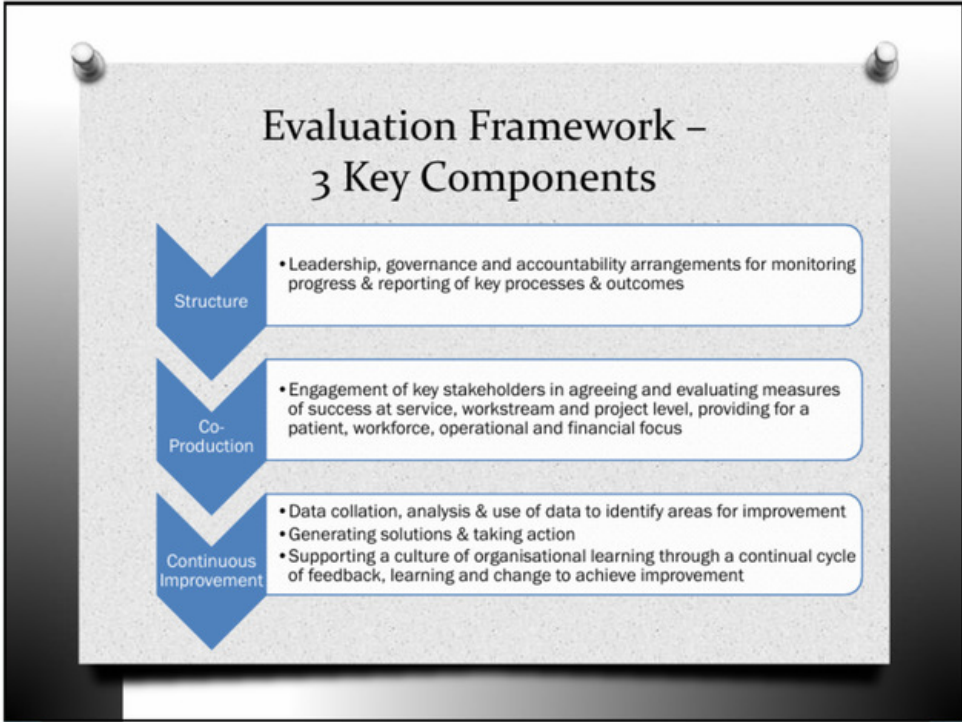
Pathway Development



- o **New Direct Assessment Unit**
 - o Development of care pathway to support the patient pathway
 - o Development of a system to record patient information, monitor activity and report outcomes.
- o **HDU** - Admission and discharge criteria has been developed and work is ongoing to put new service model in place
- o **Engagement with GPs**
 - o Pathfinder Project
 - o Acute Care at Home
 - o Direct Assessment Unit – care pathway development, discharge templates etc

Workforce

- o 5 Year Workforce Plan - to attract, recruit & retain additional staff
- o Recruitment process has commenced
- o Workforce Development Group established - focus on improving staff skill mix, flexible working and providing training & development opportunities



Key Milestones for the Project

Key Milestones for Year 1	Date of Completion
Infrastructure	
Completion of Design Work for Accommodation	End of March 2018
Business Case Approval for Estates Works	2 nd May 2018
Appointment of Contractor	8 th June 2018
Phase 1-4 Accommodation Works	End of November 2018
Direct Assessment Unit Accommodation Operational	December 2018
Pathway Development	
Process Map for Patient Pathway and Draft Operational Policies and Procedures	End of May 2018
Forms and templates	End of June 2018
Finalise Operational Policies and Procedure and Training Pack. Agreement on information system	End of September 2018
Staff Training on Systems and Operational Policies and Procedures	October/November 2018
Workforce	
Direct Assessment Unit Year 1 Staffing	By October 2018
HDU Year 1 Staffing	By 31 st March 2019
ED Year 1 Staffing	By 31 st March 2019

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMD/SC/****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 29 October 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor M Murnin**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor G Hanna
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Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Ms D Carville Director of Corporate Services
 Ms P McKeever Democratic Services Officer
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr S Richardson, DFI Roads
 Mr I Campbell, DFI Roads
 Mr S Duffy, DFI Roads

SC/40/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Craig, Devlin, Harte, Kimmins, Macauley and Sharvin,

SC/41/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from DFI Roads to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation.

SC/42/2018 PRESENTATION FROM DFI ROADS ON SOUTHERN DIVISION DFI ROADS INTERIM REPORT 2018/2019

Mr Richardson introduced his two colleagues, Mr Campbell and Mr Duffy he then proceeded to give a verbal presentation on his Interim Report for 2018/2019 for work in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. **(Interim report attached).**

Following the presentation there was a question and answer session and the following points were raised:

- Mr Richardson confirmed there was no further update in terms of the capital and resource funding from that provided to Members by DFI Roads at the Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2018.
- Mr Richardson confirmed that routine road maintenance works carried out was currently slightly above last year's budget, however potholes were continuing to be repaired in rural areas.
- Mr Richardson stated that LED street lighting was now being used, resulting in longer life span and reduction in outages.
- Winter season service was underway with gritting of roads already taking place across the district.
- Member stated that more regular maintenance needed for emptying gulleys and tackling weed eradication throughout the area. Lack of gulley maintenance resulted in pipes being blocked, consequently compromising the drainage system and resulting in water running along road surfaces and, in winter time, freezing which was hazardous as currently there were no salt supplies on some rural roads.
- Mr Richardson agreed with Members that a more joined up approach was needed to try and tackle the issues of gulleys and weed eradication and public bodies such as Transport NI, DFI Roads, Housing Executive and Council should come together to deal with these issues collectively.
- Member stated A new EU directive had called for the anti-germinating component in the weed killer used by DFI Roads to be removed, thereby making it less effective and resulting in faster regrowth of weeds.
- Several Members expressed their frustration at the lack of progression of road improvements in their areas and believed the Meeting to be little more than a box ticking exercise, in response, Mr Richardson said whilst he understood their frustrations, he was committed to working with them to try and resolve their issues, however he said he was restricted by budgetary constraints.
- DFI Roads were content to review the current format of raising concerns from Members via the DEA Co-ordinators.

- Works scheduled to be carried out in St George's Street and Burren Road – 4th Street Warrenpoint had been included under the Roads Recovery Fund and would be completed before the end of November 2018.
- The junction at the top of the Creamery Road joining the Newry Road in the Crossmaglen area was a very dangerous one and one that had been raised with DFI Roads several times. Mr Richardson said he was aware of previous requests to have works carried out on this junction, however he said the budget needed to complete this work was in the region of £350 – 400k and the budget for the whole area was just £250k. He continued, saying that whilst it was not on the list of works to be carried out, he was not dismissing it and it could be considered if more funding was made available.
- Downpatrick Master Plan – every single project seemed to be abandoned or scaled down, most recently the proposed one way traffic system for the town. Mr Richardson said there were a number of short and medium term projects planned for Downpatrick including plans for a park and ride site and the possibility of a one way system for Edward Street and the upgrading of all traffic signals around the town.
- DFI Roads were aware of the difficulty with the queuing system in Strangford when drivers were accessing the ferry from Strangford to Portaferry. Mr Richardson said it was difficult to patrol due to the roads lay out in Strangford and whilst traffic management was under the remit of DFI Roads, it was not something that could be patrolled all the times due to lack of resources. Mr Richardson acknowledged this was a difficult situation to resolve.
- The announcement of the City Deal funding was very welcome and Dfi should ensure that a project for an upgrade to the A2 Newcastle to Warrenpoint Road be included.
- The works to the roundabout in Newcastle were progressing and were scheduled to be completed within this financial year.
- There had been no change of policy with regard to Councillors accessing DFI Roads staff via the call centre telephone number.
- Simple inexpensive requests such as new signage and speed related signs still not granted in the Ballyholland area.
- Works carried out on the Tullyah Road, Whitecross two years ago by private contractors had now resulted in a part of the road subsiding, DFI Roads to investigate this and revert back to Council.
- The 20mph speed limit operating on a part time basis at primary schools throughout the district was proving to be very successful and could be considered for Tullyah primary school.

- The estimated road maintenance budget across the 4 Roads Divisions, to maintain the network at a constant level, is estimated to be in the region of £140m per year.
- The total budget for roads maintenance for all four roads divisions in N. Ireland was £75m, of which approximately £28m was allocated to Roads Southern Division.
- Member expressed concern regarding the increased volume of traffic and the absence of a footpath at the Dorans Hill / Watsons Road Newry area, however the widening of the bridge at Dorans Hill and Watsons Road was not included as part of the planning application recently approved for a housing development at this location.
- DFI Roads to investigate issues regarding adopting the Mullaghduff Road, Cullyhanna.
- Mr Richardson to send the Speed Limits Guidance assessment process to Councillor Mulgrew for information.
- Mr Richardson to circulate to Members details of all works carried out or still to be carried out under the Roads Recovery Fund.
- Newry Section office to move from Cecil Street, Newry to Carnbane Industrial Estate in mid-November 2018, all contact details to remain unchanged.

AGREED: It was agreed that Roads Service Officials respond in writing to the issues raised at the earlier DEA clinics as well as the issues raised during the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.45 pm.

For confirmation at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 December 2018.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor R Burgess
 Councillor P Byrne
 Councillor M Carr
 Councillor C Casey
 Councillor W Clarke
 Councillor D Curran
 Councillor G Hanna
 Councillor H Harvey
 Councillor R Mulgrew
 Councillor D McAteer
 Councillor O McMahon
 Councillor G Stokes
 Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials
 in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
 Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism, Culture & Events
 Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

ERT/171/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Quinn.

ERT/172/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

ERT/173/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018. **(Copy**

circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/174/2018: ATLANTIC CULTURE SCAPES

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Atlantic Area Successful Bid: Atlantic Culture Scapes. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked if there would be any impact on resources for the Landscape Partnership Scheme, Mr McGilly replied that this was completely separate and would not impact the Landscape Partnership Scheme in terms of resources.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to:

- 1. Accept and sign Letter of Offer from Atlantic Area.**
- 2. Forward for consideration for rates estimate.**

ERT/175/2018: DFC SMALL SCALE CAPITAL SCHEMES UNDERSPEND

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Department for Communities – Proposed Small Scale Capital Schemes Underspend Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Clarke referred to the overarching across the six areas and said street cleansing should be a priority and a maintenance schedule should be in place as a requirement of this initiative. He continued, saying if there were sufficient funds the street furniture would need to be replaced in Newcastle.

Councillor Byrne said he had an issue with the fact that Crossmaglen was not included in Tier 2 of the Local Development Plan and asked was there a reason as to why Crossmaglen would not be included for potential funding. Mr McGilly replied that the Department for Communities had set the criteria in terms of eligibility for funding and Crossmaglen had not been considered eligible. Councillor Byrne asked if the criteria used to determine eligibility could be made available to Committee Members, Mr McGilly said he would bring this information to the next Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting.

Councillor Burgess said the tourist signage in his area was barely legible and would need to be cleaned, Councillor Clarke agreed and said the signage in Newcastle would also

need to be cleaned. Ms Ward said she would raise this with Neighbourhood Services Directorate.

Councillor Casey referred to the Refit of Canal Maintenance Boat and the Victoria Lock Works saying that he believed funding should have been set aside for both of these projects instead of relying on a potential underspend by the DFC.

Mr McGilly replied that both of these projects would fall under the regeneration type works within the District.

Councillor McAteer said he believed a second 'scrubber sweeper' had already been purchased and if this was so, why was it included in the overarching list. Ms Ward replied that she would contact Neighbourhood Services and revert back to him.

Councillor McAteer also referred to the creation of event space on the front shore saying he thought this project of works was already in the pipeline. Ms Ward replied that the projects included for potential funding were ones that were in the pipeline and every effort was being made to draw down funding for these projects so that they are not going against the rate.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that:

- 1. Council submit the Attached List of small scale projects to DFC for consideration over the next 3-4 years.**
- 2. Council approve the prioritising of the list into ranking bands:**
 - Priority 1 – Overarching Schemes**
 - Priority 2 – Ballynahinch / Kilkeel**
 - Priority 3 - Warrenpoint / Newcastle**
 - Priority 4 – Newry / Downpatrick**
- 3. If DFC funds are received, progress is then made to carrying out the necessary procurement to have the agreed number of projects completed.**
- 4. Officials bring back a report later in the financial year to confirm what monies have been provided and what projects were undertaken.**
- 5. DFC funding criteria to be brought to December ERT Committee Meeting.**
- 6. The cleaning of tourist signage in the area to be referred to the Neighbourhood Services Directorate**
- 7. Clarify with Neighbourhood Services if a second 'scrubber sweeper' has already been procured and advise Councillor McAteer.**

ERT/176/2018: BREXIT FORUM

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Brexit Forum . **(Copy**

circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed that:

- 1. Council compile a list of Brexit technical notice and issue Council website.**
- 2. These notices to be tabled at future meetings of Brexit Forum.**
- 3. Council signpost Businesses accordingly to relevant agencies that can support Businesses work through technical notice detail and implications for their business.**
- 4. UU present at the next forum meeting on the various scenarios and implications.**
- 5. Council continue to liaise with INI regulatory potential of lands at Carnbane.**

ERT/177/2018: EER PROGRAMME ACTIVITY

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding EER Programme Activity 2018 - 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to approve the report and projects currently under consideration and the progress on others.

ERT/178/2018: MASTERPLANS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Masterplans: Progress Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna the following was agreed:

- 1. With reference to the 4 Master plan updates, to note the comments provided in relation to progress to date and next steps**
- 2. Over the coming months to engage with members at a DEA level to consider the Masterplans, existing priority action plans, and to reprioritise projects within the Action Plans as required.**

ERT/179/2018: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Warrenpoint

Municipal Park. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Carr referred to the removal of the flower beds and asked if they would be reinstated. Mr McGilly replied there were no plans to have this done. Councillor McAteer said the park was very bare without the flower beds and he believed the plan included ensuring the park was brought back to its original layout. The Chairman said the agreement had been to make the park a more useable space and that included the removal of the flower beds, Mr McGilly concurred with this and said it had been part of the deliberations that had taken place with the HLF and agreed upon.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Mulgrew the following was agreed:

- 1. Approve the attached Warrenpoint Municipal Park Action Sheet dated 2.10.18**
- 2. Obtain a total cost for cleaning and painting of perimeter railings as part of refurbishment works. If HLF are content with price, council proceed with carrying out these additional works as part of contract.**
- 3. Establish cost for Wi-Fi hotspot in Warrenpoint Park and proceed with this on the basis of being within budget.**

ERT/180/2018: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE – FILM PRESENTATION

Mr Hannaway said the £350m from the Treasury would be a major benefit to the region and could deliver a number of key strategic projects, however he said it was important that all heads of agreement were signed first so that the deal was locked down and guaranteed, he said it was hoped to have this signed with the British Government before Christmas. He continued, saying discussions were on going with the government regarding new programmes that had been announced under the prosperity programme initiative and also other potential funding streams in terms of new EU Programmes.

The Belfast Region City Deal Update Film Presentation was then played for the Committee.

ERT/181/2018: MIPIM 2019

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding MIPIM 2019. **(copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked for clarification on what the £16,000 included. Ms Ward replied that each Council had agreed to contribute £10,000 which was the sponsorship package that had been offered and included the opportunity to pitch to investors, branding, twitter feeds, private lunches and that NMDDC would be hoping to get additional

opportunities for the £10,000 investment in terms of partnering with leading organisations and networking with the delegation and the wider MIPIM audience.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed Council contribution to partner as Belfast Region £10,000 plus £6000 for travel and accommodation for Council delegation of Chair and Chief Executive and one officer.

TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/182/2018: TOURIST ACCOMMODATION FUNDING

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourist Accommodation Funding. **(Copy circulated)**

General discussion took place among members. Ms Ward said Council would continue to work closely with Invest NI on the roll out of this initiative and she pointed out this funding should not become a subsidy to the Invest NI arrangement but rather create additional funding where necessary. She continued saying that each application would be treated on merit and the current investment of £1M would be monitored, she said it was hoped to have the application process open early in 2019.

Councillor Carr said he had some concerns regarding the budget for this saying that he understood for items to be included under capital budgets would require Council have an entitlement to it in terms of ownership or leasing and if it were to be assigned to revenue budgets this would mean a 2% increase in the 2019 rates. He continued to say the most recent tourism accommodation study did not see a need for additional accommodation provision in the Warrenpoint / Rostrevor areas.

Ms Ward acknowledged the most recent accommodation study did not currently see a need for additional accommodation provision in the Warrenpoint /Rostrevor areas. With regard to the capital budget, Ms Ward replied that Council would follow a model similar to that of Belfast City Council, however she said she would bring more detail on this issue to a future ERT Committee Meeting.

Councillor Carr said it was not Council's statutory responsibility to provide this funding and he had concerns it would adversely affect the rate payers. Ms Ward replied that she accepted whilst it was not a statutory responsibility of Council, the initiative would undoubtedly be of significant benefit to the tourism industry in the district.

Agreed: On the proposal of Clarke, seconded by Councillor McAteer the following was agreed:

- 1. Approval for the Council to develop its own Financial Assistance Programme to support eligible capital costs for tourist accommodation developments that have received planning permission.**
- 2. More detail on the capital budget funding for the tourist**

accommodation developments to be brought to a future ERT Committee Meeting.

ERT/183/2018: MOURNES GATEWAY PROJECT

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Mournes Gateway Project. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Hanna the following was agreed:**
Approval to appoint a suitably qualified Integrated Consultancy Team to: progress the Mournes Gateway Project in line with BRCD requirements; to develop a comprehensive outline business case; and to develop exemplar concept design to a point where Council can apply for all statutory approvals required with a project of this scale and size. This will also include the development of a detailed programme to achieve project delivery within timescales allocated.

ERT/184/2018: NIEA ENGAGEMENT – NEWCASTLE & WARRENPOINT BEACHES

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Update on sand provision at Newcastle Beach & Warrenpoint Beach. **(Copy circulated)**

General discussion took place among Members and it was agreed they would welcome the opportunity to meet with NIEA officials in January 2019 to discuss in more detail all aspects concerning sand provision to both Newcastle Beach and Warrenpoint Beach.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that Council officials will bring a final report to January 2019 ERT, with representatives from NIEA invited to attend this meeting.**

FOR NOTING

ERT/185/2018: ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19 MID YEAR REVIEW

Read: ERT Business Plan 2018/19 Mid Year Review. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer referred to Planning and asked why there were only nine planning applications scheduled for consideration at the next Planning Committee meeting on 21 November, Ms Ward replied that a workshop to discuss the implementation of a new Scheme of Delegation was to be held on 14 November and that from December 2018 onwards the numbers of applications to be considered at the monthly Planning Committee Meetings would be increased.

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

ERT/186/2018: ERDF UPDATE

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Update: Business Mentoring Programmes support via European Regional Development Fund and Invest NI . **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the contents of the ERDF Update report.

ERT/187/2018: HLF – DOWNPATRICK TOWNSCAPE

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Downpatrick Townscape Initiative application to Heritage Lottery Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the contents of the HLF – Downpatrick Townscape report.

ERT/188/2018: NEWRY PUBLIC REALM PHASE 111

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Newry Hill Street Phase III Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Casey said it was important that all traffic management concerns are raised with the consultants, Mr McGilly replied that this issue would be dealt with at the public consultation stage.

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the Newry Public Realm Phase 111 Report.

ERT/189/2018: ARTISAN MARKETS

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Artisan Markets – Downpatrick and Newcastle – Economic Impact.. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Hanna asked about the financial implications in running the two markets and said the Notice of Motion had proposed the establishment of farmers / artisan markets and he had concerns the agri foods sector was not represented at either market. In response, Ms Ward said the cost was £10,000 p.a. for the two markets and this had been agreed on a trial basis. She continued, saying she acknowledged the Notice of Motion had included both agri foods and artisan but the artisan providers element of the market was proving to be a bigger attraction. Councillor Clarke said he believed the

artisan markets were a major success and supplied niche products, he continued saying that to include agri foods at the market would result in having a negative impact on local greengrocers and businesses in the area.

Agreed: It was agreed to approve the Artisan Markets – Downpatrick and Newcastle – Economic Impact Report.

ERT/190/2018: GEOPARK UPDATE

Read: Report dated 12 November 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding regarding Aspiring Geopark Project update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the content of the report.

ERT/191/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Scheme of Delegation

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the Scheme of Delegation

ERT/192/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

Read: Action Tracker Update Sheet.

ERT/218/2017: ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Mr McGilly said officials had been liaising with both the Department of Agriculture and the Department for Economy. He said recent correspondence received from the Department had indicated they were now looking at conducting a wider strategic exercise for future development of the whole fisheries and seafood industries. Mr McGilly continued, saying Council had responded to the Department asking for clarification and stating that both Ardglass and Kilkeel harbours had previously been identified for future investment. He said Council was committed to both harbours and he wanted to ensure Members were kept up to date and he would bring back a report to a future ERT Committee meeting.

ERT/140/2017: CLANBRASSIL BARNES AND TEA ROOMS, TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK

Councillor Clarke said two summer seasons had passed and there was still no tea room provision at Tollymore Forest Park. Ms Ward replied that Council was liaising with Forest Service and draft leases had been agreed however they were still waiting on evaluation from LPS and this was a lengthy process but officials would endeavour to progress this as quickly as possible.

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the Action Tracker Update Sheet.

ERT/193/2018: STUDY VISIT TO SEAMUS HEANEY HOME PLACE

Read: Invitation from Co-operation Ireland regarding Study Visit to Seamus Heaney Home Place, Bellaghy (Mid Ulster District Council) **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed that any Member interested in attending the study visit should notify Eileen McParland, Democratic Services.**

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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).**

ERT/194/2018: SLIEVE GULLION AND KILBRONEY PARK AR/VR VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Read: Report dated 12 November from Mr Andy Patterson regarding the Digital Tourism Product Development in Kilbroney and Slieve Gullion Forest Parks. **(Copy circulated)**

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

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Clarke the following was agreed:**

Approval to submit an application to the Tourism NI Challenge Fund for the development of digitally focused AR/VR visitor experiences at Slieve Gullion and Kilbroney Forest Parks, and in allocating £150k match-funding to the project within this 18/19 Financial Year.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 December 2018.

Signed: _____
Councillor M Ruane
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 15 November 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor S Doran
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor O McMahon
Councillor B Ó Muíri	Councillor J Rice
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in Attendance:

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance
 Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy
 Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management
 Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, Finance
 Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services, Administration
 Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration
 Ms E Cosgrove, Head of Compliance
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Ms N Creagh, Department for Communities
 Mr P Dalgarno, Department for Communities

SPR/146/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor McMurray.

SPR/147/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/148/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 11 October 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

PRESENTATIONS**SPR/149/2018: PRESENTATION FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Nichola Creagh and Mr Piers Dalgarno from Local Government & Housing Regulation Division and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms Creagh thanked the Chairperson for the invitation to attend the Committee stating she was going to speak specifically about land disposals. She provided some background to the fact that, currently, Ministerial approval was required for those land disposals in cases where they were being sold at less than best value, e.g. to community groups, and she said this had been stalled due to the current impasse at Stormont. She advised there had been guidance issued at the beginning of November stating that the absence of NI Ministers did not prevent senior officers in NI Departments exercising the function of the department during the period for forming an Executive, if the officer was satisfied that it was within the public interest to exercise such a function during that period.

Ms Creagh advised this was not a blanket approval and depended upon the circumstances of particular disposals, however the opportunity existed to have disposals approved within an approximate period of 8 weeks. She stated in the longer term, it could be argued that the continuation of the situation whereby Ministerial approval was required for disposals equating to small amounts of money, could be reconsidered going forward.

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

Members asked the following questions:

- If a disposal was submitted for consideration from today's date, would it take 8 weeks to be approved?
- Council had a number of items that had been awaiting approval, would these matters be resolved within the 8 week timeframe or would they require to be submitted again.
- Given that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was one of the only Councils in Northern Ireland that sought Departmental approval for the leasing of land in these circumstances, was there an opportunity to fast-track leasing to groups through other mechanisms.
- The opportunity to provide community groups with leases through the process was beneficial to both the Council and the local community.
- If a renewal was required, would this need to go before the Permanent Secretary.
- What advice was in place when disposing through the usage of peppercorn rentals.
- If the lands in question were considered contentious how would the Permanent Secretary determine whether it was within the public interest to grant disposal or not.

Ms Creagh and Mr O'Connor responded to the queries as follows:

- If a submission was received from the Council in the correct format and it was a normal, straightforward disposal it should not take any longer than 8 weeks. This would not however apply in cases which were not straight forward disposals.
- In relation to matters which involved outstanding items previously submitted, , subject to the caveat above, these should be resolved within 8 week timeframe. However Members should perhaps speak with Council Officers regarding individual cases.
- There was a small number of applications currently with the Department and these would need to be re-submitted, however they should be progressed within 8-10 weeks.

- Other Councils did seek approval for disposals, however NMD had the majority of cases, and the Department would be happy to resolve any outstanding within the 8 weeks, provided they were relatively normal.
- Renewals would be something Council officials would be better placed to comment on.
- Peppercorn rents did need approval in the main and would have to be submitted, but as land law was quite complicated, it was hard to say what would apply in each circumstance and each would have to be looked at on its own merits.
- Each case would need to be looked at individually and, if not controversial, should be relatively simple to progress. However it was impossible to define without knowing the circumstances of particular cases.

Mrs Carville stated officers would draw up a policy statement on submission of proposals to the Department and bring this back to a future Committee Meeting for consideration.

Agreed: **Agreed that officers would draw up a policy statement on submission of proposals to the Department and this to be brought back to a future Committee Meeting for Members' consideration.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/150/2018: 2019 ANNUAL REPORT/NMD CONNECT

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018 from Ms V Keegan, Head of Communications and Marketing regarding 2019 Annual Report/NMD Connect (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muiri, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and agree arrangements, as outlined in paragraph 3.1, for the presentation of the 2019 Annual Report/NMD Connect to be published in February 2019.**

SPR/151/2018: CORPORATE PLAN 2019-2023

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018 from Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director of Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding Corporate Plan 2019-2023 (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the timetable for the development of the Corporate Plan 2019-2023 as outlined in Section 2.1 of the officer's report was agreed. It was also agreed to appoint an independent facilitator to develop the Corporate Plan.**

PERFORMANCE

SPR/152/2018: MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018 from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, regarding Mid-Year Assessment of the Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19 (**Copy circulated**)

Following presentation of the report, Mr McBride responded to the queries raised as follows:

- Keep NI Beautiful commissioned surveys in August 2017 and April 2018 and the figures showed that the District had now fallen below the regional average, which was a result of increased levels of dog fouling and littering. He advised the dog fouling strategy would be presented to the RTS Committee once finalised.
- Regarding a query concerning the actions identified in the report, he advised the Performance Improvement Plan process was not all-encompassing of Council activity, therefore the subsequent assessment was only made against those actions which had been identified in the Plan and perhaps this issue needed to be considered as part of strengthening the process going forward.
- There were issues raised around the role of other public sector organisations in relation to cleansing across the District. He advised the Neighbourhood Services project had identified the need for greater collaboration amongst public sector partners in supporting this.
- In response to a query about the status of the environmental improvement schemes, he advised the change in status from amber to green reflected a milestone being achieved concerning their commencement. He further advised more commentary could have been added in the explanation column and he would request this be amended by the relevant Department.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, the Mid-Year Assessment of the Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19 was agreed.**

SPR/153/2018: **MID-YEAR ASSESSMENTS OF DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLANS 2018-19**

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018 from Mr Johnny McBride Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance detailing the Mid-Year Assessments of CEO and Corporate Services Business Plan 2018-19 **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Carville and Mr Hannaway responded to queries raised as follows:

- The Member's survey was to be implemented at the beginning of next year.
- The audit of record systems were an audit of existing information systems to ensure the Department was aware of all data being held. This was separate to any areas of the organisation where members felt there was a lack of systems in place. This would however be picked up as part of the IT strategy, with Neighbourhood Services also reviewing what data and IT systems were required during the Neighbourhood Service's review on-going. Page 6 did have a typing error, it should have read 245 met timeframe out of 310.

Councillor Hyland stated members of the public had spoken to him of their delight at Newry Leisure Centre, the Greenway Project and Municipal Park so the feedback was very positive.

Noted: **The Mid-Year Assessments of Chief Executive Office and Corporate Services Business Plans 2018-19 were noted.**

FOR NOTING**SPR/154/2018: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP – MINUTES OF MEETING 8 MAY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Local Development Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 8 May 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **The minutes were noted.**

SPR/155/2018: COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Read: Minutes of Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting held on 23 October 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **The minutes were noted.**

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

SPR/156/2018: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF LANEWAY

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Request for Transfer of Laneway at 130 Drumaness Road, Drumaness **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Walker, to note the contents of the officer's report and accede to the applicant's request for the transfer of laneway at 130 Drumaness Road, Drumaness as shown on the map presented to Committee, at a nominal consideration for the reasons outlined in the officer's report at paragraph 3.1.**

SPR/157/2018: SURPLUS LAND AT GREENFIELD STEPS, ARDGLASS

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Surplus Land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to express an interest in the acquisition of land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass, declared surplus by Transport NI.

SPR/158/2018: SALE OF LAND AT ALTNAVEIGH

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Council Land at Altnaveigh, Doran's Hill, Newry (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Hyland, by a vote with the following results:
FOR: 8
AGAINST: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 4
 to proceed with the sale of land at Altnaveigh Newry to Thomas Davis GFC for the sum quoted in the officer's report, subject to the conditions specified at para.3.1.

SPR/159/2018: TRANSFER OF BUDGET WITHIN CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Variations to Approved Capital Expenditure (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the adjustments to the Council's capital programme.

SPR/160/2018: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Management Accounts to 30 September 2018 (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: Agreed to note the contents of the officer's report showing budget expenditure for the first six months of the 2018/2019 financial year compared to actual expenditure and revenue for the same period.

SPR/161/2018: BUSINESS CASE FOR PPE

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Business Case for Personal Protective Clothing (PPE) **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the Business Case presented to Committee relating to procurement of PPE to enable a procurement process to commence.**

SPR/162/2018: UPDATE ON NEWRY DEA ASSETS

Read: Report dated 15 November 2018, from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Disposal of Surplus Assets in Newry DEA **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommended preferred route for the disposal of the assets listed, being:**

- 1. Open market sale of 2 sites:**
NM195 Market McAleavey store open market
NM156 Moorhill former refuse site
- 2. Proceed with the D1 process in relation to two assets:**
NM184 metal portal frame store
NM182 Hospital Road grass area
- 3. Apply for planning permission for development of:**
NM139 Abbey Heights amenity area
- 4. Await further response from LPS on:**
NM162 Daisy Hill Nurseries
NM144 Ashtree former play area, Rathfriland Road
NM416 Crown Villas play area, Crieve Road
NM148 Bleary Bungalows play area
NM161 Coreagh Office

SPR/163/2018: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ALBERT BASIN TASK & FINISH WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising from Albert Basin Task & Finish Working Group Meeting held on 1st November 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: Agreed to note the action sheet arising from Albert Basin Task & Finish Working Group Meeting held on 1st November 2018.

SPR/164/2018: CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Noted: Members were updated on a change of personnel at Assistant Director level.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.43pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 December 2018.

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCILRef: **AHC/2018**

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 20 November 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker	

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
 Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
 Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates and Project Management
 Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
 Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
 Ms E Carr, Leisure Governance Officer
 Ms L McGrath, Move More Coordinator
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr N McCrickard, CDRCN
 Ms B Jennings, CDRCN
 Mr C Bradley, Community Places

AHC/214/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte, Kimmins and Quinn and Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

- The Chairperson commended staff in Newry Leisure Centre who recently received feedback from a client whose health had improve significantly through the Council's GP Referral Scheme.
- The Chairperson acknowledged the achievements of the following people at the recent Disability Sport NI 20th Anniversary Awards – Mr Danny McSherry who won the Community Sports Coach Award; Mr Odhrán Doherty who had been shortlisted in the Performance Sports Coach Award; and Miss Bethany Firth MBE who won the Athlete Excellence Award.

- The Chairperson welcomed Mr Nicholas McCrickard and Ms Briege Jennings from County Down Rural Community Network, who were in attendance for Agenda Item 5 – Community Centre Effectiveness Review SLAs/FMAs.
- The Chairperson also welcomed Colm Bradley from Community Places, who developed the Warrenpoint Community Hub Feasibility Study and was in attendance to answer any questions in relation to agenda Item 7 – Warrenpoint Community Centre Feasibility Study.
- The Chairperson advised the new Down Leisure Centre launch was on Thursday with free activities taking place all weekend.
- The Chairperson offered his condolences to the family of Albert Colmer, former Chairperson of Down District Council who recently passed away.

AHC/215/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/216/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 October 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/156/2018 – Play Strategy Upgrades/Transformation Schemes

Councillor Walker commended officers for the playpark upgrades that had taken place, particularly the one in Killyleagh.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

It was agreed to take items 4 and 26 together at this stage.

PRESENTATION

AHC/217/2018: MACMILLAN MOVE MORE PRESENTATION

AHC/218/2018: MACMILLAN MOVE MORE PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms L McGrath, Macmillan Move More Coordinator, regarding MacMillan Move More Programme **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Haughey provided some background to the MacMillan Move More Programme stating it offered a diverse menu of physical activity opportunities for people living with and beyond cancer in Newry, Mourne and Down District. He advised the target for year 1 was 100 referrals and currently there were 130 referrals to the programme in the last 10 months, therefore it was highly successful.

Ms McGrath advised the programme was well ahead of its targets and had also received project of the year regionally as well as being nominated for a UK Coaching Award which was fantastic for the programme to be recognised. She stated she had business cards with her email address and phone number for Members if they wished to refer anyone to the programme.

The Chairperson congratulated the officers involved in the successful programme and wished them well for the UK Coaching Awards.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/219/2018: REPORT ON AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS (FMAS) AND SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS (SLAS)

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, regarding Amendments to FMAs and SLAs **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Hillen advised the Community Centre Effectiveness Review had been commissioned to determine how community centres and facilities were supported across the District and the report was tabled to further progress recommendations arising from the review relating to Community Facility Definitions, Facility Management Agreements and Service Level Agreements.

Members raised the following queries:

- Had the issue of having more than one Council run community facility in the same town or village been resolved?
- Would there be a yearly call-out for newly established community facilities or would there only be one in a four-year period?
- Would those centres that had been unsuccessful be able to apply again if interim calls were established?

Ms Hillen, Mr McCrickard and Ms Jennings responded to the queries as follows:

- The model proposed was designed to ensure the funding or support for community centres, targeted facilities with a diverse range of activities. The review was not developed to ensure there was only one facility in each location, however proximity to other facilities would be considered within the funding model. The criteria used, was to ensure centres were efficiently run and effective in the activities they were delivering and did not concentrate solely on geographical spread.
- There may need to be provision included within the recommendations to ensure that newly constituted groups being established within the four year period were able to apply through interim calls.
- The interim calls would be for new facilities and not those that had been unsuccessful the first time around.

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to accept the officer's recommendations as follows:
1. Adopt the definition of a Community Facility as detailed in the circulated Appendix;
 2. Launch an open call to awards SLAs from Community Groups who run Community Facilities within the Council District (using recommended criteria relating to size, location and programme);
 3. Extend the length of both FMAs and SLAs from 1 year to the term of a Council (4 years) with an interim call for newly established facilities as well as consideration for unsuccessful applications (if required);
 4. Launch a closed call for FMAs, with funding to be allocated to all facilities as per recommended criteria around size, location and programme;
 5. Increase the number of SLAs with groups from 14 to 25, to meet increased demand and review recommendations;
 6. Provide interim support to groups who receive an SLA currently but who are not successful in the open call (1/3 of their current SLA amount for the first year);
 7. Proceed with a series of public meetings and capacity building workshops to advise groups of agreed changes.

AHC/220/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 16 October 2018.

AHC/221/2018: WARRENPOINT COMMUNITY CENTRE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events regarding Feasibility Report – Warrenpoint Community Facility **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Hyland to:

- **Accept the recommendations within the feasibility report for Warrenpoint Community Facility, including preferred location (Clonallon Park);**
- **Proceed with a green book appraisal, assessing the two design options for Clonallon Park, contained within the report.**

AHC/222/2018: PLAY INFLATABLES POLICY

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events regarding Amendments to Policy and Procedures for the use of play inflatables in/on Council premises (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Hyland to adopt the amendments to the Policy and Procedures reference the use of play inflatables in/on Council premises, specifically;**

- **4.0d Attendant had been removed**
- **7.4 Point 3. Wording had been changed**
- **App. 1 Bouncy Castle operation/supervision – wording had been changed**
- **App. 2 New**

AHC/223/2018: RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR BOULEVARD RESTAURANT, MCGRATH HOUSE, NEWRY

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events regarding Renewal of Lease for Boulevard Restaurant, McGrath House, Newry (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Howell to:**

- **Renew lease agreement for the Boulevard Restaurant for a further 3 year period – up to 13th October 2021;**
- **Update annual rental as suggested by LPS (£14,000 per annum).**

AHC/224/2018: REMEDIAL WORKS AT MULLAGHBANE CC

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events regarding Remedial Works at Mullaghbane CC (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Ó Muiri, the remedial works at Mullaghbane Community Centre were agreed, subject to a suitable business case being established.

AHC/225/2018: **NI HOUSING EXECUTIVE – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY 2018-2023 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events regarding NIHE 12 week consultation process for the draft Community Involvement Strategy 2018-2023 (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran, to ratify the consultation response to NIHE as detailed within the officer's report.

AHC/226/2018: **PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Andrews, the following recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed:

- **Children and Young People - Youth-Led Cultural Diversity Programme:**
 - Procure and appoint relevant facilitators to deliver Newry Culture and Arts Integration Programme. Estimated cost: £6,500
 - Procure and appoint relevant facilitators to deliver Polish Cultural Diversity Project. Estimated cost: £20,000
- **Building Positive Relations – Capacity Building Programme for DEA Fora:**
 - Procure and appoint a training provider to deliver Capacity Building Training to DEA Fora. Estimated cost: £99,800
- **Civic Leadership Programme:**
 - Tender to appoint a facilitator to deliver 2 x OCN Level 1 Leadership Programs (1xN&M area, 1xDown area) in Diversity and Good Relations. Estimated cost: £15,000
- **Total: £146,300.**

AHC/227/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CALL 3

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Hyland that a cross-departmental meeting be organised to agree budgets and themes for 2019/20 calls and to open Call 1 in January 2019 (subject to budgets).

AHC/228/2018: DfC FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events and Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement regarding DfC Funding Application Process **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McMurray, that relevant officers proceed with applications to DfC to secure the following funding:

- NM&DDC Neighbourhood Renewal – Newry Technical Assistance
- NM&DDC Neighbourhood Renewal – Downpatrick Technical Assistance
- NM&DDC Neighbourhood Renewal – Outdoor Activity Programme
- NM&DDC Neighbourhood Renewal – Community Renewal Programme
- NM&DDC Areas at Risk – Bessbrook Community Training Programme
- NM&DDC Areas at Risk – Crossmaglen Community Training Programme.

It was also agreed that, subject to securing necessary funding from DfC – Neighbourhood Renewal to provide project management throughout and that approval be given to proceed in advance of full Council ratification due to the closing date for applications being 30th November 2018.

LEISURE AND SPORT**AHC/229/2018: NEWRY TENNIS BUBBLE**

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Newry Tennis Bubble (**Copy circulated**)

Mr Haughey advised, as part of the Sports Facility Strategy, a budget of £100,000 had been set aside to provide tennis bubbles at a cost of £50,000 each for Newcastle and Newry tennis courts. However, following investigations, Newcastle tennis courts could not accommodate a bubble as it would have led to the removal of one of the existing courts. Newry tennis club were not willing to progress as they felt that planning issues would be a major concern.

Mr Haughey stated that officers then engaged with Our Lady's Grammar School in order to utilise their existing courts to create a bubble over two of the four courts and upgrade the other two courts with funding of £90,000 which had been offered by Your School Your Club (DfC).

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried whether, although the tennis bubble was not to be developed in the Newcastle area, something else could be done for tennis development in the town.

Mr Haughey advised Newcastle Tennis Courts had received an upgrade to the courts recently.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to re-align the capital spend of £100,000 and utilise the £90,000 DfC Funding in order to create a tennis bubble and upgrade of the existing courts under an SLA between Our Lady's Grammar School in Newry and Council.**

AHC/230/2018: NEWTOWNHAMILTON PLAY PARK FENCING

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Newtownhamilton Play Park Fencing Works (**Copy circulated**)

Mr Haughey advised that Council had approved the relocation of the Dungormley Play Park, Newtownhamilton to be located within Jim Steen Park in September 2018 and a planning application had been submitted for the new build park. He advised that planners had requested additional works to include fencing around the car park area within Jim Steen park and a ballstop fence to be located to the rear of the soccer pitch in order to protect children playing in the park.

Councillor Ó Muíri stated the feeling in Newtownhamilton was that although Jim Steen Park was the ideal location for a soccer pitch, it was not for a playpark with it being sited too close to pensioners homes; potentially increased traffic through the estate; access road too narrow; fence around the field not secure; and the park flooding on a consistent basis.

Mr Haughey advised the issues around flooding had been raised with the Rivers Agency who were investigating and the ballstop fence would serve the football team and restrict children attending football matches from running out into the carpark. He advised the maintenance team were currently investigating the security of the fence around the field.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed to approve the additional capital spend on the playpark of £18,945 from within the current overall capital budget for the Play Strategy 2017-2022.**

AHC/231/2018: SPORT NI SPORTS HUB STAGE 2

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Sports Hub Application (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to carry out low value exercise to appoint a consultant to submit stage 2 applications for each designated programme from existing Sport Hub Capital budget.**

AHC/232/2018: NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE CAFÉ

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms A Barton, Area Manager (NLC/St Colmans), regarding Newry Leisure Centre Café. (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: **It was agreed to note that Officers had commenced a procurement process that was consistent with previous Council decision in June 2016, and pending the outcome of the procurement process, Officers would seek to appoint the successful operator and aim to minimise the duration where there would be no café available to the customers of Newry Leisure Centre.**

AHC/233/2018: NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE SELECTED PRICING

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms S Geary, Area Manager (DLC/Ballymote), regarding New Down Leisure Centre Pricing Amendments (**Copy circulated**)

Councillor Andrews asked whether carers were eligible for concessionary prices and whether life memberships for pension age would be honoured.

Mr Gordon advised that Council took a position in 2014 as to who was eligible for concessions which included those of state pensionable age, students in full or part-time education, people on benefits and those less-abled citizens that met eligibility criteria. He advised that Down District Council life memberships would be honoured and future concessions could be investigated and reported back to Committee to link in with the scale of charges.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to allow officers to proceed with specific pricing as per section 2.1 and 2.2 in the officer's report for the new Downpatrick Leisure Centre which would ensure a consistent approach across the Council's three wet/dry facilities in Downpatrick, Kilkeel and Newry.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/234/2018: SUPPORT REQUEST FROM KEEP NI BEAUTIFUL FOR ECO-SCHOOLS PROGRAMME FOR 2019-2020

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Support Request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Programme for period 2019-20. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed that Council approve the contribution of £1650 to support Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's request for Eco-Schools Programme for 2019-20.**

AHC/235/2018: NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES - AGM

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised the invitation for the Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM was open to all Councillors who wished to attend.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that all Councillors who wish to attend the AGM be permitted to do so.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/236/2018: COMMUNITY CENTRE ENERGY RENEWABLES

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events and Mr C Mussen, Energy & Sustainability Officer, regarding Update Report on Energy Efficiency Works within Council-owned Community Centres **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the update report on Energy Efficiency Works within Council-owned Community Centres.

AHC/237/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Social Investment Fund Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE AND SPORT**AHC/238/2018: SPORTS AWARDS**

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr P Power, Sports Development Manager, regarding Sports Awards 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report outlining the Sports Awards 2019 would be held in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry on Thursday 7 March 2019 with Council and SANDSA recognising a diverse range of achievement consisting of 13 categories of awards.

AHC/239/2018: PLAY PARKS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Play Park Strategy Update **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muíri expressed concern that, according to the Planning Service, there was no planning application for the play park at Newtownhamilton and that it had been invalidated due to a reference in the application to Ballyholland.

Mr Haughey advised the application had been submitted and rejected as planners asked for the park to be moved to a different site in the park. The application needed to be resubmitted following the erection of fencing for the ballstop at the park.

Noted: It was agreed to note the update report.

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/240/2018: CANN PROJECT INTERREG VA PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding CANN Project INTERREG VA Programme(**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

AHC/241/2018: NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE HANDBALL AND SQUASH PROVISION

Read: Report dated 19 November 2018 from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure and Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding New Down Leisure Centre Handball and Squash Provision (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Walker that officers research alternate proposals for the provision of squash facilities within the new centre and how it would impact upon handball provision, with a report being brought back to the Council meeting for agreement.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.22pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 December 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
 Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
 Director of Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor C Casey**Members:**
Councillor T Andrews Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor H Harvey
Councillor A McMurray Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor**Officials in Attendance:** Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management
Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Mr E Newell, Acting Assistant Director, ERT
Ms G Kane, Head of Facilities Management
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer**RTS/165/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Trainor, Ruane and Macauley.

Councillor Casey advised that Johnny McBride had been appointed as Assistant Director, Waste Management on a temporary basis for a number of months due to the absence of the substantive post holder. He welcomed Johnny and wished him well in his new role.

RTS/166/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

RTS/167/2018: INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE PARTICIPATION TO URBELAC-4-EC & IDB PROGRAM

Mr Hannaway, Chief Executive, advised he had been contacted by the Co-Ordinator of URBELAC Network, a programme co-funded by DG REGIO and the Inter-American Development Bank which focused on harmonising social development, urban productivity and environmental protection in the context of the increasing concentration of population in urban areas and the central role played by cities in development processes. This edition of the programme involved 18 cities, 9 of which were from Europe, and invited Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to participate. The focus would be on the Circular Economy.

Mr Hannaway said all participation costs would be covered by the URBELAC Network and he recommended the Council get involved and submit an application.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend the Council participate in the URBELAC-4-EC&IDB Program at no cost to the Council.**

RTS/168/2018: **ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed the Action Sheet of 17 October 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

RTS/169/2018: **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services regarding mid-year assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2018-2019 . *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes , seconded by Councillor Andrews , it was agreed to recommend approval of the Mid-Year Assessment of the Neighbourhood Services Business Plan 2018-2019 outlined in Appendix 1.**

RTS/170/2018: **HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing and Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management regarding holiday arrangements for Christmas and New Year for Refuse Collection and Household Recycling Centres and Burial Arrangements. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Andrews , it was agreed to recommend:-**

- a. Arrangements as circulated be noted.**
- b. Arrangements be made to publicise alternative dates e.g. newspaper, as appropriate, advertisement, web-site and social media.**
- c. Hours of business for Household Recycling Centres to be prominently displayed at sites.**
- d. Details relating to Burials to be communicated to all Undertakers and Funeral Homes, as required, together with relevant call-out numbers for Duty Officer.**

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr Moore said that updated bin collection calendars would be issued when the new bin contract commenced in April 2019. A limited number of calendars had been printed and would be available on request together with a digital version.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION –
BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING**

**RTS/171/2018: STREET TRADING DESIGNATION AT ORIEL DRIVE,
DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr F Quinn, Head of Licensing and Enforcement, regarding a request to designate a site at Oriel Drive, Downpatrick, for Street Trading. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran , seconded by Councillor Andrews , it was agreed to recommend that taking into consideration the request received and the consultation to date, to designate Oriel Drive, Downpatrick for street trading and to advertise for potential traders and physically mark out the trading bay.**

PLANNING

RTS/172/2018: CURRENT APPEALS

Read: Report of current appeals in October 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.**

**RTS/173/2018: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND
PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES NOVEMBER 2018-2019**

Read: Report on Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives November 2018-2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.**

**RTS/174/2018: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT
- OCTOBER 2018**

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for October 2018. *(Circulated)*.

NOTED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/175/2018: BUS SHELTER AT BALLYMACARN ROAD, SPA, BALLYNAHINCH

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Ms G Kane, Head of Facilities Management advising a request had been received on behalf of Alan McCoubrey to relocate the bus shelter at Ballymacarn Road, Spa, Ballynahinch, in order to comply with planning conditions as part of his proposed application to erect new dwellings and garages at Ballymacarn Road, Spa, Ballynahinch. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval in principle to the removal of this bus shelter to allow this development to proceed, subject to satisfactory proof that this was a planning requirement. Should the bus shelter be removed then its replacement would be subject to the new site meeting the requirements of the Council Bus Shelter Policy.**

In response to a query from Councillor Casey, Mr Scullion confirmed a request for a bus shelter at Drummond Road on the main Armagh Road, Newry, had failed on the grounds that there was not sufficient usage at this location.

AGREED: **It was agreed officials investigate ownership/usage of a bus shelter further up the Armagh Road and report back to the RTS Committee.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/176/2018: REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AT HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing re: progress relating to review of operations at household recycling centres. (*Circulated*)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was unanimously agreed to approve the following recommendations:-**

- 1. Officers finalise a Review for HRC's to meet Key Issues. Target for completion by end Q3.**
- 2. In anticipation that savings will be achieved through a better distribution of wastes at the centres and better control of wastes as received, that appropriate target reduction be made to Rates Estimates.**
- 3. To facilitate the completion and scope of the Report, Council approve the following principles:**

(a) Council to continue to accept Commercial Wastes (at a limited number of sites), details to be provided at centres to be

proposed in the Review Report, with appropriate controls to be identified.

- (b) **Report to make recommendations relating to opening hours and staffing levels to be achieved at no additional cost.**
- (c) **Recommendations to ensure that waste receipting protocols are harmonised across the Council District.**
- (d) **Appropriate safeguarding practices be adopted to ensure the principle of a 'safe place of work' for centre staff, including the consideration of a 'barring policy' for centre users who do not adhere to centre protocols relating to conduct and the receipt of waste.**
- (e) **Consideration to be made to amend Centre Licence to accept rubble to amount at 25 kgs in accordance with definition of Household Waste.**
- (f) **Proposals to be brought forward to provide clarity in respect of wastes received from charities and other groups.**
- (g) **In recognition as to significant Communications Strategy required, Officers to work with WRAP, to seek to secure funding for costs of such campaign. Consideration to also be given to better communicate and to rebrand the centres as 'Household recycling centres.'**

At the request of Councillor Clarke it was also agreed that officials investigate the provision of permits for van drivers who dispose of rubbish for members of the public.

RTS/177/2018: FINANCIAL RE-PROFILING FOR CAPITAL BUDGET

Read: Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing re: re-profiling for Waste Management 2018/2019: Waste Management Budget. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend that the Waste Management Budget be re-profiled to accommodate the Projects as detailed in the report circulated, within the current Rates Capital Project Budget.**

RTS/178/2018: DFI RE: WEED-SPRAYING IN THE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN AREA

Read: Letter dated 30 October 2018 from the Department of Infrastructure regarding weed-spraying in the Newry, Mourne and Down Area. They advised that work was expected to be completed by the end of October/early November 2018 – however this would be dependent on weather conditions as dry, calm conditions were required for spraying to be fully effective. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above correspondence.**

Members commented that there should be a more joined-up approach on this issue between the various Statutory Agencies including DFI Roads; the Council and NIHE.

FOR NOTING**RTS/179/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET****Read:** Historic Action Sheet. (*Circulated*).**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was unanimously agreed the Historic Action Sheet be noted and actions removed as marked.****ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

These items are deemed to be exempt items under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

RTS/180/2018: LEASE OF UNIT 2 WARRENTPOINT SQUARE, WARRENTPOINT**Read:** Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management regarding approval to extend the lease of Unit 2, Warrenpoint Square, Warrenpoint. (*Circulated*).**RTS/181/2018: ARC 21 REVENUE COSTS****Read:** Report dated 20 November 2018 from Mr Roland Moore, Head of Neighbourhood Services informing Members of the proposed Council contribution to ARC21 revenue costs for the three year period from 2019/20 to 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1. (*Circulated*).**RTS/182/2018: VEHICLE PROCUREMENT UPDATE****Read:** Report from Mr Roland Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services regarding Five (5) year capital budget plan for Replacement Vehicles – Revised Vehicles Replacement Priorities. (*Circulated*).

Councillor Andrews proposed and Councillor Stokes seconded to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairman reported the following had been agreed:-

Extension of lease of Unit 2 Warrenpoint Square**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to approve the recommendation outlined in Section 4 of the report dated 20 November 2018 to approve the extension of the lease for Extreme 26 at Unit 2, The Square,**

Warrenpoint for a further 5 years based on the information contained in the report and also to approve seeking Expressions of Interest for Unit 1 at Warrenpoint Square to be leased out as a retail unit

ARC 21 Revenue Costs

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to approve the recommendation outlined in Section 3 of the report dated 20 November 2018 to agree to the Council contribution to ARC 21 costs over the three year period from 2019/20 to 2021/2022 as per Appendix 1 circulated with the report.

5 Year Capital Budget Plan for replacement vehicles – Revised vehicle replacement priorities

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to approve the recommendations outlined in Section 3 of the report dated 20 November 2018 to:-

- 1) **Approve recommendations to replace 4-No existing Refuse Collection vehicles in 2018/19 period.**
- 2) **Approve recommendation to replace these vehicles by utilising the ESPO Purchasing Framework No.215, Direct Award, at the cost outlined in the report at paragraph 3.1. These vehicles are:-**
 - **2011 RCV, Reg. SJZ 3488**
 - **2011 RCV, Reg. SJZ 4057**
 - **2011 RCV, Reg. SJZ 4058**
 - **2012 RCV, Reg. TJZ 6559**
- 3) **Approve recommendation that future changes in vehicle replacement priorities can be undertaken by Council Officers without the need for prior RTS/NS Committee approvals, subject to changes remaining within the 5-Year Capital Vehicle Replacement Budget (2017-22).**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.00 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 December 2018.

Signed: Councillor Charlie Casey
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee

Signed: Mr R Moore
Director of Neighbourhood Services



Il Presidente

Mr Liam Hannaway
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UNITED KINGDOM

D 317391 30.10.2018

Dear Mr Hannaway,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2018. The concerns of Irish/EU citizens residing in Northern Ireland regarding the continued exercise of their rights as Union citizens, are an important matter which is considered in the negotiation process toward a Withdrawal Agreement.

The European Parliament has always stressed that the protection of citizens' rights must be a priority in negotiations with the UK. Indeed, the EU and the UK, as a departing Member State, have an overriding obligation to ensure a comprehensive and reciprocal approach to protecting the rights of EU citizens living in the UK and of UK citizens living in the EU-27. More particularly, in its Resolution of 14 March 2018, Parliament insisted that voting rights in local elections for all citizens be covered by the Withdrawal Agreement.

As regards elections to the European Parliament, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union requires that every citizen of the Union residing in a Member State of which he is not a national is to have the right to vote in the European elections in the Member State in which he resides. Since the UK will no longer be a Member State, however, the conditions for granting or maintaining voting rights in European elections for nationals of an EU Member State residing on UK territory are in principle a matter of domestic law of the Member State of nationality, and therefore responsibility lies primarily with national government of that Member State.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Tajani

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Our ref: RW/00840

25th October 2018

Dear Mr Hannaway

Thank you for your letter of 13 September, regarding Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's concerns surrounding the UK's withdrawal from the EU and their motion passed recently concerning the European Parliament. Your letter was passed to the Department for Exiting the EU and I am responding on behalf of the Prime Minister.

The December 2017 Joint Report agreed between the UK and the EU reflects the UK's commitment to maintaining the Common Travel Area (CTA) and protecting the rights enjoyed by UK and Irish nationals when in each other's state. That commitment has been reflected in legal text in Article 2 of the draft Northern Ireland/Ireland Protocol. The rights enjoyed by UK and Irish citizens in each State are deeply embedded within our shared history and are central to our close social and cultural ties. We will protect the ability to move freely within the UK and between the UK and Ireland, recognising the special importance of this to people in their daily lives, and the underpinning it provides for the Northern Ireland political process.

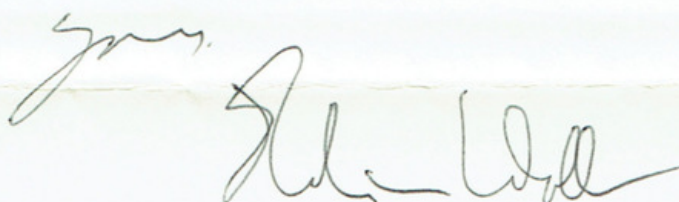
The CTA and associated rights were formed long before either the UK or Ireland became members of the EU and will continue after the UK's exit. Keeping the CTA arrangements means:

- full protection and maintenance of the status quo for all journeys for individuals between the UK and Ireland - including the 110 million annual crossings of the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland;
- no UK or Irish nationals will be required to apply for special status to protect their entitlements;

- rights to work, study, access social security and public services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for UK and Irish nationals; and
- the preservation of reciprocal rights facilitates the unique citizenship provisions in the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement - which gives the people of Northern Ireland the right to hold both British and Irish citizenship, and to identify and be accepted as British or Irish or both as they may so choose. Maintaining these rights means that the people of Northern Ireland will not be required to assert and choose a specific identity in order to access public services and other entitlements.

The UK Government will update domestic legislation, as necessary, to ensure that the agreed CTA rights and privileges are properly reflected.

Thank you for sharing the District Council's motion and for taking the time to write.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Walker', written over a horizontal line.

ROBIN WALKER MP
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION

Report to:	Council monthly meeting
Date of Meeting:	3 December 2018
Subject:	Irish Government Department of Justice and Equality consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes – draft response
Reporting Officer:	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive
Contact Officers:	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The Irish Government’s Department of Justice and Equality is undertaking a public consultation on the future of the twice-yearly clock change.</p> <p>The consultation asks members of the public whether they are in favour of abandoning the current system and, if they are, whether they would prefer to stay constantly on “summer time” or “winter time”.</p>
1.2	<p>EU legislation on summer time was first introduced in 1980, with the objective of ensuring that all countries within the single market made these clock changes at the same time.</p> <p>Since 2001, all Member States switch to ‘summer time’ on the last Sunday of March and to switch back to their ‘winter time’ on the last Sunday of October.</p> <p>Following an EU-wide public consultation to gather citizens’ views on the seasonal clock changes, the EU Commission has concluded that the majority of people (84%) who responded are in favour of abolishing the twice-yearly clock change and have put forward a proposal to give effect to this.</p> <p>The Irish Government are being asked if they are in favour of ending the seasonal clock changes and whether they favour staying on summer or winter time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing summer time means brighter evenings, with darker mornings in the winter

	<p>than currently experienced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing winter time means brighter mornings, with darker evenings in the summer than currently experienced. <p>It is important to acknowledge that if the United Kingdom were to adopt a different position, this would present particular challenges for the island of Ireland. Any position adopted by Ireland will be informed by this important consideration.</p> <p>Ireland must now consider what position they want to take on this proposal.</p> <p>This consultation asks three important questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you want to stop changing the clocks twice a year? 2. If the clock changes stop, do you want to remain on summer time or winter time? 3. What would your opinion be if this proposal were to give rise to different time zones between Ireland and Northern Ireland? <p>Individuals, businesses and organisations in Ireland and Northern Ireland can have their say, and while the closing date for this consultation is Friday 30th November 2018, Council have received an extension to 6 December 2018.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Draft response</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is the third largest local government district within Northern Ireland, and shares a land border with Ireland’s counties of Louth and Monaghan.</p> <p>As noted above, the consultation asks three important questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you want to stop changing the clocks twice a year? 2. If the clock changes stop, do you want to remain on summer time or winter time? 3. What would your opinion be if this proposal were to give rise to different time zones between Ireland and Northern Ireland? <p>In general, there needs to be a critical evaluation as to the level of consideration of how the role of summertime arrangements varies between European Union Member States due</p>

to the interplay between longitude, latitude and time zone in determining daylight hours.

It is Council's understanding that the European Commission has proposed a Directive to end seasonal clock changes in the European Union in 2019 meaning Member States would be required to choose to apply 'permanent summer-time' or 'permanent winter-time'.

The implication of the proposed Directive is further complicated by Brexit, wherein should the United Kingdom and the European Union reach an agreement according to the terms of the draft Withdrawal Agreement, the United Kingdom would be required to implement the proposed Directive during the transition period.

Notwithstanding this, the overall implications for the United Kingdom as a whole are exacerbated by the devolution settlement with Northern Ireland, under which time is a devolved matter.

While time is a reserved matter in respect of Scotland and Wales, there is no equivalent reservation or exception for Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Act 1998 currently provides that obligations under EU law are an excepted matter, but under a potential no-deal scenario this would fall away. If the United Kingdom should then decide to maintain summertime arrangements, Northern Ireland (assuming the devolved institutions have been re-established) would have to choose between having a one-hour time difference for half the year either with the Republic of Ireland or with the rest of the United Kingdom. The cumulative effect of this decision-making process, and outcome, may also in itself potentially adversely impact upon the promotion of good relations.

The implementation of different time zones between Ireland and Northern Ireland has also potential to have both a direct and indirect adverse equality of opportunity impact upon the daily life of individuals who reside in one jurisdiction and avail of public sector services / work in the other.

A specific example would be the impact on people with dependents with regard to child care arrangements related to current working hours in one jurisdiction and the operational hours of schools in the other.

	<p>Taking these matters into account Council believe the Irish Government should seriously consider the potential impact upon the daily lives of individuals, and whether there has been an adequate evaluation of alternative options, including the possibility of allowing individual Member States to choose whether or not to observe seasonal clock changes.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Council is asked to consider and approve the draft response to the Irish Government Department of Justice and Equality consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes as set out in section 2.1.</p> <p>To be submitted by 6 December 2018 by way of email to timeconsultation@justice.ie</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None anticipated
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	<p>The implementation of different time zones between Ireland and Northern Ireland has also potential to have both a direct and indirect adverse impact upon the daily life of individuals who reside in one jurisdiction and avail of public sector services / work in the other.</p> <p>As outlined in section 2.1, the implication of the proposed European Directive is further complicated by Brexit, wherein should the United Kingdom and the European Union reach an agreement according to the terms of the draft Withdrawal Agreement, the United Kingdom would be required to implement the proposed Directive during the transition period.</p> <p>However, as set out in section 2.1 Brexit post-transition period scenarios regarding decisions to be taken, with regard to alignment on non-alignment, have potential to adversely impact upon the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations.</p>
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	<p>While Council shares a land border with Ireland's counties of Louth and Monaghan, no specific rural needs implications currently arise. However, Council will be required to be mindful of implications of decisions following a Brexit post-transition period.</p>

7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

6/11/18

An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
agus Comhionannais
Department of Justice
and Equality



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the EU Commission proposal to end seasonal clock changes in 2021 which was published 12 September 2018. Details of the proposal are available at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/summertime_en. The proposal as outlined is:

- the last mandatory change to Summertime would take place on 28 March 2021 after which,
- Member States who wish to remain on Wintertime would make one last seasonal clock change on 30 October 2021.
- Member States will remain free to choose their Standard time, on the condition that they give 18 months' notice to the Commission.

This Department has established an Interdepartmental Steering Group to consider the Commission's proposal and guide a public consultation exercise involving all relevant stakeholders. Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder with a possible interest in this matter.

Although negotiations are ongoing, at this point I would be grateful for your views in relation to the above proposal. Further information regarding the proposal is available at http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Consultation_on_Seasonal_Clock_Changes

You can make a submission to timeconsultation@justice.ie or by completing the survey at the above link. The consultation process will remain open until 30 November 2018. *

Officials in this Department are available to discuss this proposal or to meet with you should you wish to contact us at the above email address.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Leahy
Head of Corporate Services

*Comments will be accepted until 5 December 2018

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Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes

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Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes opens from 26 October 2018

Clocks are changed twice each year in order to cater for the changing patterns of daylight and to match the hours of available daylight to people's daily activities.

(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Consultation_on_Seasonal_Clock_Changes)

EU legislation on summer time was first introduced in 1980, with the objective of ensuring that all countries within the single market made these clock changes at the same time. Since 2001, all Member States switch to 'summer time' on the last Sunday of March and to switch back to their 'winter time' on the last Sunday of October.

Following an EU-wide public consultation to gather citizens' views on the seasonal clock changes, the EU Commission has concluded that the majority of people who responded are in favour of abolishing the twice-yearly clock change and have put forward a proposal to give effect to this. Further details on the proposal, together with the arguments for and against changing, are available at: EU summer time arrangements - what is it about? (https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/2018-summertime-arrangements_en)

We are being asked if we are in favour of ending the seasonal clock changes and whether we favour staying on summer or winter time.

- Choosing summer time means brighter evenings, with darker mornings in the winter than we currently experience.
- Choosing winter time means brighter mornings, with darker evenings in the summer than we currently experience.

See the image or the tables below, which outline

Summertime Arrangements

Current Arrangements

	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
March 20	6:26	18:39	7:07	19:27
Day Length:	12:13		12:20	
June 20	4:56	21:56	8:37	16:07
Day Length:	17:00		7:30	

Time of sunrise and sunset in Dublin city at four dates throughout the year under the current system of the clocks going backwards and forwards

Option 1 Wintertime

Sunrise
 Sunset

March 20	6:26	18:39	Day Length: 12:13
June 20	3:56	20:56	Day Length: 17:00
Sep 20	6:07	18:27	Day Length: 12:20
Dec 20	8:37	16:07	Day Length: 7:30

Option 2 Summertime

Sunrise
 Sunset

March 20	7:26	19:39	Day Length: 12:13
June 20	4:56	21:56	Day Length: 17:00
Sep 20	07:07	19:27	Day Length: 12:20
Dec 20	9:37	17:07	Day Length: 7:30

Time of sunrise and sunset in Dublin city at the same dates if we were to stay on constant 'wintertime' or 'summertime'

Have your say on this issue by emailing timeconsultation@justice.ie

The closing date for this consultation is
Friday 30th November 2018

sunrise/sunset hours under each option. (Source: NOAA
(<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html>))
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It is important to acknowledge that if the UK were to adopt a different position, this would present particular challenges for the island of Ireland. Any position adopted by Ireland will be informed by this important consideration.

Ireland must now consider what position we want to take on this proposal.

This consultation asks three important questions:

1. Do you want to stop changing the clocks twice a year?
2. If the clock changes stop, do you want to remain on summer time or winter time?
3. What would your opinion be if this proposal were to give rise to different time zones between Ireland and Northern Ireland?

Individuals, businesses and organisations in Ireland and Northern Ireland can have their say by clicking on this [link](#)

(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Consultation_on_Seasonal_Clock_Changes) or emailing timeconsultation@justice.ie (<mailto:timeconsultation@justice.ie>). The closing date for this consultation is Friday 30th November 2018.

Freedom of Information

It should be noted that submissions received, and reports of any further consultations undertaken with any parties in response to this request, will be subject to Freedom of Information legislation and may be published on the Department's website.

Summertime arrangements (Tabular Format)

Time of sunrise and sunset in Dublin city at four dates throughout the year under the current system of the clocks going backwards and forwards.

Current arrangements			
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20-Jun	4 :56	21:56	17:00
20-Sep	7:07	19:27	12:20

20-Dec	8:37	16 :07	7:30
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Time of sunrise and sunset in Dublin city at the same dates if we were to stay on constant 'wintertime' or 'summertime'

	Wintertime		Summertime		Day length
	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	
20 Mar	6:26	18:39	7:26	19:39	12:13
20 Jun	3:56	20 :56	4:56	21:56	17:00
20 Sep	6:07	18:27	07:07	19:27	12:20
20 Dec	8:37	16 :07	9:37	17:07	7:30