



May 30th, 2018

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 5th June 2018** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre**.

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

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**11.0 Correspondence received from Northern Ireland Office re: Motion on Clerical Abuse**

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**12.0 Correspondence received from NIHE re Social Housing across Newry, Mourne and Down Council Area**

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**13.0 Correspondence received from Department from Communities re Social Housing across Newry, Mourne and Down Council Area****14.0 NILGA Community Planning and Wellbeing Network Event**

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**Notices of Motion**

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**16.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Andrews**

On the 45th Anniversary of his election in 1973 , Newry , Mourne and Down District Council , would like to pay tribute to Councillor Dermot Curran for his many years of dedicated service to the community and successive councils

**17.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna**

“That Newry, Mourne and Down Council is failing to fulfil its equality and good relations duties in its policy development and funding programmes to support cultural expression, in particular the variety of expressions of Britishness receiving minimal and non-mainstream expenditure from the Council. The Council commits to commissioning an independent review of its support for Britishness and associated cultural expressions in the Council area and an action plan to redress this imbalance and mainstream support for such expression.”

**18.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly**

Given the Significant doubt that has been cast on the validity of the convictions of Newry, Mourne and Down residents Mr Eric Cullen, Cyril Cullen and George Kirkpatrick for the 1975 murder of Mr Francis Rice

as demonstrated by recent TV programmes carried out by respected investigative journalists. That this council calls for a full independent judge led enquiry into the convictions.

## **19.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ruane**

That this Council supports the right to work: right to welfare (R2W) groups "People's Proposal" Aim at introducing a simple but vital checklist for Social Security decision makers. This council supports the aim and will write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities, calling for the issuance of guidance to all decision makers. Requiring them to ensure that both due process and impact assessments are undertaken and fully complied within the decision making process.

## **20.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Taylor, Macauley and Burgess**

Newry Mourne & Down District Council offers its warmest congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their marriage and wishes them a long life of fulfilment, blessed to enjoy many happy years together.

We also welcome the recognition of our District in the conferring of their titles Baron and Baroness Kilkeel upon the occasion of their marriage and the new Royal couple would be warmly received during a visit to our wonderful District.

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

'This Council welcomes the 'yes' vote in the Republic of Ireland to Repeal the 8th Amendment, and endorses future legislative change of the abortion law in Northern Ireland which would allow women here access to free, safe and legal abortion.'

# Invitees

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**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/071/2018	Minutes Of Council Meeting held on 9 April 2018	It was agreed to obtain legal advice requested by Councillor Reilly regarding C/065/2018 and revert to Council with clarification.	L Hannaway	<b>Actioned – information circulated to all Members</b>	Y
C/072/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	<b>Actioned</b>	Y
C/073/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee 12 April 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	<b>Actioned</b>	Y
C/074/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee 23 April 2018	<b><u>AHC/075/2018 – Apologies &amp; Chairperson's Remarks</u></b> It was agreed to amend the minutes to reflect the points outlined.	D Services	<b>Actioned</b>	Y
		<b><u>AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre</u></b> It was agreed to defer the recommendation from AHC Committee on AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre until further information was forthcoming.	M Lipsett	<b>Ongoing</b>	N
		<b><u>AHC/081/2018 – Financial Assistance</u></b> It was agreed that all successful applicants be funded 50% of their initial funding application. It was also agreed that the issue of the funding calls appearing on the website would be addressed by Council officers.  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, subject to agreed amendments, and adopted.	M Lipsett	<b>Actioned</b>	Y
C/075/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee 18 April 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	R Moore	<b>Actioned</b>	Y
C/080/2018	Notice of Motion received from	It was agreed to acknowledge that there were grave concerns about the Boundary Commission's decision to	D Services	<b>Letter sent 15.05.18 to Secretary of State for</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	Councillors Casey and Kimmins	scrap their own Provisional Proposals of September 2016 in favour of Revised Proposals published in January 2018, which were far removed from their provisional proposals but which were remarkably similar to the DUP proposals as submitted to the Commission in the course of the public consultation periods of 2016 and 2017. As a result of this, many in the Nationalist / Republican community had lost confidence in the Boundary Commission, therefore, this Council, in reflecting that loss of confidence, is calling for a Public Inquiry into the Boundary Commission's handling of the 2018 Review.		NI	
C/081/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray	It was agreed that Council condemns in the strongest possible way the reckless and unnecessary airstrikes in Syria by the UK Government, France and the USA. It regrets that the UK Prime Minister had committed the nation to military action without the consultation or approval of Parliament and recognised the sovereignty of Parliament alone in making such a commitment. Council to write to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Minister of Defence stating that this flagrant breach of international law did represent the will of the people of Newry, Mourne and Down. This motion reflects on Council's previous motions to support Syrian refugees and stands steadfast in its commitment to help those fleeing their homes due to war, persecution or natural disaster.	D Services	<b>Letters sent 15.05.18 to Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Defence and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs</b>	
C/082/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Harvey	It was agreed that Council believed in a pregnancy that both lives matter, the mother and unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn children and their families throughout their pregnancy. This Council called for a Perinatal Hospice Care facility or service in Northern Ireland to be established to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition.	D Services	<b>Letter sent 15.05.18 to Permanent Secretary, Department of Health</b>	



Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/083/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Clarke	It was agreed to refer the motion, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1 (6), to the RTS Committee for consideration and report.	R Moore	<b>RTS Committee agenda item</b>	
C/084/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Macauley	It was agreed that this Council adopt a policy whereby as a gesture of goodwill at a difficult time in any parent's lives, and following the example of other local councils in Northern Ireland, Council will waive, at this stage, the cost of opening a grave only for those under 18 years, and if necessary write to the Department for Communities, Mr David Sterling, and Prime Minister Theresa May, to ensure that we as citizens of the UK receive the same benefits as those grieving parents in Mainland UK.	R Moore  D Services	<b>Matter referred to Neighbourhood Services Directorate regarding revision of Council policy.</b>  <b>Letters sent 15.05.18 to Prime Minister ref; extension of children's Fund to NI and to Permanent Secretary DfC</b>	
C/085/2018	Correspondence from NILGA re: Chief Executives' Assessment Panel	It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.	D Services	<b>On agenda – 17/05/2018</b>	<b>Councillor Byrne to attend</b>  Y

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor R Mulgrew**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
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 T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor O McMahan
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
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 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, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/068/2018

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Harte, Howell, Larkin and Trainor.

- The Chairperson stated her thoughts, and those of the entire Council, were with Councillor Larkin and his family on the tragic loss of his eldest son in a farming accident over the weekend.
- The Chairperson advised Councillor Harte was in hospital at present and extended her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

- The Chairperson stated as this was her last full meeting in the Chair, she still had some events at which she would appreciate support from Members. The first of which was a Family Fun Day in Castlewellan Forest Park on 12<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for MYMY. She also requested support for an organ donation drive at the Town Hall in Newry in conjunction with South Eastern and Southern Health Trusts, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 7-9pm. She stated this was the first time any event such as this had taken place and encouraged Members to attend.

**C/069/2018            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C/070/2018            ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2018**

Read:                    Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 9 April 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                    The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 9 April 2018 was agreed.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

**C/071/2018            MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2018**

Read:                    Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9 April 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                    The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 April 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

Councillor Reilly referred to Minute C/065/2018 and said it was his view the amendment put forward at the meeting by Councillor Ruane was not dealt with in accordance with Council's Standing Orders, as it effectively negated the intention of his Motion to Council. He asked that legal advice be obtained on this matter.

Mr Hannaway said he would obtain the legal advice requested by Councillor Reilly and revert to Council with clarification.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/072/2018            MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2018 (copy circulated).

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

**C/073/2018** **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2018 (copy circulated).

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

**C/074/2018** **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2018 (copy circulated)

**AHC/075/2018 – Apologies & Chairperson’s Remarks**

Councillor Walker, on a point of accuracy, advised he had also congratulated Ryan Flynn who had taken up post as Council’s Sports Officer.

He had also congratulated those from the District who participated in the Commonwealth Games and asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Trevor Carson from Killyleagh who had received his first international cap with Northern Ireland, becoming the fourth person from Killyleagh to do so.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to amend the minutes to reflect the points above.

**AHC/079/2018 – Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report**

Councillor Taylor, on a point of accuracy, stated he believed the agreed paragraph should read to ‘note’ the findings of the consultation process rather than to ‘approve’.

The Chief Executive advised his understanding was that it had been agreed to carry on the consultation and the approval was in relation to the findings in terms of the three stages of consultation, and not the recommendations

Councillors Walker and Taylor raised their concerns regarding this interpretation stating by approving the findings, this was approving the recommendations.

Councillor Reilly proposed that the consolidation report was rejected as it was not specific on named play parks; it was specific to the Newry Ward and too general in its theme and analysis, with no specific dates for its implementation. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Reilly asked for a recorded vote on the proposal.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote (attached), the results of which were as follows:

**FOR:** 8  
**AGAINST:** 26  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 2

**The proposal was LOST.**

#### **AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre**

Councillor Byrne stated the recommendation to refuse any applications to rent or lease part of the Sports Centre was no way for the Council to do business, and more information was required on what the specific costs would actually be. He proposed that the recommendation be rejected. This was seconded by Councillor Savage.

Councillor Ruane proposed an amendment to defer any decision being taken on the matter until additional information was forthcoming. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

The Chairperson put the amendment to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR:** 23  
**AGAINST:** 11  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

**The amendment was CARRIED.**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to defer the recommendation from AHC Committee on AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre, until further information was forthcoming.

#### **AHC/081/2018 – Financial Assistance**

Mr Lipsett advised it had been agreed to look at the potential of giving all successful applicants 50% of the funding they had applied for, regardless of whether the scheme was oversubscribed or not. The Committee had asked for a report on implications and cost of funding all groups 50% and the table was attached showing a total additional cost of £27,429 which was not in the budget, however there was potential to cover this from other budgets across the Council.

Councillor Kimmins thanked officers for carrying out the work requested so quickly and proposed the recommendation as the additional funding required was significantly lower than the Committee had first been advised. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillor Sharvin advised there was some confusion among community groups as some had received letters regarding the tourism call advising they had not been successful, therefore had thought they were getting nothing at all from Council. A message should be communicated to all groups that they had not all been unsuccessful.

Councillor Enright stated he had concerns that the budget for Irish Language schemes had been cut in half as there was an oversubscription in Sports. He said sports had 70 years of promoting themselves, however this was the first occasion where the Irish Language had received funding to promote it and it was wrong to cut the budget in half.

Councillor Byrne stated he had asked at the last Council meeting that any of those schemes that could crossover into the tourism budgets should be advised to apply for that scheme and queried whether this had been carried out.

Mrs Ward advised there were different criteria for the two sets of funding and a second call had been sent out for tourism events fund. She stated she would check whether groups had been directly advised.

Councillor Murnin asked whether there could be signposting added to the website so that organisations can find the funding calls.

Mr Hannaway agreed this matter would be addressed by Council officers.

The Chairperson advised it had been proposed by Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Walker to agree the recommendations that all successful applicants be funded at 50% and she then proceeded to put the matter to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>1</b>

**The proposal was CARRIED.**

**AGREED:**                                   **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Walker that all successful applicants be funded at 50% of their initial funding application.**  
**It was also agreed**

#### **AHC/088/2018 – Suicide Prevention**

Councillor Sharvin advised the meeting had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 with only himself and Councillor Clarke in attendance. He said it was a very worthwhile meeting and encouraged other Councillors to attend.

Councillor Taylor advised he was unable to attend and had thought the meeting was to take place in the evening to ensure as many people as possible could attend.

**AGREED:** The Minutes were agreed, subject to the above amendments, and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran.

**C/075/2018** **MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 18 April 2018 (copy circulated)

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

**CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/076/2018** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM HOUSING COUNCIL**

Read: Correspondence received from Housing Council, dated 25 April 2018, regarding Councillors' attendance at Housing Council and Committee Meetings between April 2017 and March 2018 (copy circulated).

The Chairperson congratulated Councillor Casey on his excellent attendance record at the Housing Council and Committee Meetings.

**NOTED:** The correspondence received from Housing Council was noted.

**C/077/2018** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NICCY re: CHILDREN'S FUNERAL FUND**

Read: Correspondence received from NICCY, dated 4 May 2018, regarding Children's Funeral Fund (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to discuss this correspondence as part of the motion on the same matter later in the meeting.

**C/078/2018** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Read: Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors regarding Executive Meeting/General Management Meeting (copy circulated).

The Chief Executive advised Councillor Burgess was the Council's representative and attends four meetings a year.

**NOTED:** The correspondence received from National Association of Councillors was noted.

**C/079/2018**      **CONFERENCE: agendaNI INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – DELIVERING 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Read: Conference received from agendaNI regarding Infrastructure Investment-Delivering 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure (copy circulated).

**NOTED:** The conference information received from agendaNI was noted.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**C/080/2018**      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS CASEY AND KIMMINS**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillors Casey and Kimmins:

**“This Council acknowledges that there are grave concerns about the Boundary Commission's decision to scrap their own Provisional Proposals of September 2016 in favour of Revised Proposals published in January 2018, which are far removed from their provisional proposals but which are remarkably similar to the DUP proposals as submitted to the Commission in the course of the public consultation periods of 2016 and 2017. As a result of this, many in the Nationalist / Republican community have lost confidence in this Boundary Commission, therefore, this Council, in reflecting that loss of confidence, is calling for a Public Inquiry into the Boundary Commission's handling of the 2018 Review.”**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Casey stated the revisions in the boundaries advanced DUP at the expense of nationalists and had failed to explain or justify the changes. He stated four Assembly constituencies would be left without any nationalist representation, this was completely unacceptable and there could be no return to the gerrymandering of the past.

Councillor Kimmins seconded the proposal.

Members discussed the issue at length with the following comments being made;

- DUP would not be supporting the motion. When the Boundary Commission asked for submissions, all Political Parties were invited to make a submission.
- The first proposals could be argued as an attempt to destroy the unionist community within Northern Ireland, whereas the new proposals bring a sense of balance.



- There are many imperfections within the proposals, however it was wrong to say there was an agenda to have an impact on nationalism.
- The new boundaries were very hard to understand in terms of community, tradition or links and it appeared there was an attempt to boost one particular party in Northern Ireland.
- Unfortunate that the reflection of Northern Ireland is that lines were being drawn around nationalist and unionist boundaries.
- Why did Sinn Fein not make submissions to the Boundary Commission highlighting their concerns.

In summing up, Councillor Casey advised a submission was given to the review process and Sinn Fein had welcomed the provisional report in 2016 however the process this time was fundamentally flawed.

The proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR:** 19  
**AGAINST:** 10  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 5

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to acknowledge that there were grave concerns about the Boundary Commission's decision to scrap their own Provisional Proposals of September 2016 in favour of Revised Proposals published in January 2018, which were far removed from their provisional proposals but which were remarkably similar to the DUP proposals as submitted to the Commission in the course of the public consultation periods of 2016 and 2017.**

**As a result of this, many in the Nationalist / Republican community had lost confidence in the Boundary Commission, therefore, this Council, in reflecting that loss of confidence, is calling for a Public Inquiry into the Boundary Commission's handling of the 2018 Review.**

**C/081/2018**      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MCMURRAY**

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

**“This Council condemns in the strongest possible way the reckless and unnecessary airstrikes in Syria by the UK Government, France and the USA. It regrets that the UK Prime Minister has committed the nation to military action without the consultation or approval of Parliament and recognises the sovereignty of Parliament alone in making such a commitment. Council will**

**write to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Minister of Defence stating that this flagrant breach of international law does not represent the will of the people of Newry, Mourne and Down. This motion reflects on Council's previous motions to support Syrian refugees and stands steadfast in its commitment to help those fleeing their homes due to war, persecution or natural disaster."**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor McMurray stated that militant interventions was wrong and a breach of international law. He stated that military action had never produced sustainable peace and cannot bring movements to the negotiating table. The process used was undemocratic with Lady Sylvia Hermon being the only one opposed to this action. Councillor Hyland seconded the proposal and thanked Councillor McMurray for the research and analysis into the topic.

Members discussed the issue, raising the following points:

- Largely support the motion, however there should be a clear distinction made between Theresa May and the British armed services who were the most compassionate and best on the earth who go to great lengths not to harm innocent civilians.
- Fail to realise the significance of the motion to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and disagree it was reckless and unnecessary. The strikes were measured and specific to targets, the EU Council President and EU Commission had said they stand by their allies and Syria must be held to account.
- This strike was a violation of International Law with the British Government not even seeking government approval. In the West it was thought that air strikes could settle the conflict, there needed to be a refocused attempt by all international people to end the suffering of all people in Syria. There had yet to be any proof that a chemical attack took place. The suffering of the civilian population and refugees needed to end.
- The militaristic exercise was purely a smokescreen to hide the cover up of the UK Government's humiliation regarding Brexit negotiations. The real question that needed to be faced was the economic future of the UK.
- Ulster Unionist Party believed that Parliament should have been recalled, however felt that the air strikes were the right thing to do therefore would not be supporting the motion.

In summing up, Councillor McMurray thanked those of his fellow Councillors who had spoken in support of the motion, and advised the relevance to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was the democratic deficit that was being experienced with the lack of an MP in Westminster and an Assembly.

The proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	22
AGAINST:	7
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was **CARRIED**.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Hyland that condemns in the strongest possible way the reckless and unnecessary airstrikes in Syria by the UK Government, France and the USA. It regrets that the UK Prime Minister had committed the nation to military action without the consultation or approval of Parliament and recognised the sovereignty of Parliament alone in making such a commitment. Council to write to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Minister of Defence stating that this flagrant breach of international law did represent the will of the people of Newry, Mourne and Down. This motion reflects on Council's previous motions to support Syrian refugees and stands steadfast in its commitment to help those fleeing their homes due to war, persecution or natural disaster."

**C/082/2018**      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR HARVEY**

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

**"That this Council believes that in a pregnancy that both lives matter, the mother and unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn children and their families throughout their pregnancy. This Council calls for a Perinatal Hospice Care facility or service in Northern Ireland to be established to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition."**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Harvey stated that a perinatal hospice care facility was needed within Northern Ireland and hoped he could count on support from the Members on the issue. He called for a recorded vote.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Councillor McMahon stated the issue was very sensitive and emotive and was currently being widely debated across society. She proposed an amendment to the motion stating:

**"That this Council trusts women to make the best decision for themselves and their families. Recognises that there are different stages of a foetus's development throughout the period of a pregnancy and that the protections for both the mother and foetus must be applied in line with international and regional human rights jurisprudence. Calls for full information and non-directive pregnancy counselling, embodying all choices to be freely available. And further recognises that there are circumstances where women**

**face heart-breaking decisions and that in such cases they should have access to the best healthcare that meets their needs. And agrees with the call for a perinatal hospice care facility or service to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition".**

This was seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.

Members discussed the issue at length, raising the following points:

- There was very little access to perinatal care in Northern Ireland and support was needed with each of the Health Trusts in Northern Ireland having such a facility in their area.
- NI Children's Hospice was doing amazing work and there needed to be more funding put into perinatal care. At the moment the provision for hospice and palliative care was patchy and not standardised.
- A baby's right to life is as sacred as anyone's.
- Whether a pregnancy was healthy or otherwise, women who go full term can sometimes have difficulties and would need perinatal care. More needs to be done to support parents emotionally in a more specialised manner.
- It was an issue of conscience, however the lack of perinatal hospice provision in Northern Ireland needed to be addressed.

The Chairperson asked whether Councillor Harvey would accept the amendment proposed by Councillor McMahon. Councillor Harvey did not accept the amendment.

Councillor Hanna called for a recorded vote on the amendment.

The Chairperson put the amendment to a recorded vote (copy attached to minutes), the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>0</b>

**The amendment was LOST.**

The motion was then put to a recorded vote (copy attached to minutes), the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>8</b>

**The motion was CARRIED.**

<b>AGREED:</b>	<b>It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Hanna that Council believed in a pregnancy that both lives matter, the mother and unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both</b>
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**must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn children and their families throughout their pregnancy. This Council called for a Perinatal Hospice Care facility or service in Northern Ireland to be established to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition.”**

**C/083/2018                    NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR CLARKE**

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

**“Newry, Mourne and Down Council will become a single use plastic free council by phasing out the use of single use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in council activities, any new catering contracts which come up for tender will also include a requirement to cut single-use plastic waste.**

**Council will also encourage our facilities users, local businesses and other local public agencies to do the same by promoting alternatives, such as reusable water bottles, Council will provide a free water dispenser in our main reception areas in civic and leisure buildings and to investigate installing water drinking fountains throughout the council area.”**

**Councillor Clarke formally proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor McMurray and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1 (6), to the RTS Committee for consideration and report.**

**C/084/2018                    NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MACAULEY**

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

**The “Children’s Funeral Fund” was launched by our Prime Minister Theresa May on 1st April 2018, whereby parents will no longer have to meet the costs of burials or cremations. Fees will be waived by all local authorities and met instead by government funding.**

**In absence of a functioning Executive here in Northern Ireland, that this Council adopt this policy as a gesture of goodwill at a difficult time in any parent’s lives, and follow the example of other local councils in Northern Ireland by waiving, at this stage, the cost of opening a grave only for those under 18 years, and if necessary write to the Department for Communities, Mr David Sterling, and Prime Minister Theresa May, to ensure that we as citizens of the UK receive the same benefits as those grieving parents in Mainland UK.”**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Macauley advised it cost £210 for a full burial and £50 for burial of a small coffin, and on top of that £250 for the purchase of a grave. She stated she wanted to see a fund implemented throughout Northern Ireland and asked that the Council adopt the policy as a gesture of goodwill at a difficult time in any person's life.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Members spoke unanimously in favour of the motion stating:

- Funeral poverty was a real issue when people lose a child under the age of 18 with the costs and expense needing to be met immediately. Anything that the Council can do to assist in these circumstances should be done.
- It was a very emotional and difficult time for families and should be as supportive to these people as possible.
- No one should have to bury their child and when it does happen the last thing families should be worrying about was covering funeral costs. The financial impact would not be vast however the impact of the emotional support to these people was likely to be huge.

In summing up, Councillor Macauley thanked Members for their support for the motion and welcomed the correspondence from NICCY and hoped the passing of the motion would ensure no bereaved parents would need to worry about the costs in the future.

**AGREED:**

**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Macauley, seconded by Councillor Taylor that this Council adopt a policy whereby as a gesture of goodwill at a difficult time in any parent's lives, and following the example of other local councils in Northern Ireland, Council will waive, at this stage, the cost of opening a grave only for those under 18 years, and if necessary write to the Department for Communities, Mr David Sterling, and Prime Minister Theresa May, to ensure that we as citizens of the UK receive the same benefits as those grieving parents in Mainland UK."**

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

C/085/2018

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ASSESSMENT PANEL**

**Agreed:**

**On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of 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.**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 McMurray, seconded by Councillor Stokes to defer the matter to the next Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.24pm.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

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

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

**SUBJECT OF VOTE: Councillor Harvey's Notice of Motion: "That this Council believes that in a pregnancy that both lives matter, the mother and unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn children and their families throughout their pregnancy. This Council calls for a Perinatal Hospice Care facility or service in Northern Ireland to be established to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition."**

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie				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			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>



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

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DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

**SUBJECT OF VOTE: Amendment to Councillor Harvey's Notice of Motion: "That this Council trusts women to make the best decision for themselves and their families. Recognises that there are different stages of a foetus's development throughout the period of a pregnancy and that the protections for both the mother and foetus must be applied in line with international and regional human rights jurisprudence. Calls for full information and non-directive pregnancy counselling, embodying all choices to be freely available. And further recognises that there are circumstances where women face heart-breaking decisions and that in such cases they should have access to the best healthcare that meets their needs. And agrees with the call for a perinatal hospice care facility or service to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition".**

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		X		
N Bailie				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 McMahon	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		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

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

20

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

**SUBJECT OF VOTE: Councillor Harvey's Notice of Motion: "That this Council believes that in a pregnancy that both lives matter, the mother and unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn children and their families throughout their pregnancy. This Council calls for a Perinatal Hospice Care facility or service in Northern Ireland to be established to provide the best medical and emotional support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition."**

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie				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			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

NMD/SC/

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 30 April 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor R Mulgrew**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor JJ Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor B Walker

**(Officials)**

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

**Also in attendance:**

Ms B McCrory, CAWT  
 Ms C McPeake, CAWT  
 Ms R Coulter, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust  
 Mr S Devlin, Southern Health & Social Care Trust  
 Ms M McClements, Southern Health & Social Care Trust  
 Ms R McNamara, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

**SC/013/2018****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Brown, Clarke, Devlin, Harte, Kimmins, Reilly and Stokes.

**SC/014/2018****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of Interest

**SC/015/2018      PRESENTATION FROM CAWT (CO-OPERATION AND WORKING TOGETHER) CROSS BORDER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

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

Ms McPeake thanked the Chairperson for the invitation to attend the meeting and gave some background to the work of CAWT, the impact and reach of services they provide and outlined the 5 successful project applications they had made to EU Interreg VA to be delivered by June 2022. (copy of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Members asked the following questions:

- Given that drug abuse was a major problem for some communities in Northern Ireland, were there any plans to establish a drug rehabilitation centre?
- Would there be a potential for a recovery clinic to be located within the South Armagh area?
- There used to be a joined-up approach whereby people from South Armagh could access the out-of-hours doctor in Castleblaney, had this process stopped, and, if not, it was not very well advertised?
- Did the organisation have enough resources to complete the work undertaken?
- Would the rapid response vehicle work within the South Armagh area or have they a clearly defined area within which they must work?
- Would the community paramedics project be working with Dundalk hospital or would it be totally separate?
- What would the impact of Brexit be on the programme?

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- There were no plans to establish a rehabilitation facility and it would be something the statutory agencies would need to address.
- The project board was investigating areas within which to place the recovery college. The findings so far would be that they work much better as a hub within a further education college to limit the stigma that people may feel when entering mental health facilities.
- There were cross border initiatives in the ENT Department between Cavan/Monaghan and Craigavon/Newry hospitals which were still on-going. Consultants also cross the border for outpatient clinics and some patients travel from Republic of Ireland for more complex surgeries.
- Detailed business cases had to be submitted to EU Commission therefore confident that there were adequate resources in place to complete the outlined programmes.
- There were 2 highly trained paramedics based in Monaghan as part of the community paramedics project. The organisation worked with NIAS and National Ambulance Service in order to find the most suitable location for the rapid response vehicle. They can work in the South Armagh area however their main area would be Monaghan. There was cross-border funding for the scheme therefore they would be expected to go to South Armagh when required.

- Falls were one of the top 10 reasons for ambulance call-outs and the rapid response would assess a person in their home and stay with them until they were content they could be left. They work to very prescribed guidelines and would endeavour to return to the patients if they felt they were deteriorating.
- The UK Exchequer had underwritten the programme until 2022, beyond that no one could really say what would happen.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**COUNCILLOR ENRIGHT LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSION – 6.24PM**

**SC/016/2018      PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Coulter to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms Coulter thanked the Chairperson for the invitation stating the format seemed to be operating very well. She advised a key area for the Trust was the supply and confidence arrangements and £100m had been secured for health and social care transformation this year with a further £100m for next year. She highlighted the priorities as being services reconfiguration; ACE and signs of safety for looked after children; and how to improve domiciliary care services. She stated there was an additional £30m for elective care which should go some way to addressing the waiting lists.

Ms Coulter outlined the pressures faced by the Trust, in particular at the Downe Hospital with the pending retirement of one of the long term consultant physicians. She advised they were continuing to try to recruit consultants for the Downe Hospital and although the model was extremely stretched, it was networked with the Ulster Hospital. She stated the Downe was the South Eastern site for ophthalmology with a desire to increase day case work within the Downe as capacity existed for this.

Members asked the following questions:

- How far would £200m go across healthcare throughout the whole of Northern Ireland?
- Regional centres of excellence were outlined within the Bengoa report, was the Downshire, as an historic centre of excellence for mental health, being considered for this?
- Had the Trust been working with transport providers such as Translink to provide public transport between Downpatrick and Dundonald?
- A business case and scoping exercise on the provision of MRI services had been carried out but didn't seem to have progressed any further, was there any update?
- There was a slight increase in the lack of performance within 12 hours, what plans were in place to tackle this increase?
- The Trust worked in partnership with Four Seasons to provide nursing homes, was there a good uptake on these and how were admissions carried out?

- Some organisations within the Downpatrick area were providing self-harm intervention initiatives to the local community however were not receiving contracts from the Trust to carry out this work, how can they access these contracts?

Ms Coulter responded to the queries as follows:

- The Trusts were appreciative of receiving any funding in order to take forward the next stage of transformation but there were challenges as to what the priorities were, how the funding was being directed and whether it was possible to expend all of the funding within the timeframe.
- Each of the five Trusts within Northern Ireland was to have a single mental health inpatient unit and the current direction of travel for South Eastern Trust was to house this at the Ulster Hospital due to the acute nature of the hospital. The emphasis was on building capacity within communities and supporting people who no longer needed to live within institutions.
- Communications had been on-going for many years with regard to transport between Downpatrick and Dundonald, however nothing had come of these communications. It was difficult to articulate the need and volume of people to access the service. To alleviate the need to travel, 20 visiting consultants come to the Downe Hospital each week to see patients.
- The Health and Social Care Board had not allowed the Downe to have MRI, however this was something that could be kept under review.
- The 12 hour target had slipped due to the increasing pressures on in-patient bed capacity which was maximised within the Downe. More alternatives to hospital admission and better ambulatory care were possible methods of reducing these pressures.
- Would revert back to the Member regarding the Four Seasons nursing home provision.
- Organisations who wish to can contact the Trust's Contracts Manager for guidance on the self-care intervention programme.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Coulter for her presentation.

**Councillor Hearty left the meeting during the above discussions – 6.58pm**

**Councillors Taylor, Craig and Hanna left the meeting at this stage – 7.06pm**

**SC/017/2018**

**PRESENTATION FROM SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms McNamara to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Mr Devlin stated that although £200m across the sector did not seem a lot, it was very welcome and can drive reform in ambulatory and mental health. He stated the issue of transport was perfect for the Community Planning agenda with all relevant agencies investigating collective ways to do the best for the public.

Members asked the following questions:

- According to some reports the CT scanner at Daisy Hill Hospital was at a critical stage in its lifespan, were there any funds in place to replace if necessary?
- What plans were in place for a roll out of the acute care at home scheme to rural areas in South Armagh?
- What had happened to the All-Ireland Centre for Autism?
- How big a problem was nursing shortages due to discrepancies in pay and what type of challenge would Brexit have on the nursing staff?
- Were there any plans in place to make domiciliary care packages more attractive in order to retain staff?
- Why were the target thresholds so low within the Southern Health Trust?
- Would more flexible recruitment for nurses encourage more to apply for jobs within the Trust?

**Councillor Macauley left the meeting during the above discussions – 7.34pm**

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- The scanner was 7 years old and getting towards the end of its useful life, however it would be part of the capital replacement programme and could be replaced to ensure equipment was working as well as possible.
- The roll out in rural areas had been slower due to the inability for medical cover to staff the scheme and having to build confidence within primary care colleagues on the merits of the scheme.
- Would revert to the Member on the issues of the All-Ireland Centre for Autism.
- There was a shortage of 1500 nurses in Northern Ireland which equated to 10% of the workforce. Pay discrepancies and Brexit were likely to prove huge challenges to the recruitment and retention of nurses, however the Trust was working closely with RCN on the matter. Will revert to Council with nursing figures within Southern Health Trust area.
- There was on-going recruitment to try to attract staff into domiciliary care and it was an issue that was being worked upon across Northern Ireland.
- The targets were set by Department of Health and performance within elective care and waiting lists can be affected by capacity and demand. The demand had increased, however the capacity had not. The additional £30m for elective care should go some way to assisting however it was not likely to bring the 13 week target as set out.
- The Trust was trying to learn from experiences of nurses within, or who had left, the service and work/life balances were being put in place. A recruitment fair was held recently in Newry and the Trust was very successful in recruiting nurses.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

SC/018/2018

**PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms McNamara to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms McNamara advised comprehensive answers to the submitted questions would be forwarded by the NIAS Information Department as soon as possible. She outlined the different types of categories assigned to calls into the Ambulance Service advising that category A i.e. life-threatening calls should be responded to within 8 minutes; category B calls which were potentially life-threatening within 24 minutes and category C urgent usually between 1-4 hours depending on the condition of the patient.

Ms McNamara stated that these targets were not being met with only 35.6% of category A calls being responded to within the 8 minute target. Modernisation was currently being investigated and money had been allocated to the Ambulance Service to increase the workforce and put a new response model into the control room. She advised, however, the lead time for training new paramedics was 3 years therefore it would not solve the immediate difficulties being faced.

Members asked the following questions:

- There had been a huge decrease in response times from previous years, this would indicate the service was having difficulties and money needed to be ringfenced for ambulatory care. Ambulances that were travelling to Dundonald were being used to assist in the Belfast Trust area thereby leaving shortages within the South Eastern Trust area, was anything being put in place to try to alleviate these issues?
- Within the rural area, the issue was not the category of the call as all calls within the South Armagh area were likely to be category C due to how far away all of the ambulances were stationed. Why was the hub for the rapid response vehicle placed in Monaghan, so close to an existing hospital?
- The rural community was being disadvantaged and the EU funding should be used to get closer to border communities, the hub should be placed equally between the two hospitals. NIAS need to take cognisance of the rural community and ensure adequate ambulance provision was put in place.
- If the 24/7 A&E was reinstated at Downe Hospital, ambulances would stay within their own area and would be available for the local community.
- How many of the additional workforce would be placed within the South Eastern Trust area? How many agency staff were being relied upon with the service?
- How many vehicles were currently off the road and being maintained?
- Was there any rough guide as to the response times with South Eastern Trust area?

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

- Classification of calls would mean that around 30% of the current call load was classified as category A calls, with an ambulance picking a patient up and bringing to hospital. Once a paramedic finished a call and made themselves available they



would automatically be assigned the next category A call which may be in the Belfast area. The problem exists in that only around 6-7% of the calls would be actual life-threatening and a new model which would be put in place would ensure that this was dealt with and free up the resource for genuinely life-threatening instances.

- Recruitment had begun, however it would take 3 years to train a paramedic. Although crews automatically respond to category A calls, the control room would actively move vacant crews to bridge the gap.
- Didn't create a hub for paramedics, NIAS modelled where a centre and hub should be as part of the process with Department of Health – this was an on-going process and not connected to CAWT's earlier presentation. NIAS must ensure sufficient ambulatory care for those in NI including additional hubs where required to ensure ambulances can reach patients within the response times.
- Many years ago there were deployment points within some local fire stations which assisted accessing the rural area. The issue now was one of demand and the volume of calls being responded to.
- Undertake to speak to CEO of NIAS to explore possibility of ambulances travelling across the border and revert back to the Member.
- South Eastern Trust would get a cut of the additional jobs as they would be split among the 5 Trust areas. There were no frontline agency staff however there was a bank staff list with full flexible working arrangements in place for staff.
- There were 2 24hour ambulances in Downpatrick with 2 spare vehicles and a car in Downpatrick from 8am until midnight; a resource in Newcastle 24/7 and one in Ballynahinch 24/7. All three stations work closely together and each station had a spare vehicle for breakdowns or availability during changeover times.
- Would revert back to the Member on the response times within South Eastern Trust area.

Ms Coulter advised it was not the view of the South Eastern Trust that the A&E would be reinstated to 24/7 at the Downe Hospital as the current model was safer and more sustainable.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**Councillors Hyland, McAteer, Tinnelly, Savage, Burgess and Walker left the meeting during the above discussions – 7.38pm, 7.40pm, 7.42pm, 7.46pm, 8pm and 8.05pm respectively.**

The Chairperson thanked all Members for their attendance at the meeting and advised the next meeting of this format would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 and encouraged any Member with specific issues to feed these through to the working groups which were likely to take place in early September. She also highlighted an event she was hosting regarding Organ Donation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Newry Town Hall.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.12pm.**

For confirmation at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 4 June 2018.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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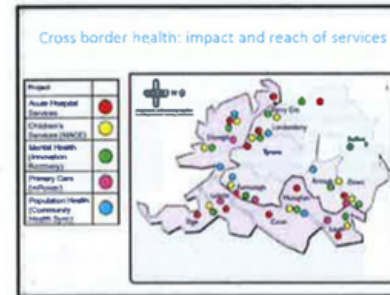
**Chief Executive**



**New Work Programme - EU INTERREG VA**

5 successful project applications to Health and Social care theme. €30 million approx. To be delivered by June 2022

Acute Hospital Services 'Gateway Services, Older and Commuter'	Mental Health 'Recovery Tobacco'	Children's Services 'Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (MACE)'	Primary Care & Older People '(Virtual) Health for 'All-You''	Population Health 'Community Health for 'All-You''
€8,439,775.23	€7,834,350.94	€5,010,149.15	€5,708,617.82	€3,003,570.70



**Acute Hospital Services Project**

To create innovative cross border approaches to the assessment and treatment of patients which incorporate new technologies and patient pathways and enable optimal utilisation of human, financial and physical resources across all three jurisdictions. This will result in an increase in patients treated for specific specialties and the development of community paramedic hubs.

**Acute Project - Deliverables**

- 3 cross-border frameworks for scheduled and unscheduled care services
- 15,000 Patients benefiting from scheduled and unscheduled care services (including diagnostic, health e.g. patient records and support services)
- 150 staff trained in clinical skills and used for appropriate development
- Framework 1: Reform and modernisation of the management of unscheduled care
- Framework 2: Reform and modernisation of patient services and supporting diagnostic activities
- Framework 3: Reform, modernisation and digitalisation of pharmaceutical and diagnostic services across a range of hospital specialties including mental (psychiatry/geriatrics)

**Acute Project locations**

- Pierremade: Area 1 (RO), HSE, Fingertina/Closteragh, Area 2 (RO), HSE (Donaghue), Area 3 (RO), Carrifling
- Gallician Led Service: Area 4 (Clontarf, Argy), HSE, Sligo/Co. Wick, CACTY partners
- A&E Reform: SHCT (may capture 80% of the patients)
- Clinical Decision Unit: HSE, Fingertina/Closteragh
- Imaging: HSE, Letterkenny & SHCT
- Virtual: HSE, Letterkenny & SHCT
- Diagnosis: EIP/Co. Wick/Co. Wick, SHCT
- Cross cutting theme: Cross border interoperability of patient records

### Innovation Recovery Project

To establish a cross border hub-and-spoke Mental Health Recovery College network to support people recovering from episodes of mental ill-health.

(Based upon an Advanced Recovery Ireland and Implementing Recovery through Organisational Change (IROC) model).

#### INTERREG VA Innovation Recovery Project Deliverables

- 1 new cross border hub and spoke Recovery College implemented
- 23.5 staff recruited to implement projects including 10 people with lived experience of mental illness
- 3 Virtual Recovery College roll out and supported by people with lived experience of mental illness
- 3 new border community based recovery college hubs including C&I roll, mental health week and work to support learning and delivery
- 6,000 people supported in progressing individual Recovery Learning Plans
- 12 health professionals learn individual/voluntary community skills based in recovery evidenced methods such as coaching

#### iRecovery Project locations

- Area 1 West  
Derry, Letterkenny, Strabane and West Donegal
- Area 2 South  
Cavan/Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim and Fermanagh
- Area 3 East  
Dundalk, Belfast City, Armagh, Newry, Louth

### Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (MACE) – Breaking the Cycle Project

To transform the lives and opportunities of vulnerable children/families within the border area who are most at risk from multiple adversities in their lives, by identifying, intervening early and providing nurturing and support within their own homes and communities and build strong self sustaining resilient communities.

#### INTERREG VA MACE Project Deliverables

- 2 new border area frameworks for early interventions to support vulnerable families to be developed and implemented
- Adversity Matrix (AM) developed for the identification and assessment of families most at risk of MACE
- 1 Risk Stratification Tool developed to identify the appropriate ongoing interventions for families that have been identified via the Adversity Matrix
- 3 new border community networks of excellence will be created
- 100 vulnerable families in receipt of an intervention
- 100 staff trained

#### MACE Project locations

1. Derry / Letterkenny
2. Strabane & Omagh / West Donegal
3. Fermanagh / Sligo & Leitrim
4. Portadown & Armagh / Monaghan & Cavan
5. Banbridge & Newry / Dundalk & Drogheda

### mPower

Healthy & Connected Communities

AIM

- Enable older people to live well, safely and independently in their own homes
- Support reduction in unnecessary presentation to primary care
- Empower more people to self-manage their health and care in the community, through the use of Social Prescribing and eHealth interventions

#### INTERREG VA mPower Project Deliverables

- 1 shared framework for the identification, assessment and referral of clients identified as 'at risk' (particularly those at risk of social isolation or exclusion)
- 2,500 clients supported to self-manage their health and well-being more effectively in the community
- 6,500 people meeting of eHealth interventions to support independent living

#### mPower Project Locations

1. WINCE – South Fermanagh
2. SHCE – Omagh, Newry
3. HSE (CHO5) – Finn Valley / Leitrim / Carrickmacross
4. HSE (CHO 8) – Drogheda
5. Duffries and Coleraine
7. Armagh and Arzet
8. Western Liffey

### CoH Sync Project

Establishment of 8 health and Well-being Hubs in identified geographical areas targeting people most at risk of poor health and who generally make less use of health improvement services and are unlikely to act on their own to make sustainable changes to their lifestyle. The focus is on early intervention and prevention by reducing the impact of key risk factors in the development of Long Term Conditions.

### INTERREG 2014-2020 Project Objectives

- 8 new cross-border area interventions to support positive health and well-being and the prevention of ill health development (8 Hubs)
- 10,000 beneficiaries supported to achieve positive health and well-being and the prevention of ill health
- Support development of cross-border health services, research, training, etc.
- 40 health facilities involved
- A 6th thematic area of focus will look to integrate health literacy

### CoH Sync Project locations

Republic of Ireland  
 Letterkenny/North Donegal  
 Ballyshannon/South Donegal  
 Co. Cavan/Co. Monaghan

Northern Ireland  
 Derry/Strabane  
 Enniskillen/West Fermanagh  
 Armagh/Dungannon

Scotland  
 Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway  
 Stranraer, Dumfries and Galloway

### CAWT – the Future

- Ensure EU projects are successfully implemented
- Evaluate and embed EU funded services, where appropriate, in core mainstream activities
- Assist with removing / reducing barriers to the cross border mobility of patients and professionals
- Play a positive and problem-solving role in relation to post Brexit related issues
- Actively pursuing collaborative strategic alliances
- Continue to engage with policy makers and other key stakeholders
- Engage in planning for any future EU funding
- CAWT Strategic Plan

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**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 14 May 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council  
Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor P Byrne

**In Attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor R Burgess  
Councillor M Carr  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor D Curran  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor O McMahon  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor G Stokes

**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

**Also in Attendance:** Mr E Magennis, UUJ

In advance of committee business, the Chairperson acknowledged this was his last ERT Committee Meeting as Chairperson and he thanked the ERT Directorate for their help and support throughout the year.

**ERT/082/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

No apologies were received.

**ERT/083/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**ERT/084/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**ERT/085/2018: PRESENTATION BY EOIN MAGENNIS - UUI**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Magennis from UUI and invited him to deliver his presentation on the Local Economy. **(Copy attached)**

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

- The rates of pay in ROI within the construction industry were significantly higher than in NI and there was concern this could lead to another economic downturn.
- There was a distinct lack of investment in infrastructure across Northern Ireland with the majority being private investment.
- Farming had seen a shift from full time occupation to part time as it was no

- longer a sustainable source of full time employment.
- Although there had been considerable investment in dairy farming it was very difficult to get workers in this industry because of the low wages.
  - The manufacturing industry tended to ebb and flow but was generally more buoyant with good export markets and future investments.
  - Local companies such as First Derivatives and Sports Stats provided employment for large numbers of skilled staff and promoted confidence in the area.
  - There was uncertainty with regard to the future for migrant labour across the district.
  - Large companies may not be as adversely affected by Brexit as small companies as they had more capacity to make the necessary changes required.
  - Automation in the agri food and manufacturing areas could open up opportunities in the ICT / Software sector, additionally, jobs could be created as a result of the manufacturing of the machinery required, however automation could result in an inequality of jobs in the long term.
  - Although there was a high concentration of job opportunities in Belfast, a lot of people chose to commute rather than live there and access to the city was very difficult in terms of heavy commuter traffic; this potential threat to Belfast could be seen as an opportunity for other areas.
  - Currency exchange fluctuations impacted on increased car fuel and home heating oil costs.
  - The average wage in Northern Ireland was £25,500 p.a., this had not significantly increased from ten years ago and should interest rates increase, this could have a considerable knock on effect.
  - Styles had changed with regard to apprenticeships and whilst bigger businesses were taking on non-traditional apprenticeships, smaller businesses were tending not to take on apprenticeships.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Magennis for his very informative presentation and he left the meeting.

## **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

### **ERT/086/2018: DIVERSION AT ADDERS LOANIN**

Read: Report dated 14 May 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding requested diversion of Adders Loanin, Ballyward. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Hanna the following was agreed: Approval to make a Diversion Order under the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 for a section of the public right of way known as Adders Loanin, Ballyward, Castlewellan.**



**ERT/087/2018: ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME**

**Read:** Report dated 14 May 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Ring of Gullion AONB and Mourne AONB: NPA Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to:**

- 1. Submit application to Atlantic Area, NMDDC as Lead Partner.**
- 2. Forward for consideration for rates estimate subject to satisfactory submission**

**ERT/088/2018: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Read:** Report dated 14 May 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the International Relations. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Stokes said Newry City Football Club had recently been promoted to premier division and there were now currently two local teams in the premier league. He asked if discussions could be opened up to include Newry City Football Club in future International Relations programmes.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed that Members note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to:**

- 1. Approve the facilitation through St Paul's High School of a host visit from School No 7 to Newry, Mourne and Down District and to develop a wider connection across the area. Any future visits should give consideration to the school calendar.**
- 2. Approve further development of potential links with Post Primary Schools in relation to International Relations considered through the skills forum and recognition of the opportunities that exist through music.**
- 3. Development of links with SERC and SRC in International Relations with consideration of participation in the upcoming Changchung visit.**
- 4. To develop our Junior Competitions as part of the USA Kids Golf**
- 5. To consider alternative accommodation exchanges to promote and encourage visits from both areas to visit**

- from both areas to visit reciprocally.**
- 6. To target golfing societies attached to our Golf Clubs to visit each other's areas as part of exchange (Ryder Cup approach).**
  - 7. To audit, inform and promote craft and niche products in each other's Council areas, Visit Centres etc.**
  - 8. To make Chamber connections and assist in encouraging ideas for collaboration.**
  - 9. To consider the possibility of an international link with Newry City Football Club**

## **TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS**

### **ERT/089/2018: BALLYKINLER HUT PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 14 May 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism. **(Copy circulated).**

Discussion took place regarding the recreation of an Armstrong hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum. Councillor Clarke said the timeline should not be up to present day as, whilst the project was a very positive one, the recent conflict would require measured consideration.

Councillor Clarke's comments were noted.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to consider and approve the Business Case for the project, specifically the preferred Option 3, in order to enable the project to progress to procurement with the support of the EU PEACE IV programme and Central Procurement Directorate, as required.**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **ERT/090/2018 COUNCIL TO SUPPORT ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL**

Read: To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G Sharvin re Council Support St Patrick's Day Festivities:

**"Call on this Council to lead, support and enhance the Saint Patrick's Day festivities in the home of Saint Patrick, and in order to encourage greater connectivity with businesses and local communities to establish an inter – community and business forum for local people to contribute to the festival planning jointly with the Council"**

During discussion on this Notice of Motion, Councillor Curran said that local businesses and community groups would be keen to work more closely with Council in the planning of future Saint Patrick's Day festivals.

Councillor McAteer said in an effort to make the festival more international and put Downpatrick on the map, an invitation could be extended to leading mayors in cities the USA or Canada inviting them to lead the parades.

Councillor Quinn said that community groups from smaller towns should be encouraged to get involved and have their own parades.

Ms Ward said these comments would be noted but reminded the Committee that the Council and Tourism NI had spent significant amounts of money over the past three years on internationalising the Saint Patrick's Day events including putting on a series of additional events to enhance the festivals, however she said those funds were no longer available and Council would be concentrating solely on the parades in both Newry and Downpatrick moving forward.

Mr Patterson said feedback indicated that despite the inclement weather this year, similar numbers attended the parades in 2018 as in 2017.

There was general agreement that the parades needed to be re – energised, Councillor Hyland stated that underage drinking was a cause for concern that would need to be addressed.

In response to comments that not all Saint Patrick's Day sub-committee members regularly attended the scheduled meetings, Councillor Curran said issues such as these should be improved upon, moving forward.

Mr Patterson said that planning for the 2019 Saint Patrick's Day festivals would commence from Summer 2018 onwards and all meeting dates would be circulated to Councillors in advance. Additionally he said he would circulate the Terms of Reference of the Saint Patrick's Day Sub Committee to all ERT Committee Members.

In response to a query from Councillor Hanna regarding the policy on the flying of flags at the Saint Patrick's Day parade, Ms Ward replied that she did not have the policy to hand but she would ensure it was circulated to members.

Councillor Hyland said the Council should be commended for the completion of the Greenway from Newry to Carlingford, however improvements were needed at the Newry end. 'Noted'.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Quinn the following was agreed:

1. Council lead, support and enhance the Saint Patrick's Day festivities in the home of Saint Patrick, and in order to encourage greater connectivity with businesses and local communities to establish an inter – community and business forum for local people to contribute to the festival planning jointly with the Council.
2. Terms of Reference of the Saint Patrick's Day Sub Committee to be circulated to ERT Committee Members.
3. The policy regarding the flying of flags at Saint Patrick's Day festivals to be circulated to ERT Committee Members.
4. Dates of the Saint Patrick's Day Sub Committee meetings to be circulated to ERT Committee Members in due course.

#### **FOR NOTING**

##### **ERT/091/2018 BREXIT RESEARCH**

Read: Report re. Understanding the spatial impacts of changing border arrangements: Brexit and coastal communities in the UK (BOAT)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Brexit Research report re. Understanding the spatial impacts of changing border arrangements: Brexit and coastal communities in the UK (BOAT)

##### **ERT/091/2018: AECOM – SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD**

Read: Report dated 14 May 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding Newry Southern Relief Road: Stage 2 Environmental Assessment. **(Copy circulated)**

During discussion Ms Ward advised members this stage of the development was to consider the proposed route options and not the design detail.

Councillor McAteer said he had expressed concern previously regarding linkage on

the Old Warrenpoint Road and a possible effect on the gaelic playing fields and in particular a junction on the road that had been the site of several accidents over the past 10 years. Ms Ward said all previous comments made at public and council consultations had already been noted and would have been captured by TNI.

It was noted the email address for receipt of comments was illegible on the letter from AECOM and it was agreed the email address would be circulated to members should they wish to make individual comments.

**Agreed:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the contents of the report regarding Newry Southern Relief Road: Stage 2 Environmental Assessment.**

**The AECOM email address for receipt of comments to be circulated to Committee Members.**

**ERT/092/2018    LOUTH / NEWRY JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Read:                       Report dated 31 January 2018 of Joint Louth / Newry Committee. **(Copy circulated).**

**Agreed:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to note the Louth / Newry Joint Committee Report.**

**ERT/093/2018    NI BUSINESS START UP PROGRAMME - UPDATE**

Read:                       Report dated 14 May 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding NI Business Start Up Programme - Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to note the NI Business Start Up Programme.**

**ERT/094/2018:   CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK AND FINISH REPORT**

Read:                       Report dated 14 May 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Clarke asked that the report of the Castlewellaan Task and Finish Steering Committee meeting on Friday 20 April 2018 be amended to reflect his attendance.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed to note the Castlewellaan Forest Park Task and Finish Report.

**Councillor Clarke's name be added to the list of attendees at the Castlewellaan Forest Park, Task and Finish Steering Committee meeting held on 20 April 2018.**

**ERT/095/2018: WARRENPOINT PARK TASK AND FINISH REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park Task and Finish Project Board. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed to note the Warrenpoint Park Task and Finish Report.

**ERT/096/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation report

**ERT/097/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Action Tracker Update Sheet be noted.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor P Byrne**  
**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 17 May 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

In the Chair: Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance: Councillor R Burgess                      Councillor P Byrne  
 Councillor M Carr    Councillor S Doran  
 Councillor C Enright    Councillor D Hyland  
 Councillor O McMahon                                      Councillor A McMurray  
 Councillor M Murnin                                         Councillor M Ruane  
 Councillor M Savage                                         Councillor W Walker

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in Attendance: Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
 Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy  
 Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates & Project Management  
 Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy  
 Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration  
 Ms C Murphy, Countryside Officer  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/061/2018            APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

There were no apologies.

**SPR/062/2018            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Byrne declared an interest in item SPR/76/2018 – NMDDC V HAMILL

**SPR/063/2018            ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2018 (**Circulated**)

**Agreed:                      On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 12 April 2018 be noted.**



## CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

### **SPR/064/2018      “OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND” TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND. NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT**

Read:                      Report from Mrs Regina Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 17 May 2018, regarding “Out of Sight, Out of Mind” Traveller Accommodation in Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Report (copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne while welcoming the report stated the same issues were arising time and again which was very frustrating for all concerned. Councillor Byrne felt Council should consider identifying a site asset management exercise, with the NIHE, in order to resolve this issue.

Councillor Murnin queried whether the applications from travellers groups or Council would be fast-tracked through the planning process.

Mrs Carville advised special treatment was not being requested, just that any unnecessary delays would be prevented. She stated the Planning Department had been sent a copy of the report and had not raised any concerns.

**AGREED:                      It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve the NIHRC Traveller accommodation report and recommendations, and that Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum hold a meeting with officers from Planning, Licensing, Neighbourhood Services and Corporate Policy to agree Council’s approach to addressing the recommendations identified by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.**

### **SPR/065/2018      A GUIDE TO THE RURAL NEEDS ACT (NI) 2016 FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (REVISED) APRIL 2018**

Read:                      Report from Mrs Regina Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 17 May 2018, regarding A Guide to the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 for Public Authorities (Revised) April 2018. **(Circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Hearty, Mrs Mackin advised the Corporate Policy Officer would oversee the implementation of the Act, however officers would be responsible for completing rural needs assessments.

Councillor Byrne queried whether all committee reports would now have rural needs assessments added.

Mrs Mackin advised there would be a new reporting template in place from 11<sup>th</sup> June which would encompass a section on the consideration of rural needs.

Councillor Savage raised issues regarding the drawing of the new boundaries within the old Slieve Gullion area that now means some areas had been cut off in terms of rural funding.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the report on the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs revised guidance document on the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.**

### CORPORATE SERVICES

#### **SPR/066/2018      NAC 2018 PAYMENT**

Read: Report from Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive dated 17 May 2018 regarding National Association of Councillors – Annual payment.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the contents of the report regarding National Association of Councillors annual payment.**

#### **SPR/067/2018      LEASE OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE TO PROBATION BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (PBNI)**

Read: Report from Alison Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration) dated 17 May 2018 regarding lease of office accommodation in Downshire Civic Centre to Probation Board for Northern Ireland. **(Circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Enright, that Council enter into a 5 year lease for the accommodation set out at para 1.0 with PBNI at a yearly rental of £3,250.**

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

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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.**

**SPR/068/2018      DEED OF CHARGE – TECONNAUGHT GAC**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – Teconnaught GAC (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:**                    **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Murnin to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para 3.1 to release the expired Deed of Charge held in respect of Teconnaught GAC lands, which was registered on 16 February 1998.**

**SPR/069/2018      DEED OF CHARGE – LOUGHINISLAND GAC**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – Loughinisland GAC (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:**                    **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 to release two Deeds of Charge held in respect of lands at Loughinisland GAC, with the charges not being released before 24 May 2018. Charges were registered on 23 June 1995 and 23 May 2008.**

**SPR/070/2018      DEED OF CHARGE - ST PATRICK'S GAC, SAUL**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – St Patrick's GAC, Saul (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendations in para. 3.1 to release the Deed of Charge registered on 20 October 2010 in respect of lands at St. Patrick's GAC, Saul and also agree to the appointment of a new named Trustee.

**SPR/071/2018:      GRANT OF LEASE TO NIE FOR SUBSTATION  
– DOWN LEISURE CENTRE**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding grant of Lease to NIE for Substation – Down Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Murnin, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 to lease an area of land adjacent to Down Leisure Centre to NIE to site a sub-station for the benefit of the new Down Leisure Centre, on the terms outlined in para. 2.3.

**SPR/072/2018      REGIONAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVES' PAY  
AND CONDITIONS**

**Read:** Memo dated 1 May 2018 from Mr Derek McCallan, Chief Executive & National Pay Local Co-ordinator regarding Regional Review of Council Chief Executives' Pay and Conditions.

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to nominate Councillor Pete Byrne as the Council's nominee to participate in a regional review of Chief Executive's pay and conditions of service.

**SPR/073/2018**      **NEWRY DEA ASSETS**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Mr Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management regarding Newry DEA Assets.

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

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Hyland, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 relating to the disposal of assets through the D1 Public Trawl process, which are those assets determined by the Strategic Projects Working Group at meetings on 24 April and 14 May 2018 as surplus.

**SPR/074/2018**      **ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON 14 MAY 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group held on 14 May 2018

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

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised the action sheet had been noted.

**SPR/075/2018      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Efficiency Working Group Meeting held on 8 May 2018.

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

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised the action sheet had been noted.

Having previously declared an interest in the next item, Councillor Byrne left the meeting at this stage – 5.55pm

**SPR/076/2018      NMDDC V HAMILL**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Catherine Murphy, Countryside Officer regarding NMDDC V Hamill.

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

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 relating to the settlement of the matter as per the Heads of Agreement provided, to include the Council bearing its own costs in the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.03pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Signed:** **Councillor Terry Hearty**  
**Chairperson**

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

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Walker**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor Andrews Councillor Doran  
Councillor Enright Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Howell Councillor Kimmins  
Councillor Loughran Councillor McMurray  
Councillor Ó Muirí Councillor Quinn  
Councillor Taylor Councillor Trainor**Also in attendance:** Councillor McAteer Councillor McMahon  
Councillor Ruane Councillor Tinnelly**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing  
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement  
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure  
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure  
Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer**Also in attendance:** Mr C Mulholland, PKFFPM Consulting**AHC/093/2018 APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Harte.

The Chairperson advised that Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 won both an RIBA regional award and an RSUA design award recently which were a great achievement for the centre and was down to the work and commitment of the Council and its officers.

The Chairperson stated an email had been received from Eamonn Donaghy from Age Sector Platform thanking Lorraine O'Reilly and Eoin Devlin for all their support with the Newry Mourne and Down Pensioners Parliament. Feedback from delegates has been very positive.

The Chairperson advised that the Associate Directors of Public Health, represented by

a group of 14 cyclists travelling from Dublin to Belfast, recently stopped off at Newry Leisure Centre. He stated the aim of the cycle was to highlight the health and wellbeing benefits of cycling and to encourage people working in public health to cycle themselves, as well as to foster links across the public health community.

The Chairperson informed Members that all of the Council staff previously located in Monaghan Court had moved to McGrath House, which was a Council owned facility. He wished all our PCSP, DEA and Programmes Unit team the best in their new offices.

**AHC/094/2018:      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/095/2018      ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2018**

Read:            Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 April 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**It was agreed to take item 9 on the agenda at this stage.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/096/2018:      WARRENPOINT COMMUNITY HUB**

Read:            Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Warrenpoint Community Hub (Copy circulated)

Mrs Hillen provided some background to the Community Hub and stated the recommendation was to agree to the planned feasibility study for the former PSNI station to be broadened to include any other available sites, including Council owned sites.

Members discussed the issue at length and raised the following queries:

- The manner in which the news has broken regarding the former PSNI station was disgraceful. Council had not been formally notified as yet by the PSNI that the site was no longer available.
- The amount of effort undertaken by the community and Council over the last number of years cannot go unrecognised and the community had an expectation that they would get a community centre, clarification was required regarding the site.
- The consultancy report carried out identified the potential sites, now that the former PSNI site was no longer available, other options should be investigated without delay.

Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed that an urgent meeting be sought with Crotlieve



Councillors, Community Centre for Warrenpoint Group, Council officials and PSNI Estates section in order to get total clarification on the position of the former PSNI site in Warrenpoint. This was seconded by Councillor Andrews.

Councillor Ruane, while content with clarification being sought, stated Council need to be focused and ensure there was no delay on the provision of a community centre in Warrenpoint.

Mr Lipsett advised that officers can seek a meeting while still investigating the other options available.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Andrews to seek a meeting between Crotlieve Councillors, Community Centre for Warrenpoint Group, Council officials and PSNI Estates section in order to get total clarification on the position of the former PSNI site in Warrenpoint, and broaden the planned feasibility study to include other available sites including Council owned sites.

Councillor Trainor left the meeting at this stage – 6.29pm

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

**AHC/097/2018      SOUTH ARMAGH/SOUTH DOWN PEACE CENTRE**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of 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.

**Read:** Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 21 May 2018, regarding South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When in closed session, the following was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to resubmit the application and provide all necessary support to the community to deliver the project, and should there be an issue with financial sustainability in

**the future, the matter would come back to Council to consider.**

**AHC/098/2018      ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BUSINESS PLAN**

**Read:**            Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2018-19.  
(Copy circulated)

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran to adopt the Active & Healthy Communities Business Plan 2018-19.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/099/2018:      DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 21 April 2018 regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to note the DEA Fora Update report and agree the following action sheet from the DEA Forum Private Meeting:**

- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 20 March 2018**
- **Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 12 April 2018**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 April 2018**

**AHC/100/2018:      PROPOSALS FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS SESSIONS**

**Read:**            Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Drug and Alcohol Awareness Raising (copy circulated).

The Chairperson thanked officers for bringing the paper forward and welcomed the rolling out of the scheme over the 7 DEAs showing Council's commitment to addressing drug and alcohol abuse.

Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, however asked that awareness sessions regarding social media and how it can affect those aged 16-21 in later life be rolled out, either incorporated with the drug and alcohol sessions or on a standalone basis.

Councillor McMurray seconded the proposal and asked whether these sessions would be organised through the Education Authority's Youth Service.

Mrs Hillen advised that DEAs work with a range of partners but she would endeavour to find out whether they were working with the Youth Service and revert to the Member.

Councillor Quinn, while welcoming the initiative, stated that adults also need to be involved with the promotion of the use of crimestoppers in order to report suspicious activity with regard to drugs and alcohol.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McMurray to roll out Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Sessions in each of the 7 DEAs and develop a toolkit for distribution to groups wishing to tackle issues at a local level. It was also agreed that the issue of social media awareness for those aged 16-21 also be rolled out, either incorporated into the drug and alcohol sessions or on a standalone basis.

**AHC/101/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 21 May 2018 regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan (copy circulated).

Mr Lipsett highlighted the risks on both sides with the potential that some of the funding may be ineligible, however SEUPB had stated that as long as declarations of interest were managed and Council ensure those parties were not involved in the development of the programme or in tender exercises, this would be sufficient.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Andrews to note the risks associated with allowing tenders from Partnership members and agree the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership.

**AHC/102/2018: MENS SHED AND 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 21 May 2018 regarding Men's Shed and 16 The Square, Rostrevor (copy circulated).

Councillor Fitzpatrick expressed her concerns at how the Men's Shed group felt about having to be relocated and where they would go if 16 The Square was no longer available to them.

Mrs Hillen advised officers were liaising with the group and exploring other options in the area in conjunction with the DEA Co-ordinator.

Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, so long as the group were communicated with on an on-going basis. This was seconded by Councillor Enright.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Enright to agree to continue with lease agreements on a month by month basis for Rostrevor Men's Shed until the completion of a condition survey, feasibility study and an options paper returned to Council for

consideration.

**AHC/103/2018:      EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OF LAND AT BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Read:**            Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 21 May 2018 regarding Expression of Interest for land at Bessbrook Community Centre (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Taylor to give approval to investigate and implement a suitable legal agreement i.e. lease/FMA for Sure Start South Armagh, and when the best option was agreed, Committee to be informed regarding the next stage.**

**AHC/104/2018:      LANDFILL FUNDING**

**Read:**            Report from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, dated 21 May 2018 regarding Landfill Funding (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker to instruct Ulster Wildlife Trust to withdraw ENTRUST registration of the Downpatrick project and reallocate all uncommitted LCF funds of £154,605.10 to the new synthetic hockey pitch at Saintfield (subject to acceptance of project by ENTRUST).**

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/105/2018:      INDOOR LEISURE CAPITAL SCHEMES**

**Read:**            Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 21 May 2018 regarding Indoor Leisure Capital Schemes (copy circulated)

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve officers progressing works to upgrade and refurbish Kilkeel Leisure Centre reception and dry side changing areas.**

**AHC/106/2018:      HEATHER PARK**

**Read:**            Report from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Heather Park (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to permit Bagot Investments re-instating the window and door fire escapes from the rear of their property in to Heather Park and that they enhance and improve the area of the parkland under their current licence access.**

**AHC/107/2018: PLAY STRATEGY (MEIGH)**

Read: Report from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Meigh Upgrade Play Park (copy circulated)

Councillor Quinn queried when the playpark at Annalong would be reopened.

Mr Haughey advised the playpark was cordoned off due to having been re-sown and it would be ready for reopening once the grass was ready.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Loughran, to approve the findings of the consultation process; approve costs of £56,000; commence work on the playpark at Meigh.**

**AHC/108/2018: DERRYLECKAGH SOCCER PITCH**

Read: Report from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Derryleckagh Soccer Pitch (copy circulated)

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to bring forward £36,000 from the overall approved capital of £150,000 agreed for 2020/21 Sports Facility Program, into the 2018/19 financial year.**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING****AHC/109/2018: CONSULTATION RESPONSE – GUIDE FOR SAFETY IN SPORTS GROUNDS**

Read: Report from Ms G O Callaghan, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Safety of Sports Grounds Consultation (copy circulated)

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, to write to Department for Communities to voice concerns regarding the implementation of new guidance in relation to Sports Grounds.**

**AHC/110/2018: AGE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE**

Read: Report from Ms L O'Reilly, Age Friendly Co-ordinator, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Age Friendly Alliance (copy circulated).

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to nominate representatives from each party grouping and Independent grouping to sit on the Age Friendly Strategic Alliance**

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT****AHC/111/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE**

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Social Investment Fund Update. (copy circulated).

**Noted: The Social Investment Fund Update was noted.**

**AHC/112/2018: FUTURE OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Correspondence from Citizens Advice Northern Ireland concerning Future of Citizens Advice from 1 April 2018. (copy circulated).

**Noted: The correspondence from Citizens Advice Northern Ireland was noted.**

**AHC/113/2018: COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER EVENING**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 21 May 2018, regarding Community Services Volunteer Evening (copy circulated).

**Noted: The report regarding Community Services Volunteer Evening was noted.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.12pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Tuesday 5 June 2018.

Signed: Councillor W Walker  
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

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**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry****Chairperson:** Councillor J Trainor

<b>Members:</b>	Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
	Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
	Councillor D Curran	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
	Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor J Macauley
	Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
	Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly

**Non Committee Members:** Councillor A McMurray  
Councillor B Walker**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)  
Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
Mr L Dinsmore, Assistant Director (Acting) Neighbourhood Services (Waste)  
Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations  
Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer  
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance  
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer**RTS/072/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stokes and Councillor Harte.

Councillor Trainor said this was his last Meeting as Chair of the R&TS Committee and he would like to thank all the Committee Members for their contribution over the last 12 months. He also thanked the officers and staff for their work.

Councillor Trainor extended his best wishes to Councillor Harte, the Deputy Chair of Committee, after her stay in hospital.

**AGREED: A letter of best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health be sent to Councillor Harte on behalf of the Committee.**

Councillor Trainor reminded all the Members about the Neighbourhood Services Committee Transformation Project Workshop with APSE to be held on 25 June 2018 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Downshire. He said the purpose of the Workshop would be to detail the requirements for the new Neighbourhood Services Directorate, as well as to present proposals for its future operation and to agree the next steps.

Councillor Trainor also thanked Mrs Anne O'Shea, her husband and her grandchildren for undertaking a beach clean-up at Tyrella and said as a result the Council had arranged for 1 tonne of rubbish to be removed.

**AGREED: A letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Anne O'Shea, her husband and grandchildren.**

**RTS/073/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"**

Councillor Casey declared an interest in item No. 19 – report re: Bunscoil an Iuir – as a Member of the Board of Governors for the school.

**RTS/074/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2018. *(Circulated)*.

RTS/068/2018 – Proposal to purchase Christmas Illuminations

In response to a query from Councillor Fitzpatrick, Mr Scullion said the purchase of Christmas illuminations had been taken through the Council's procurement system and they were content with the arrangements. However the Company had subsequently advised that two of the 3D images had been released but they could offer 4 other 3D images. He had looked at them and they appeared to be of good quality and would give the Council extra items.

**AGREED: It was agreed that officials be granted authority to accept the amended offer of four 3D images to replace 2, subject to officials checking and verifying them before purchase.**

Councillor Casey and Councillor Trainor said they had previously been opposed to the Council purchasing second hand items and this remained the case.

RTS/064/2018 – Filling of vacant posts in Refuse and Cleansing

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr Dinsmore confirmed that the process for filling vacant posts in refuse and cleansing was within target timelines.

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet, to include the revised agreement in relation to the purchase of four 3D images.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**RTS/075/2018 – PRESENTATION BY JENNY WILLIAMS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HABITAT NI**

Jenny Williams, Chief Executive, Habitat NI, gave a presentation on the work undertaken by Habitat NI, with particular focus on the Habitat for Humanity ReStore Initiative. She confirmed Habitat NI had been successful in securing the lease on a building on the Dublin Road, Newry, to set up as a ReStore shop and they hoped to take over the building on 16 July 2018 and all being well the store would open at the beginning of September. She confirmed that two jobs for the store had been advertised this week. *(Presentation attached)*.



In response to queries from Members, Ms Williams said Habitat NI was a registered charity and did not therefore pay rates but their business was based on paying commercial rent. Their mission was to help people, particularly those on low incomes, to live for less.

Ms Williams advised that all goods sold through the ReStore stores were competitively priced and they worked closely with their Partners such as B&Q; Haldane and Fisher; Murdock's and Flannigan's Flooring who supplied them with end of line products. They did not have continuity of supply which meant that they were not in competition with anyone. They also benefitted from support from the public who were clearing out houses/garages.

Ms Williams confirmed that no-one purchasing goods in their stores were means tested as that would create a stigma. She advised that the majority of their customers were on low income but there were also some bargain hunters and people looking to up cycle.

Ms Williams said Habitat NI would be targeting people across the Newry, Mourne and Down District when the store in Newry was opened and she would welcome the support of the Council in getting the message out.

Councillor Trainor thanked Ms Williams for her presentation.

Councillor Macauley left the meeting – 6.40 pm

Councillor Kimmins left the meeting – 6.45 pm)

## **FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION**

### **RTS/076/2018: NOTICE OF MOTION – SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE COUNCIL**

Councillor Clarke referred to the Motion which he had proposed, seconded by Councillor McMurray and which had been referred from the Council Meeting of 8 May 2018:-

***"Newry, Mourne and Down Council will become a single use plastic free Council by phasing out the use of single use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in Council activities, any new catering contracts which come up for tender will also include a requirement to cut single-use plastic waste.***

***Council will also encourage our facilities users, local businesses and other local public agencies to do the same by promoting alternatives, such as reusable water bottles, Council will provide a free water dispenser in our main reception areas in civic leisure buildings and to investigate installing water drinking fountains throughout the Council area."***

Councillor Clarke spoke on the Motion and said there was a real appetite for change in relation to the use of single use plastic products and the Council needed to get pro-active and talk to local businesses, schools and other Departments to devise a strategy to cut single-use plastic waste.

Councillor McMurray also spoke on the Motion and said he fully supported the need to cut single-use plastic waste. However he queried if installing water fountains throughout the Council area would be the way forward and referred to initiatives in other parts such as the refill schemes in the South of Ireland and the legal obligation in England and Wales to

provide people with drinking water. He also referred to the reusable coffee cup initiative and said such schemes should be looked at.

Councillor Craig and Councillor Andrews spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Clarke said he was content with the wording of the Motion and was happy to propose it. Councillor Craig seconded the Motion.

**Read:** Report from Mr Roland Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services regarding Notice of Motion received from Councillor Clarke, advising that the Motion and the issues contained therein, would require cross-departmental working as no single Directorate or Department had responsibility for addressing the issues raised in the Motion. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend the establishment of a cross-departmental Officer Working Group to develop an action plan for the adopted Motion. The Working Group to meet and develop an action plan for the issues detailed in the Motion and report back to the RTS Committee for approval on the action plan.**

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

##### **RTS/077/2018: CAR PARK TARRIFF PRE-REVIEW REPORT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism dated 23 May 2018 regarding the car park tariff pre-review Report. The report advised that on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the Council ratified the decision to increase the car parking tariff to an equitable 40p per hour across all 11 Pay and Display Council operated facilities. Incorporated within this decision was the undertaking to conduct a 6 month review post implementation. The amended tariff came into effect on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, therefore the review period would commence during October 2018. *(Circulated)*.

Councillor Walker, Councillor Andrews and Councillor Trainor spoke on this issue and in their comments advised there was a lot of controversy around the revised charges, particularly in Downpatrick and Ballynahinch, with Councillors receiving complaints that some users were seeing an increase in the parking charges they were having to pay from £4.50 per week to £20 per week. They asked if consideration could be given to a further reduction in prices for regular users and said that it seemed unfair that only 11 of the Council owned car parks had charges whilst the rest did not. Consultations should also be held with Translink regarding the provision of proper park and ride facilities in towns across the District. A review needed to be carried out as soon as possible and a full report, including any drop in revenue, be brought to Committee.

Councillor Clarke, Ruane, Craig and Taylor also spoke on this issue and in their comments said that the Council needed to have the resources to maintain these car parks and that it was not the responsibility of the Council to provide all day car parking for businesses. If there were empty spaces in a car park then it would seem that the system was working as customers coming into shop in towns would know there would be available spaces. At the end of the review period there needed to be extensive consultation and any reduction in revenue should be highlighted in a report to Committee.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the contents of the car park tariff pre review report and Mr Jackson said he would take all comments on board and would report back to Committee after the review.

**RTS/078/2018: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE AREA TO THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL, WARRENPOINT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism dated 23 May 2018 regarding anti-social behaviour in the area to the rear of the Town Hall, Warrenpoint. *(Circulated)*. The report recommended the RTS Committee Members note the content of the Report and agree proposals to install LED lighting in the car parks and maintain the presence of the existing car park walls.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to defer taking a decision on this matter and that the DEA Co-Ordinator convene a Crotlieve Councillors Meeting with officers to discuss suitable ideas to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in the area to the rear of the Town Hall, Warrenpoint.

At the request of Councillor Ruane it was also agreed to invite representatives from Dfi (Roads) to meet with Crotlieve Councillors to discuss the possibility of designating Kings Lane, Warrenpoint, as a pedestrian zone.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION - PLANNING**

**RTS/079/2018: MARCH 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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

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

**RTS/080/2018: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018**

**Read:** Report of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives. *(Circulated)*

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

**RTS/081/2018: CURRENT APPEALS – APRIL 2018**

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

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

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION  
- FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

**RTS/082/2018: BUS SHELTER REQUESTS**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management & Maintenance dated 23 May 2018 re: bus shelter requests. ***(Circulated)***. Attached at Appendix 1 was a report providing an update on requests with recommendations provided for approval/consideration:-

**Appendix 1: Report on Bus Shelter Request**

**Section A: Bus Shelters Requests for consideration to Approve/Decline**

**1. New bus shelter at Ballymagreehan Road, Castlewellan**

**Background & Summary of Findings to date**

An initial request was received on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for a bus shelter to be erected at Ballymagreehan Road, Castlewellan

Table 1 below summarises consultation process which has been carried out having regard to Council Policy Requirements.

**Table 1**

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Transport NI	TNI objected as they have concerns that the proposed location may result in the visibility splay at the junction being obscured for drivers emerging onto the main A50 from Ballymagreehan Road	Does not comply with Policy
PSNI	No objections	Complies with Policy
Translink	Only 2 buses serve this location per day. There would be a few school children in the morning going to St. Malachy's but not enough to warrant a shelter	Does not comply with Policy
Local property owners/residents within 50 metre radius of proposed site	One property consulted within a 50m radius. No reply to survey	Complies with Policy

**Recommendations**

A bus shelter **should not be** erected at this location as it does not fulfil all the criteria as per council policy. Usage numbers in a rural location must be a minimum of 10 during the course of a day and Translink expressed concerns regarding road safety issues.

**2. New bus shelter at Carnany/Bavan Road, Mayobridge****Background & Summary of Findings to date**

An initial request was received on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for a bus shelter to be erected at the junction of Carnany Road/Bavan Road, Mayobridge

Table 2 below summarises consultation process which has been carried out having regard to Council Policy Requirements.

**Table 2**

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Transport NI	No objections in principle.	Complies with Policy
PSNI	No objections	Complies with Policy
Translink	Approximately 50 children in the morning	Complies with Policy
Local property owners/residents within 50 metre radius of proposed site	3 properties located within 50 metres of proposed location. No reply from any of the occupiers.	Complies with Policy

**Recommendations**

A bus shelter **should be** erected at this location as it meets all the criteria as per Council Policy.

**3. New bus shelter at Drummond Road/Gosford Road, Newry****Background & Summary of Findings to date**

An initial request was received on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for a bus shelter to be erected at the junction of Drummond Road/Gosford Road, Newry.

Table 3 below summarises consultation process which has been carried out having regard to Council Policy Requirements.

**Table 3**

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Transport NI	No objections in principle.	Complies with Policy
PSNI	No objections	Complies with Policy
Translink	Less than 10 passengers per day use this bus stop.	Does not comply with Policy

Local property owners/residents within 50 metre radius of proposed site	No properties within a 50 metre radius	N/A
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### **Recommendations**

A bus shelter **should not be** erected at this location as it does not fulfil all the criteria as per Council policy. Usage numbers in a rural location must be a minimum of 10 during the course of a day which are not met in this instance.

### **Section B: Bus Shelter Requests under Consideration**

Table 4 below lists requests under consideration with comment on progress

**Table 4**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Ballyculter Crossroads, Strangford	Being considered under policy – no findings to report.
Upper Strangford Road, Ardglass	Being considered under policy – no findings to report.
Sheepbridge roundabout, Belfast Road, Newry (Newry Bound)	Translink usage figures do not meet criteria. SELB do not keep a usage record. As matters stand application fails to meet minimum usage criteria.
Killard Road/Killard Avenue, Ballyhornan	Translink usage figures do not meet criteria. SELB do not keep a usage record. As matters stand application fails to meet minimum usage criteria.
Ballyhornan Village	Translink usage figures do not meet criteria. SELB do not keep a usage record. As matters stand application fails to meet minimum usage criteria.
Silverbridge Road, Newry	All consultations are complete. Proposed site for bus shelter is on private land so permission of land owner is to be sought.
Longstone Road, Ballymartin	Translink usage figures do not meet criteria. SELB do

	not keep a usage record. As matters stand application fails to meet minimum usage criteria.
Extension to existing Bus shelter on Belfast Road, Saintfield	Translink consulted but no response to date.

Mr Scullion advised that the Translink process in providing bus shelters was a very slow one and any bus shelter to be provided by them would not happen any way soon.

In response to a query from Councillor Fitzpatrick, Mr Scullion said there had been no objections received in relation to the location of the proposed bus shelter at Carnany/Bavan Road, Mayobridge.

In response to Councillor Casey, Mr Scullion confirmed a request for a bus shelter at Drummond Road did not meet the criteria and a bus shelter would not be provided. He also confirmed that a request for a bus shelter at Fathom Crossroads in Killeen (route used by the 43b bus) had been initially referred to Translink and would come back to Committee in due course with an update.

In response to a query from Councillor Clarke, Mr Scullion confirmed that Translink had agreed to provide 2 No. bus shelters at Annalong but as previously explained, their process was a very slow one.

**AGREED:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend approval of the recommendations in relation to bus shelter requests contained within Appendix 1.**

**It was also agreed that officials consider how to effectively monitor usage at locations where an application failed to meet minimum usage criteria and report back to Committee with recommendations.**

**RTS/083/2018:    ABANDONED BOAT IN DUNDRUM BAY**

**Read:**                        Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management & Maintenance dated 23 May 2018 regarding abandoned boat in Dundrum Bay. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was recommended to proceed to apply for a Marine Licence for the removal of the abandoned boat at Dundrum Bay and upon receipt of Marine Licence or exemption from licence, arrange for removal of the boat from one of the two selected contractors appointed on the Restrictive List.**

(Councillor Curran left the meeting – 7.30 pm).

**RTS/084/2018:    PARTICIPATION IN BEST KEPT/TIDY TOWNS AND ULSTER IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS**

**Read:**                        Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management & Maintenance dated 23 May 2018 regarding

participation in Best Kept/Tidy Towns and Ulster in Bloom Competitions. Appendix 1 provided a list of the towns and villages which had been entered into each of the competitions. Letters would be issued to all relevant groups identified to make them aware of the Best Kept Awards and Ulster in Bloom, what the Council is doing in their specific areas which would be of interest to the Judges and the types of activities that communities could do as a means to showing their areas in the best way possible.  
*(Circulated)*.

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

**AGREED:** **In response to a request from Councillor Fitzpatrick for additional cleansing and refuse collection services to be made available during the weekend of the Feile in County Down (29 June – 1 July 2018), Mr Dinsmore confirmed the Directorate would provide as much additional support as possible.**

**RTS/085/2018:** **REVISED CHARGES AND INCOMES - CEMETERIES**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance dated 23 May 2018 re: Revised Charges and Incomes – Cemeteries for the cost of opening a grave only for those under 18 years. Attached at Appendix 1 were the revised charges to reflect this agreed change to Council charges for Cemeteries. This variation to the charging scheme became operational on 15 May 2018 and was applied to all requests from this date. The revised charges were not retrospective. *(Circulated)*.

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

**RTS/086/2018:** **REQUEST FROM LIBRARIES NI TO ERECT A SIGN AT THE UPPER SQUARE, CASTLEWELLAN**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance dated 23 May 2018 re: request from Libraries NI to erect a sign at the Upper Square, Castlewellan. Due to the Grade B Listing of the Market House, Libraries NI were unable to attach a sign to the building itself. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend approval in principle to the request from Libraries NI to erect a sign on Council land at the Upper Square, Castlewellan and to delegate authority to the NS Directorate to agree on size of sign, its location, information contained on the sign and whether this agreement between Council and Libraries NI would be completed by exchange of letter or through a formal Licence Agreement.**

**It was also agreed Officials check to see if planning permission was required for the erection of this sign and also that Libraries NI be responsible for all costs incurred.**



**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION - WASTE MANAGEMENT****RTS/087/2018: BULKY COLLECTION SERVICE**

**Read:** Report from Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director Waste (Acting) dated 23 May 2018 re: Bulky Collection Service. Details regarding items to be collected as part of this Service, were attached in Appendix 1. An issue had been raised that the definition for Bulky Collection was too strict, with respect to definition for 'bagged waste' to be reviewed. An issue had also been raised that Policy with respect to collection of Building Wastes should be reviewed for exceptional cases. *(Circulated)*.

Councillor Walker gave details of two incidents which occurred in Killyleagh in relation to customers availing of the bulky collection service and said staff needed to apply discretion and common sense in some circumstances.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend that direction be given to Customer Services staff receiving requests for Bulky Collection Service, to exercise a 'discretion' with the definition of bagged waste. Discretion will not be applied to wastes normally presented in wheeled bins or in lieu of a wheeled bin collection. With respect to collection of building and renovation wastes, no change was recommended to the Council Policy. It was however considered that Customer Services Staff be directed to refer specific and occasional requests as would occur, to the Line Manager for further advice and direction.**

In response to a query from Councillor Clarke, Mr Dinsmore confirmed that a Civic Amenity Sites operative meeting would be held on 24 May 2018 and the issue of a permit for private Bulky refuse collectors would be discussed at the meeting.

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr Dinsmore confirmed that the issue of old furniture at Council recycling sites would also be discussed at this meeting.

**RTS/088/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET**

**Read:** Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the historic Action Sheet.**

**The Chairperson advised that item Nos. 18 and 19 were 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 Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.**

**When the Committee came out of closed session on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, the Chairman reported the following had**

been agreed in relation to the two items which had been discussed in closed session:-

**RTS/089/2018: CHARGES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTES AT CARAVAN SITES**

**Read:** Report from Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director Waste (Acting) dated 21 May 2018 re: charges for collection and disposal of wastes at Caravan Sites. The report sought approval to implement a proposed Scale of Charges for collection and disposal of wastes from Caravan sites. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was unanimously agreed to defer taking a decision on the implementation of charges for the collection and disposal of wastes at Caravan Sites until the end of the current season, and that a full report, with costings, be brought back to the RTS Committee Meeting in September 2018.**

**It was also noted that proposed increases should be communicated by Officers through further discussions with Operators , with agreement to be achieved in advance of new season charging.**

**RTS/090/2018: BUNSCOIL AN IUIR – PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF HEATING SYSTEM**

(Councillor Casey left the meeting – 8.15 pm  
Councillor Taylor left the meeting – 8.15 pm)

**Read:** Report dated 23 May 2018 from Mr K Scullion Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, advising of proposals to replace the existing electric heating system in the Council owned building occupied by Bunscoil an Iuir. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend approval to proceed with replacement of heating system at Bunscoil an Iuir with revised uplifted capital costs as detailed in Section 3.0 of the report dated 23 May 2018.**

Members extended their thanks to the outgoing Chairperson, Councillor Trainor, for the way he had conducted office over the past 12 months. They said he had been an excellent and impartial Chair who gave everyone a chance to speak.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5 June 2018.

**Signed: Councillor John Trainor**  
**Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee**

**Signed: Mr R Moore**  
**Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services**



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- 🏠 Peacebuilding
- 🏠 Disaster Response and Mitigation
- 🏠 Impacts of Urbanization
- 🏠 Vulnerable Groups



**Disaster Response and Resilience  
Helping Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh  
Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Jordan**





# Building Impact

- 🏠 Serve more local families
- 🏠 Work in partnership to deliver practical projects which tackle local need, build community impact and provide a platform for intentional volunteer engagement
- 🏠 Mobilise volunteers to join us in mission
- 🏠 Serve more families by growing support for partner programmes globally

# Context

92.5% Social Housing is  
single identity

7% of young people educated  
in integrated schools



# Building Strong Communities

Tackling empty homes

Addressing social exclusion

Support for vulnerable people



- Help local people access low cost materials
- Employment and learning opportunities
- Divert materials from landfill



**34% of  
placements are  
supported**



# ReStore

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# Our Waste, Our World







**Change Makers**  
200 young people  
3 day programme  
2 partner schools

**1** NO POVERTY



**2** NO HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH



**4** QUALITY EDUCATION



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



**7** CLEAN ENERGY



**8** GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION



**13** PROTECT THE PLANET



**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**16** PEACE AND JUSTICE



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



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# Questions?

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 April 2018 2018 at  
2.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Mr J Campbell, Independent Chairperson

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor L Devlin  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor M Murnin  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Ms D Carville, Director Corporate Services  
Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Finance)  
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning & Performance  
Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Ms C Hagan, ASM (Internal Auditors)  
Ms C Kane, Northern Ireland Audit Office

**AC/22/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

There were no apologies received.

**AC/23/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sharvin and Ms Hagan declared an interest in item 25 on the agenda – Internal Audit Contract Extension.

**AC/24/2018: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising out of Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2018. (Copy circulated)

**AC/18/2018 – Internal Audit Asset Summary Report**

The Chairperson advised that an outline business case for a grants database would be considered at a ITPG meeting in 2<sup>nd</sup> May and an update would be brought back to a future committee meeting.

**Noted:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Hanna, the action sheet was noted.**

**CORPORATE SERVICES****AC/25/2018                   CORPORATE RISK REGISTER**

**Read:**                   Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Corporate Risk Register (copy circulated)

In response to queries from Members, Mrs Carville advised there had been no elevated corporate risks since the register was last tabled and work was on-going in the background with regard to the implementation of GDPR.

Councillor Sharvin asked when the identified risks with regard to GDPR would appear before the Committee.

Mrs Carville advised the corporate level risks would appear on the corporate risk register and update reports on the implementation of GDPR would be brought to the SPR Committee with further training courses being organised as required.

**Noted:**                   **The Corporate Risk Register was noted.**

**AC/26/2018                   FRAUD & WHISTLEBLOWING UPDATE**

**Read:**                   Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Fraud and Whistleblowing Update (copy circulated)

In response to a question from Councillor Sharvin, Mrs Carville advised the review into the Big Screen to be considered by the Audit Committee was complete as far as possible at present with a Lessons Learned report presented to the January Audit Committee meeting. However there was other work on-going and the case would remain open until the review had run its course.

The Chairperson enquired whether the Audit Committee would receive a progress report on those issues identified as the key lessons to be learned.

Mrs Carville advised the lessons learned document was best practice guidance which was something that the organisation would strive to do for every procurement exercise going forward. She stated the internal audit review of procurement compliance scheduled for the 18-19 year was the most beneficial way of getting a level of assurance in terms of procurement practice.

**Noted:**                    **The Fraud and Whistleblowing Report was noted.**

**AC/27/2018**                **DIRECT AWARD CONTRACTS**

Read:                        Report from Mr D Barter, Procurement Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Direct Award Contract (DAC) Register (copy circulated)

**Noted:**                    **It was agreed to note the Direct Award Contract Register.**

**AC/28/2018**                **UPDATE ON AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Read:                        Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Update on Audit Recommendations

In response to a query from Councillor Murnin, Mr Byrne advised he would need to speak to the officer with responsibility for the Off-Street Parking contract and would revert back to the Councillor with an update.

**Agreed:**                    **It was agreed that Mr Byrne would revert to Councillor Murnin with an update on the Off-Street Parking contract and it was also agreed to note the update on Audit Recommendations report.**

**AC/29/2018**                **UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT**

Read:                        Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Update on Procurement (copy circulated)

Mr Byrne advised training sessions had been scheduled at both the Newry and Downpatrick sites for appropriate staff from the beginning of June with a further session for Directors, Assistant Directors and Head of Service in May 2018.

**Noted:**                    **It was agreed to note the update on procurement.**

**AC/30/2018**                **PROMPT PAYMENT STATISTICS**

Read:                        Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Prompt Payment Statistics (copy circulated)

In response to a query from Councillor Casey, Mr Montgomery stated he had not compared these statistics with those of the two legacy Councils, however he could do and would bring the comparison back to a future Audit Committee.

Councillor Hanna asked how many days over the target payments were being made.

Mr Montgomery stated the figure was higher for this period as there were large invoices paid for capital contracts for the two leisure centres.

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the Prompt Payment Statistics.**

**AC/31/2018** **MANAGING THE RISK OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION**

Read: Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Managing the Risk of Bribery and Corruption – Actions (copy circulated)

The Chairperson asked following ratification at the SPR Committee, for the Conflicts of Interest Policy to be tabled at the Audit Committee.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed that once approved at SPR Committee, the Conflicts of Interest Policy would be tabled at Audit Committee Meeting. It was also agreed to note the Risk of Bribery and Corruption report.**

**AC/32/2018** **YEAR END ACCOUNTS UPDATED 2017/18**

Read: Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Year End Accounts Updated 2017/18 (copy circulated)

The Chairperson queried whether there was likely to be a change in any of the accounting policies following review and whether the timetable was deliverable.

Mr Montgomery advised he was not aware of any changes to the accounting policies and would hope to deliver on the timetable as set out.

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the year end accounts updated 2017/18**

**AC/33/2018** **AUDIT & RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE HANDBOOK REVISION**

Read: Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Audit and Risk Committee Handbook (NI) 2018 (copies circulated at meeting)

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee Handbook Revision.**

**AC/34/2018                    CIRCULARS FOR NOTING**

Read:                                Correspondence from Department for Communities, dated 9 January 2018, regarding Circular LG 01/18 - Designation of Local Government Auditor. (Copy circulated)

Read:                                Correspondence from Department for Communities, dated 8 March 2018, regarding Circular LG 05/18 - Accounts Direction for District Councils 2017/18. (Copy circulated)

Mrs Carville highlighted that the accounts must be submitted to the Department on or before 30 June following the financial year to which they relate with an earlier closing date of 30 September 2018 for approval of the audited accounts.

The Chairperson stated the Audit Committee scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 would be the meeting at which the accounts were agreed therefore it was important that all Members took cognisance of the date.

**Agreed:                                It was agreed to note the above mentioned circulars.**

**It was agreed that items 14 and 16 on the agenda could be taken in open session.**

**AC/35/2018                    DRAFT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2018-19**

Read:                                Report from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2018-19 (copy circulated)

In response to a query from the Chairperson, Mr McBride advised the equality scheme previously agreed allowed provision for 8 weeks consultation as opposed to 12 weeks. Furthermore as there had already been a lot of consultation carried out in terms of identifying the performance objectives, he was satisfied that the 8 week consultation period was sufficient.

**Noted:                                    It was agreed to note the Draft Performance improvement Objectives for 2018-19.**

**AC/36/2018                    NIAO IMPROVEMENT AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT REPORT – UPDATE ON THE PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Read:                                Report from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Improvement Audit and Assessments – Update on Progress with the 'Proposals for Improvement' (copy circulated)

**Noted:                                    The update on the proposals for improvement was noted.**



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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Devlin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of 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 these items of business.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Devlin, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session and the following actions were agreed:

**AC/37/2018** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOLACE RE: PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT**

**Read:** Correspondence received from SOLACE, dated 9 March 2018, regarding Performance Audit and Assessment (copy circulated).

**Noted:** It was agreed to note the correspondence from SOLACE re: Performance Audit and Assessment

**AC/38/2018** **PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY 2017-18**

**Read:** Correspondence received from NIAO, dated 18 April 2018, regarding Performance Improvement Strategy 2017-18 (copy circulated).

**Noted:** It was agreed to note the correspondence from NIAO on Performance Improvement Strategy 2017-18.

**AC/39/2018** **INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT**

**Read:** Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Summary Report (copy circulated)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the Internal Audit Summary Report

**AC/40/2018** **REVIEW OF PLANNING REPORT**

**Read:** Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Review of Planning Report (copy circulated)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the Review of Planning Report.

**AC/41/2018**                    **DISASTER RECOVERY AND PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING IT STRATEGY REPORT**

**Read:**                            Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Disaster Recovery and Progress on Implementing IT Strategy Report (copy circulated)

**Agreed:**                        **It was agreed to note the Disaster Recovery and Progress on Implementing IT Strategy Report.**

**AC/42/2018**                    **PROCUREMENT REVIEW**

**Read:**                            Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Procurement Review (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                      **It was agreed to note the Procurement Review.**

**AC/43/2018**                    **AUDIT FOLLOW-UP 2016-17 REPORT**

**Read:**                            Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Audit Follow-up 2016-17 Report (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                      **It was agreed to note the Audit Follow-up 2016-17 Report.**

**AC/44/2018**                    **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2018-19**

**Read:**                            Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 26 April 2018 – Internal Audit Plan 2018-19 (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to approve the Internal Audit Plan 2018-19 as presented, with the changes proposed accepted.**

**Councillor Sharvin and Ms Hagan left the meeting at this stage having previously declared an interest – 3.35pm**

**AC/45/2018**                    **INTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**Read:**                            Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 26 April 2018, regarding Internal Audit Contract Extension (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Murnin to approve the final extension period in ASMs Internal Audit contract.**

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION****AC/46/2018            TO AGREE MEETING DATE FOR JUNE/JULY MEETING****AGREED:**            **It was agreed to hold the next Audit Committee Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, subject to ratification at the June AGM of Council.**

The Meeting concluded at 3.40pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Signed:**            **Ms D Carville**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

**Signed:**            **Mr J Campbell**  
**Independent Chairperson**



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23 April 2018

Dear Liam

#### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO CLERICAL ABUSE

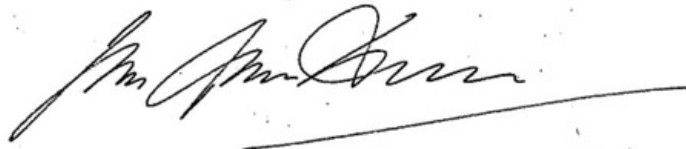
Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2018, requesting a public inquiry into clerical abuse, including the abuse committed by the now deceased Fr Michael Finnegan. I am replying on the Secretary of State's behalf.

The UK Government has always been very clear in its outright condemnation of any form of abuse of children. You will be aware, though, that this is a devolved competence. To that end, I welcome the establishment of the interdepartmental working group sponsored by the Executive Office and NI Department of Health to

look into clerical child abuse (and former mother and baby homes). You may wish to contact them directly for an update on the progress of their work.

Given that this is a devolved matter, any question of a public inquiry would be for a devolved administration to consider. It is exactly in order to consider strategic decisions of this kind that it is imperative to see the Executive restored, which remains our overriding priority.

I would like to thank you for bringing the Council motion to my attention.

*Yours sincerely*  


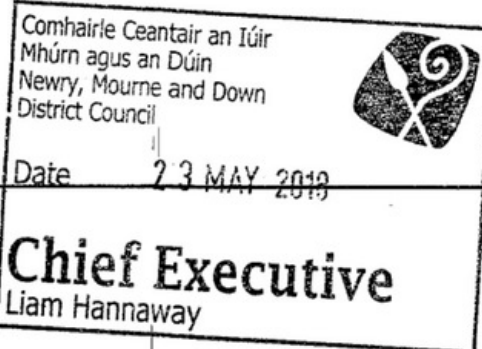
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# Housing Executive

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16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Liam

## Social Housing

Thank you for your recent letter regarding social housing across Newry Mourne & Down Council area.

The Housing Executive welcomes the commitment given to the prioritisation of social and affordable housing within your Local Development Plan and also your commitment to work with Government Departments and others to develop housing solutions for Newry City and the wider council area.

The requirement for new social housing has been at a very high level since 2010 across the council area and remains so, with the 5 year projection showing a need for 1,959 units. Need remains highest in Newry City (733 units), Newcastle (197 units), Warrenpoint (179 units) with need also evident throughout the large rural hinterland with the villages of Castlewellan, Bessbrook/Derramore, Crossgar, Saintfield and Rostrevor also demonstrating strong need. Single, older person and small family households comprise 85% of the waiting list and the predominance of single and small family households underline a significant requirement for 1 and 2 bedroom homes.

The Housing Executive fully recognises the scale of housing provision required across the council. As statutory partners in the Community Plan, we participated in the Housing Symposium in Downpatrick in January this year where we set out the challenges and engaged with councillors, council staff and representatives from Housing Associations and across the sector. This was a very beneficial event and has informed a body of work currently underway which is being led by Ailbhe Hickey, our Head of Place Shaping for South Region. This work is being done at a strategic level e.g. via data sharing; development of public sector assets; engagement with Development Management/ Development Plan within Newry Mourne & Down Council and also at an operational level via the preparation of more detailed housing action plans which are more locally responsive.

On a strategic level, the Housing Executive have put forward a draft data sharing agreement with Newry Mourne & Down Council via the community planning partnership. This will allow both organisations to share information on land ownership and housing need and also to review development opportunities / potential for site assembly to address these needs. It is envisaged that the data sharing agreement will also be used as a pilot for other statutory partners to review and participate in, and to investigate opportunities for collaboration as we engage further in the mapping of public sector assets across the partnership.

The Housing Executive have met with Pat Rooney, Head of Development Management, to raise awareness of social housing issues, both in terms of unmet housing need and the social housing development programme (SHDP). We are keen to meet with him and his team bi-annually to build awareness around the SHDP, provide training to staff in relation to this, and further enhance the relationship between the Housing Executive and council staff as we work together to address housing issues across the council area.

We continue to engage with Andrew Hay, Head of Development Plan, to ensure the plan strategy and development plan documents make adequate provision for social, affordable and market housing to meet the district's needs over the 15 year plan period. We have provided a position statement which sets out the Housing Executive's views in relation to the key housing issues and planning policy statements, as well as highlighting the key issues that we would like to see prioritised in the local development plan. Work is underway to review and complete Strategic Housing Market Assessment documents which will form the key empirical evidence to underpin the emerging development plan in line with policy guidance and best practice.

On a more operational level, and following detailed review of the issues which were discussed at and which emerged from the Housing Symposium, work is currently underway on the preparation of detailed Housing Action Plans for each of the District Electoral Areas (DEAs) across the Newry Mourne & Down Council area. These action plans involve a detailed land use study of each of the towns and villages with an unmet housing need; identification and classification of the development potential of sites; identification of and engagement with landowners to establish interest in the sale of land for housing; engagement with each of the DEA forums as part of this process before formally nominating a housing association to negotiate the acquisition of land. We would hope to have this work completed by September 2018 to then allow formal nomination to Housing Associations thereafter. In parallel, we have engaged with Asset Management from the council to review potential surplus sites which are coming through the Council's own surplus lands schedule. We understand the Council is working through these systematically and we will continue to engage with the Council as they move through this process and put forward potential opportunities.

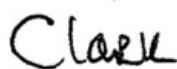
The Housing Executive believes in developing housing within a sustainable community. A key component of sustainable community is mixed tenure housing development.

In the past, planning to meet social housing need was delivered through the large scale development of high density social housing estates. The development of large mono-tenure estates demonstrate that planning decisions can greatly affect people's life experience. The Housing Executive welcomes the opportunity to work with the Council through the local development plan process to encourage mixed tenure developments where the social and affordable housing are distributed throughout the development which will support the development of inclusive and cohesive communities.

With regard to the Fundamental Review of Housing Allocations, I have referred this query to the Department for Communities who are responsible for this consultation and who will be best placed to advise in relation to the current status of the review.

I trust this letter sets out the current position and identifies the next steps with regard to Housing Executive activity across the council area. There is much work to do, but building on the strong partnerships emerging through the community planning partnership, I am confident we are moving in the right direction to identify and bring forward a variety of solutions to create much needed homes for those in need across your council area.

Yours sincerely



**Clark Bailie**  
**Chief Executive**



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***NILGA Community Planning and  
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Thursday 21st June 2018***

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**Date:** Thursday 21st June 2018

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<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	
8.30 - 9.30	<b>Registration</b>
9.30 - 9.35	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Lord Mayor, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council</i>
9.35 - 9.55	<b>Political Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government</b> <i>Representatives from UK and Irish Government and Members of Legislative Assembly</i>
9.55 - 10.10	<b>NILGA &amp; SOLACE Response/Address to conference</b> <i>NILGA President</i>
10.10 - 10.20	<b>From the Audience Q&amp;A Session</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – OUR HEALTHY PEOPLE (KAREN)</b>	
10.20 – 10.35	<b>Community resilience, mental health &amp; wellbeing</b> <i>Lisa McIlherron, Inspire</i>
10.35 – 10.50	<b>Addressing challenges and inequalities in health and social care – council civic leadership and service provision</b> <i>Liz Redmond, Dir. of Population Health, DoH (invited)</i>
10.50 – 11.05	<b>Panel Discussion/Q&amp;A session</b>
11.05 – 11.35	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - OUR ECONOMY &amp; TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (LISA/ KS)</b>	
11.35 – 11.55	<b>Carnegie – Wales Time for Towns work</b> <i>Jen Wallace and Lauren Pennycook</i>
11.55 – 12.15	<b>Association of Town Centre Management</b>
12.15 - 12.30	<b>Panel Discussion/ Q&amp;A Session</b>
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>
<b>PILLAR 3 - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - OUR ENVIRONMENT (KAREN)</b>	
14.00 – 14.20	Mike Barry, Director Plan A, Marks and Spencer
14.20 – 14.40	<b>Leithers don't litter?</b> <i>Rob Hopkins, Totnes Transition Town? (invited)</i>
14.40 - 15.00	<b>Panel Q&amp;A Session</b>
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>
<b>DEVOLUTION &amp; SOLACE SESSIONS (DEREK)</b>	
15.30 - 16.40	<b>(1) A BETTER N IRELAND: RESPONSIBLE, RESOURCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b> <i>Dr Peter Kenway, Co-founder, New Policy Institute</i> <i>Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, NILGA</i> Interactive Session on Democracy, Devolution & Improving Public Service Delivery
	<b>(2) SOLACE SENIOR OFFICERS' SESSION</b>
16.40 – 17.00	<b>Closing Keynote</b> <i>Neil McInroy, Progressive Economics – People and Place Matter</i>
17.00	<b>NILGA Conference Delegates Prize Draws</b>
	<b>Conference Close &amp; Local Government Gala Awards Prelude</b>

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