



February 28th, 2017

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 6th March 2017** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

## 1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Following the Council's success in meeting the standard of the Charter for Elected Member Development, a presentation of the Charter by representatives from NILGA will take place as follows:

Date: Monday 6 March 2017

Time: 4.45 pm to 5 pm

Venue: Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

## 2 Declarations of Interest

## 3 Environmental Youth Speak Winners

Chairperson to congratulate the district's senior and junior winners of Environmental Youth Speak, they are from St Malachy's Primary School, Camlough and Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry. These winners will each give a 5 minute speech to Council.

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### *Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing*

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## 5 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017

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## 6 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 30 January 2017

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### *Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption*

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## 7 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2017

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## **10 Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2017**

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### *Correspondence*

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## **11 Correspondence received from Derry City & Strabane District Council**

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## **12 Correspondence received from the Northern Ireland Office re the incarceration of Tony Taylor**

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### *Notices of Motion*

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## **13 Notice of Motion received from Councillor H Reilly**

That this Council investigates the possibility of entering into contract hire agreements for the supply of refuse collection vehicles.

That this Council gives serious consideration to the operational benefits of contract hire for refuse collection vehicles and presents a cost benefit analysis to Council and invites contract hire suppliers to address council on how the scheme works.

## **14 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Burns**

This Council notes with disappointment the planned closure of two First Trust Bank branches in our district. We ask First Trust to reverse this decision on the basis that it discriminates against rural communities and to give a guarantee that, at the very minimum, it will retain the ATM's at the locations concerned. We further ask for a Meeting with representatives from the First Trust to discuss the proposed closures in detail and, in particular, the impact on our rural communities.

# Invitees

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**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

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

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

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Policy  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities  
 Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services  
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
 Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy  
 Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Finance and Systems)  
 Mrs M Morgan, Corporate Services (Finance)  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**C/18/2017                    APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, D McAteer and Walker.

The Chairperson referred to the loss of life due to tragic accidents within the District and said sympathy letters would be sent to the families of Matthew Davis who died in a road accident in Saintfield, Sarah Thompson who died in a house fire in Jonesborough, a lady in Kilkeel who died in a road collision, Ciara McGreevy who died in Warrenpoint, Philip McGrath, the brother of Colin McGrath, who had died recently and Councillor Casey's sister-in-law.

The Chairperson extended congratulations to the following:

- Colin Campbell, the golfer from Warrenpoint, who had been named on the initial GB and Ireland Walker Cup squad.
- Dylan Duffy from Downpatrick who had won the Irish U22 boxing championships.
- St Louis School, Kilkeel ladies football team who had become Ulster champions.
- The classic car event at the Slieve Donard in Newcastle for Cancer Research which had been a very well-run event.
- Best wishes and safe travels to Drumgreenagh School, Barnmeen, who had won school choir of the year and were heading to Britain's Got Talent.

Councillor Hyland advised John Dalzell's Christmas sit out for the Hospice had now raised over £1.7m, which should be recognised. The Chairperson advised a reception was to be held to recognise this achievement.

Councillor Harvey advised £16k had been raised at the classic car event for Cancer Research.

**C/19/2017                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING****C/20/2017                    MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017**

Read:                                Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 (copy circulated)

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

**C/21/2017                    ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017**

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017(copy circulated)

**AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 was agreed.**

**TO SET A DISTRICT RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018**

**C/22/2017 TO SET A DISTRICT RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018 AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NI) 2011.**

Read: Report by Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive and Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 6 February 2017, regarding the District Rate 2017-18.  
 Appendix 1 - Report by Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 6 February 2017, regarding the Efficiency Working Group consideration of rate setting process 2017-18.  
 Appendix 2 – Four Year Capital Programme.  
 Appendix 3 – Prudential Indicators and MRP.  
 Appendix 4 – Treasury Management Strategy Statement.  
 Appendix 5 – NMDDC 4 Year Plan.  
 Appendix 6 – Department for Communities – General Estimate of Rates 2017/18 – NMDDC.

Mrs Carville advised Members that the Efficiencies Working Group had met 5 times and had considered in detail the rates estimates. She said she was asking Members to approve an increase to the rates of 2.66%, highlighting the key factors that underpinned the increase, which she said had been considered in detail at the Efficiencies Working Group meetings.

Mrs Carville said that as set out in the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011, the Chief Executive, as Chief Financial Officer, was required to make a submission confirming the robustness of the revenue estimates and the adequacy of reserves going into the 2017/18 year.

Mr Hannaway confirmed that the budget for the 2017/18 financial year was robust and that reserves were sufficient to carry out the requirement on CIPFA guidelines on the minimum reserves, which was one month's working capital to cover any costs.

However Mr Hannaway advised Members that the current political instability in the NI Executive was causing problems, especially as the Regional Rate had not been set and Council had therefore made an assumption that it would receive £2.5m of Rates Support Grant, the same as had been received the previous year.

Mr Hannaway also said there were no figures yet for grants for PCSP, Good Relations and Air Quality Control, but it had been assumed they would be the same as the previous year. He also referred to the Local Government Staff Commission,



saying there could be a potential cost issue if it was to remain in place as no legislation was passed to approve its dissolution. All these issues could impact on the Council's Budget in 2017/2018.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- There was no commitment from the NI Executive regarding the Rates Support Grant, but Council had sufficient reserves should the situation arise whereby the grant did not materialise.
- Loan interest increased in the next few years as it was directly linked to the capital programme. Officers were working closely with the treasury advisors to maximise the best rates for Council and they were looking as far into the future as they could to achieve the best rates. The Treasury Management Strategy was committed to achieving the best loan interest rates going forward.
- The other 10 councils in Northern Ireland were at various stages of setting their 2017/18 rate. Belfast City Council had struck their rate at 1.89%.
- Much of the increase in payroll costs had been due to legislation: there was a 1% increase by NILGOSC over the next 3 years, Council had entered into the Apprentice levy of 0.5%, there would be new staff required to roll out the brown bins from April and additional planning staff had been brought in to reduce the backlog of applications. There was also new staff required in Community Planning, a statutory function of Council. There were funded posts in the budget amounting to £500k, with the corresponding income included. Council would also be required to have a Safeguarding Officer in post.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2017/18 rate setting process, be approved as follows:

1. Approve the 4 year capital programme budget of £100,396,852 (detailed in appendix 2 of Report).
2. Approve the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2017/18 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code (detailed in appendix 3 of Report).
3. Approve financing severance costs of £987,104 from reserves 2017-18 (detailed in appendix 4 of Report).
4. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017-18.
5. Have regard to the Chief Executive's statement as required by the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011 (detailed in appendix 5 of Report).
6. Approve an increase in the District Rate for 2017-18 of 2.66% based on an estimated penny product of 2,277,215, meaning a non-domestic rate of 22.9904 pence and a domestic rate of 0.3692 pence.
7. Approve the 2017-18 estimates and authorise the expenditure included in the estimates detailed in appendix 6).

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

### **C/23/2017            MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2017**

Read:                    Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2017 (copy circulated)

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

### **C/24/2017            MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2017**

Read:                    Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2017 (copy circulated).

In response to a query from Councillor Reilly, Mr Curtis advised a report had been received from the Central Procurement Department on the process for the cost of the review of Victoria Lock, a copy of which would be sent to the Member.

In response to a query from Councillor Burgess, Mr Curtis confirmed that council officials had a plan to take to the Development Association to develop 8 x 1,000 sq ft enterprise units at the Saintfield Community Centre and also the development of a 2G pitch on the shale pitch under Council's ownership, details of which would be tabled with the Development Association and brought back to Council in due course.

In response to a query from Councillor Craig, Mr Hannaway explained that responses to the Community Plan would be presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board on 9 February 2017, following which a report would be brought to Council with any revisions to the Community Plan.

### **SPR/9/2017 Visit from School 7, Kirovsk – March 2017**

Mr Curtis advised the costs of hosting the visit from School 7 would be £420 for transportation, plus provision of a minor civic reception. He explained that East Coast Adventure had agreed to provide all other facilities for School 7 during their visit.

Councillor Casey suggested School 7 should be part of the St Patrick's Day parade.

**AGREED:**            **It was agreed that School 7 would be part of the St. Patrick's Day parade.**

### **SPR/25/2017 - Proposed Changes to Management Structures**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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

**Agreed:** When the Council came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that discussion had taken place relating to Minute SPR/25/2017 – proposed changes to Management Structures, with the Chief Executive providing information on the matter and the Minutes had then been agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

**C/25/2017**                    **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2017**

**Read:** Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2017 (copy circulated)

**AHC/9/2017 - Play Strategy**

Councillor Stokes said he considered that the Play Strategy should have made reference to a large parkland area for the centre of Newry, but it had been explained to him that this fell outside the scope of this particular Play Strategy. He said this was an important project for Council and he requested that this area of open space in the centre of Newry be investigated as this project was extremely important to, and much needed in, Newry.

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

**C/26/2017**                    **MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 25 January 2017 (copy circulated)

### **RTS/10/2017 – Moving to a Single Standard of No Glass in Blue Recycle Bins**

Councillor Mulgrew referred to the lengthy discussion on the issue of no glass in the blue recycle bins, saying there was further work to do regarding placement of collection bins for glass bottles and education, and requested a more in-depth study to be carried out.

Councillor Stokes said the public were not prepared to pay rates as well as take their glass to be recycled and the elderly, disabled and those without access to transport would be at a disadvantage.

Mr O'Rourke responded to Members' questions as follows:

- The Arc21 contract would run until April 2018 during which blue bin content from the Newry area was recycled including glass.
- The Strategic Waste Working Group had agreed in principle to a project to roll out a blue bin service to commercial customers in the Down area.
- The cost of blue bin content being recycled including glass was £73/tonne, without glass it was £42/tonne.

Councillor Carr said it made sense to roll out the glass collection in the blue bins across the whole District and requested officers investigate this as opposed to stopping the service.

Councillor Murnin suggested information detailing what revenue raised from the rates was spent on, saying this should be broken down and displayed in chart format and sent out in the Council's Citizen's News.

The Chief Executive said information for citizens relating to the 2017/2018 rates was already at an advance stage of preparation, but this would be considered for inclusion in the forthcoming citizens news publication.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Stokes, that further options be investigated regarding glass in blue recycle bins, including rolling the service out across the whole District, and that information be brought back to Committee.

**AGREED:** The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Craig, with the exception of Minute RTS/10/2017.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/27/2017**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT REGARDING DECOMMISSIONING OF SELLAFIELD.**

Read:                            Correspondence dated 22 December 2016 received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway advised Members that representatives from Sellafield had indicated they could accommodate a delegation of 7 from Council, which would be tabled initially at the Party Representatives Forum.

Noted:                            The correspondence received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment dated 22 December 2016, was noted.

**C/28/2017**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS RE: NOTICES OF MOTION ON WOMEN'S STATE PENSION AGE INCREASE**

Read:                            Correspondence dated 6 January 2017 received from the Department for Work & Pensions re Notices of Motion on Women's State Pension Age Increase (copy circulated)

Councillor Andrews recorded his disappointment in the response, expressing concerns for people working longer and many not reaching retirement age.

Noted:                            The correspondence dated 6 January 2017, received from Department for Work & Pensions re Notices of Motion on Women's State Pension Age Increase was noted.

**C/29/2017**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR SIMON COVENEY TD – RIGHT TO VOTE OUTSIDE OF THE STATE**

Read:                            Correspondence dated 16 January 2017 received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (copy circulated)

Councillor O'Múiri suggested responding to the correspondence received asking that Council be kept informed of the findings and how the reports were being analysed.

**Agreed:**                    **It was agreed that a response be sent to Mr S Coveney T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government asking that Council be kept informed of the findings and how the reports were being analysed.**

**FOR NOTING**

**C/30/2017**      **NILGA WORK PLAN**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 9 January 2017 received from NILGA regarding the NILGA Work Plan (copy circulated).

**Noted:** **The correspondence dated 9 January 2017 received from NILGA regarding the NILGA Work Plan, was noted.**

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS****C/31/2017**      **DAERA KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORK (EDUCATION STRATEGY) CONSULTATION**

**Read:** Consultation – Daera Knowledge Framework (Education Strategy) Consultation dated 16 January 2017 (copy circulated).

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the DAERA Knowledge Framework (Education Strategy) Consultation dated 16 January 2017.**

**NOTICES OF MOTION****C/32/2017**      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**"That this Council agrees that the decision by DUP Minister Paul Givan to remove £50k bursaries from the Liofa initiative shows further disregard for the Irish language and he should immediately restore £50k of bursaries to the Liofa initiative."**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Ó Muirí stated that although the funding for the Liofa initiative had now been restored, the manner in which the Minister withdrew the funding was deplorable.

Councillor Ruane seconded the motion.

Councillors Stokes, Sharvin and Brown spoke in support of the motion while Councillors Reilly, Harvey, Burgess and Craig voiced their dissent for the motion, stating the Irish language should not be used as a political football by Sinn Fein trying to force the Irish Language Policy.

Councillor Sharvin proposed an amendment to the motion that the Council write to the Department asking the Minister to ensure funding was ring-fenced for future provision of the Liofa initiative.

Councillor Ó Muirí accepted the amendment and thanked those Members who supported the motion. He invited any Members who wished to visit the school that he taught in.

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

**FOR:** 27  
**AGAINST:** 5  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 1

The motion as amended, was **CARRIED**.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Ruane that Council write to the current Minister, with follow up to the new Minister when appointed, requesting that funding be ring-fenced for future provision of the Liofa initiative.

**C/33/2017**                      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR STOKES**

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

**"Newry, Mourne and Down District Council calls on the Department for Infrastructure to reverse its decision to increase on street parking charges in Newry by 50% from 40p per hour to 60p per hour."**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Stokes stated the Department's timing was wrong as businesses were already facing huge instability with Brexit, increasing rates etc. He advised it sent out the wrong message to traders in the Newry city area.

Councillor Andrews seconded the motion.

Councillor Hanna spoke in support of the motion and asked that an amendment be added to the motion asking for the Department to advise Council on how much revenue was lost through Southern registered cars parking in car parks and not paying.

Councillor Kimmins stated Sinn Fein would not be supporting the motion as it was only a 20p increase per hour and cars should only be parking on street for a maximum of 2 hours. She stated Newry city was still the cheapest place to park and cars could still park for 15 minutes for 20p. Councillor Kimmins stated that the situation needed to be monitored and any negative impact should be addressed.

Councillor Stokes thanked Members for their support. He said, although not directly related to the motion, he was supportive of a letter being written to the Minister asking for information on southern registered cars not paying for parking.

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

**FOR:** 18  
**AGAINST:** 13  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Andrews that Council call on the Department for Infrastructure to reverse its decision to increase on street parking charges in Newry by 50% from 40p to 60p per hour.

It was also agreed to write to the Minister asking for information on Southern-registered cars not paying for parking.

**C/34/2017**      **REPORT OF EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information in relation to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report of Efficiency Working Group Meetings held on 18 November 2016, 30 November 2016, 22 December 2016, 16 January 2017 and 1 February 2017 (copies circulated)

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

**Agreed:** When the Council came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that the reports of the Efficiency Working Group Meetings held on 18 November 2016, 30 November 2016, 22 December 2016, 16 January 2017 and 1 February 2017, had been noted.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.46pm



**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/20/2017	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	L Hannaway E McParland	<b>Actioned.</b>	
C/22/2017	To Set a District Rate for the Financial Year 2017/18 as Required under Section 3 of the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011	<p>It was agreed that the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2017/18 rate setting process, be approved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the 4 year capital programme budget of £100,396,852 (detailed in appendix 2 of Report).</li> <li>2. Approve the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2017/18 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code (detailed in appendix 3 of Report).</li> <li>3. Approve financing severance costs of £987,104 from reserves 2017-18 (detailed in appendix 4 of Report).</li> <li>4. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017-18.</li> <li>5. Have regard to the Chief Executive's statement as required by the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011 (detailed in appendix 5 of Report).</li> <li>6. Approve an increase in the District Rate for 2017-18 of 2.66% based on an estimated penny product of 2,277,215, meaning a non-domestic rate of 22.9904 pence and a domestic rate of 0.3692 pence.</li> <li>7. Approve the 2017-18 estimates and authorise the expenditure included in the estimates detailed in appendix 6).</li> </ol>	L Hannaway D Carville	<b>Approved.</b>	
C/23/2017	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2017	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	<b>Agreed</b>	
C/24/2017	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held	<p><i>SPR/9/2017 – Visit from School 7, Kirovsk – March 2017</i></p> <p>It was agreed that School 7 would be part of the St</p>	E Curtis/M Ward		

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	on 19 January 2017	Patrick's Day parade.			
C/25/2017	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	<b>Agreed</b>	
C/26/2017	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 25 January 2017	<i>RTS/10/2017 – Moving to a Single Standard of No Glass in Blue Recycle Bins</i> It was agreed that further options be investigated regarding glass in blue recycle bins, including rolling the service out across the whole District, and that information be brought back to Committee.  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, with the exception of Minute RTS/10/2017	C O'Rourke	<b>Agreed</b>	
C/29/2017	Correspondence received from Mr Simon Coveney TD – Right to Vote Outside of the State	It was agreed that a response be sent to Mr S Coveney T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government asking that Council be kept informed of the findings and how the reports were being analysed.		<b><u>Letter sent</u></b>	
C/32/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ó Muirí	It was agreed that Council write to the current Minister, with follow up to the new Minister when appointed, requesting that funding be ring-fenced for future provision of the Liofe initiative.		<b><u>Letter sent</u></b>	
C/33/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Stokes	It was agreed that Council call on the Department for Infrastructure to reverse its decision to increase on-street parking charges in Newry by 50% from 40p to 60p per hour. It was also agreed to write to the Minister asking for information on Southern-registered cars not paying for parking.		<b><u>Letters sent</u></b>	

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

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**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 30 January 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor G Fitzpatrick**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor P Byrne  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor C Enright  
Councillor V Harte  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor K Loughran  
Councillor K McAteer  
Councillor R Mulgrew  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor W Walker  
Councillor R Burgess  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor G Craig  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor M Larkin  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor A McMurray  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor J J Tinnelly**(Officials)**Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer  
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer**Also in attendance:** Mr L Allamby, Chief Commissioner, Human Rights Commission NI  
Dr D Russell, Director, Human Rights Commission NI  
Mr A McBride, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission NI  
Ms C Collins, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission NI  
Ms M Reynolds, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission NI  
Ms C Martin, Communications Worker, Human Rights Commission NI**SC/1/2017****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Brown, Carr, Curran, Devlin, Kimmins, Macauley, Murnin, Stokes, Taylor and Mr Hannaway, Chief Executive.

**SC/2/2015****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**SC/3/2015****PRESENTATION NI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Allamby, Dr Russell, Mr McBride, Ms Collins and Ms Reynolds from the NI Human Rights Commission and invited them to make their presentation.

The Chief Commissioner, Mr Allamby thanked the Chairperson for the opportunity to present to Council and highlighted the following points:

- The NI Human Rights Commission had been involved in widespread community engagement across Northern Ireland.
- The NI Human Rights Commission had statutory functions under the NI Act 1998 which included advising the UK Government on reserved issues such as immigration, tax, security, foreign affairs and also advising the NI Assembly and Executive on devolved matters.
- The Commission was engaged in discussions locally on legislation and human rights aspects of policy, and also had a monitoring role with international treaties.
- The Commission was engaged with a number of conventions and its role was to ensure the UK was held to account.
- The Commission had a role to promote the awareness of human rights through training.
- The Commission could and did take legal cases and had been involved on the issue of mental health.
- Human rights investigations took place and the Commission had recently completed an investigation on health care in emergency departments in NI and a piece of work was being undertaken with the Belfast Trust and the Northern Trust regarding what a fully human rights compliant emergency department would look like.
- The Commission was also involved in an enquiry regarding Traveller accommodation.
- The Commission led on a Business and Human Rights Forum which looked at forced labour and human trafficking.
- The Commission was involved in a partnership with the Department of Finance regarding the human rights impact based assessments in procurement, especially around agency workers and concerns over their treatment.
- The Commission was undertaking a piece of research regarding people going to court without legal representation.

The Chief Commissioner informed Members of the Commission's top 3 strategic priorities, which were:

1. Delivering human rights through excellent services to the public.
2. Human rights and building the future in Northern Ireland.
3. Social and economic rights in a time of change.

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

Members asked the following questions:

- Why when a clinical need for a 24 hour accident and emergency department had been defined by the South Eastern Trust, was the Downe Hospital not sufficiently manned?
- Why was the Northern Ireland Government not recognising the impact of climate change locally and internationally? Sea levels were rising by 3.4mm per annum and coastal settlements in the District were in danger.
- There was a chronic problem regarding mental health in the judiciary system whereby people, especially young people, with mental health issues end up in PSNI custody suites, become charged and end up in prison.
- A review of the social housing selection process was needed as there were large numbers of homeless people across the north and Newcastle, Warrenpoint and Newry were chronic areas. People with addiction problems, mental health issues linking to suicide were on social housing waiting lists but the selection process favoured people who gained intimidation points and local people were missing out on housing.
- What defined a human rights issue?
- The British Government had taken the view that the primary concern and consideration regarding Brexit was the control of immigration. What would the situation be post Brexit of the status of the indigenous population of the 6 counties who currently held Irish passports? Would they be able to travel freely in Europe?
- Why could the principle of common law relationship rights not be extended to Northern Ireland? Couples who lived together had no rights over their estate if one of the couple died?
- Lichtenstein was in a political union with Switzerland, but was in the common market. The Channel Isles used Sterling as currency, but were in a separate treaty with the EU and there was no Brexit vote there. Could the NI Human Rights Commission raise these two issues when talking to the UK Government regarding Brexit?
- Why was the issue of civil partnership in the NI Human Rights Commission's Annual Statement only Amber and not Red?
- What was the NI Human Rights Commission's view on the rights of political ex-prisoners?
- What was the NI Human Rights Commission doing for victims of terrorism?
- What was the NI Human Rights Commission doing for foreign nationals and their rights to come into the country to look for work to ensure they were looked after in a more fair and appropriate manner?

Representatives from the NI Human Rights Commission responded to Members queries as follows:

- The NI Human Rights Commission continued to comment for example on the framework convention on minority languages and provision for the Irish language and Ulster Scots.

- The NI Human Rights Commission did not bring an answer to how to configure health care services regarding the Downe Hospital, but Human Rights does say there is a right to the highest attainable standard of healthcare and there was the concept of non-retrogression – looking to attain the right of the highest standard of healthcare and a progressive realisation of that right.
- The Healthcare enquiry found that expenditure was going in the right direction, but it was very difficult to spend the extra in-year monies in a long term planned way. It was also found that wrap around services impacted on accident and emergency services. A lot of good practice was found across Northern Ireland, but it was also found that this was not shared or rolled out.
- The Commission was taking part in a pilot regarding how services were planned with the Northern HSC Trust which was considering community based care services .
- Climate change was not an issue the NI Human Rights Commission were dealing with directly, however it was an issue being considering in the context of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human rights Institutions which the Commission Chairs.
- The Commission would be meeting to look at undertaking another human rights enquiry, at the minute both mental health, suicide, self-harm, housing need, homelessness how these affect young people was being considered. The Commission could only undertake 1 enquiry due to available funding.
- International human rights work was being undertaken around taxation, corporations paying taxes effectively and dealing with tax avoidance as there was a link between collecting revenue and spending on public services.
- The UK's negotiating stance regarding Brexit was currently unknown, but the Commission was involved in the issue of the common travel area and this would determine whether Irish citizens would have different rights to citizens of other EU countries regarding travel. Both UK and Irish Governments had said they wished to retain the common travel area, but this would be a matter that would also engage the other 27 EU Member states.
- Work had been on-going in the Commission regarding mental health, which was a much wider issue than just within the prison system. The outgoing Health Minister had made it clear that all Parties would have to come together to look at how hospital structures would work in the future.
- Health was one of the most difficult challenges facing society, especially in Northern Ireland, as it had a disproportionate number of ageing and young people, who were the biggest users of the health service. The healthcare system in NI was ill equipped to cope with the demographic challenge and the pace of change regarding technologies and available drugs.
- Rights based discussions were now more widely discussed than 30 years ago, and people did now assert their rights. Part of the Commission's role was to try and make people understand that rights discussions were based on international standards, were universal, and had all the countries in the world had signed up to some human rights standards..
- Some of the work the Commission had undertaken had been through film, use of social media and Instagram and films had been produced about hidden rights around migrant workers, domestic violence, people with disabilities, housing and young people and homelessness. The Commission tried to

make sure people understood where human rights came from in the first place as an educative role, but debates about human rights in general were worthwhile.

- There had been a Law Commission report in England and Wales recommending changes to the law regarding common law partnerships and once a couple had been together for a period of time, but not married, it would enshrine protections; but there was no progress on this.
- The reason civil partnership were amber and not red was that it was the view of the Commission that the absence of civil marriage for same sex couples did not necessarily constitute a violation of human rights law. However, the Commission continued to keep a watching brief on the ongoing court cases and would respond to any future developments.
- The Channel Isles were not part of the UK and the case of Litchenstein would be looked into.
- The Commission were aware of issues regarding political ex-prisoners human rights and recognised that these issues were not just issues that affected the people serving the prison sentences, but generations down from those people. There was no current solution on how best to deal with it, and it was not just an issue confined to Northern Ireland. The Commission continued to work with the ex-prisoners working group established by the Executive Office
- There really were no reasons why a political ex-prisoner could not undertake many jobs, but if turned down for a job, it should be documented.
- The Commission recognises victims and survivors of the Troubles had rights and there was a recognition in Northern Ireland legislation that there was no hierarchy of victims; that all victims should receive services and support. The Commission had addressed this on a number of occasions and recognised the issue around mental health and wellbeing and physical health of victims and survivors.
- Any victim or survivor of the Troubles regardless of cause, was eligible for health care treatment at no cost according to their need.
- The Commission had not been directly involved in the issue of fairness for foreign nationals from outside the EU seeking work, but it would be worth feeding this information through NILGA to the Strategic Migration Partnership.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.20pm.**

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**





**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Burgess

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

Councillor T Andrews  
 Councillor W Clarke  
 Councillor G Hanna  
 Councillor H Harvey  
 Councillor T Hearty  
 Councillor D McAteer  
 Councillor G Stokes  
 Councillor M Ruane  
 Councillor A McMurray

**Officials in Attendance:** Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism  
 Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/020/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor D Curran (Deputy Chairperson of ERT)  
 Councillor N Bailie

**ERT/021/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**ERT/022/2017: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017**

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Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017.**

**Holiday World 2017**

Councillor Andrews and Councillor Burgess expressed thanks to the input from Council staff who attended Holiday World 2017 in both Belfast and Dublin.

**Lighting of Oak Holm Tree**

Councillor McAteer questioned the variation in the estimated figures submitted regarding lighting of the Oak Holm tree in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.

Ms Ward said the figures had not been provided by the Council and confirmed clarification had been sought regarding the difference between both figures submitted and she was awaiting a response in due course.

**ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

**ERT/023/2017: CONSULTATION – REFORMING THE RATING SYSTEM**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer regarding a Consultation Response on Reforming of the Rating System. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer, to approve the**

**consultation response regarding Reforming the Rating System and submit same to the Department of Finance in advance of the closing date on Thursday 16 February 2017, subject to including suitable wording regarding the 3rd paragraph in the response, Revitalising our High Streets, clarifying that the 100% rates exemption be applied within the first 3 years of conversion.**

**ERT/024/2017: NEWRY JOB FAIR**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding the Newry Job Fair to be held on Thursday 23 March 2017 in Canal Court Hotel. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer, that the Council contribute £2,500 towards the Department for Communities Job Fair to be held on Thursday 23 March 2017 in the Canal Court Hotel Newry.**

**ERT/025/2017: VILLAGE RENEWAL**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding an updated of existing and creation of new Village Renewal Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Village Renewal, that subject to receipt of a letter of offer from MGL Rural Development Partnership, that the Council undertake the review of village plans and the development of new village plans as listed on the List of Village/Settlements.**

**ERT/026/2017: DAERA**  
**RE: KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a Consultation Response to DAERA regarding Knowledge Framework. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed to approve the consultation response regarding DAERA Knowledge Framework, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, and forward same to DAERA by the deadline of 27 February 2017.**

**ERT/027/2017: DISTRICT MASTERPLANS**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Master Plans for the District. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that subject to extensive consultation, that the Council adopt and implement the 4 No. Masterplans for the District with quarterly review and date provided to the ERT Committee and a bi annual reports provided to DEAs.**

**TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS**

**ERT/028/2017: HORSE RIDING**  
**CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms H Wilson Countryside Access Officer regarding Horse Riding in Castlewellan Forest Park. (Copy enclosed)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms H Wilson Countryside Access Officer, that the Council undertake the management of the identified interim horse riding trails in**

**Castlewellan Forest Park in the short term pending the outcome of the ORNI study into wider horse riding in the Mourne forests, taking into account the identified key issues.**

**ERT/029/2017: SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL 2017**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Seatrade Cruise Global 2017 event. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to queries regarding this event Ms Ward explained this was a global event and costs for taking a stand at this event will be met by Warrenpoint Harbour Authority. She said there may be an opportunity to send a member of Council staff to attend the European Seatrade Cruise event which will be held in Hamburg in September 2017.

**AGREED On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer, that 1 No. Council Official attend the Seatrade Cruise Global event to be held in Fort Lauderdale from 13-16 March 2017.**

**ERT/030/2017: BALMORAL SHOW 2017**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Council attendance at Balmoral Show May 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Council be represented at the Balmoral Show 2017 and take a stand at this event, as per marketing activities.**

**ERT/031/2017: TOURISM STRATEGY – TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding an update on the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 From Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) The Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board to meet on a bi monthly basis.
- (b) The report regarding Hotel for Downpatrick to be circulated to Members of the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board.

**ERT/032/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – TASK & FINISH COMMITTEE**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Camlough Lake Task & Finish Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 13 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) To investigate provision of temporary facilities for events for 2017.
- (b) To accept 1 No. representative from the new Camlough Angling group to be represented on the Committee.
- (c) The site Meeting scheduled for February 2017 be changed to March 2017.
- (d) A small group to review art feature on site.

**ERT/033/2017: LIFE GUARD SERVICES**

Read: Report dated 3 February 2017 from S Boyle Delamont Country Park Manager, regarding renewal of RNLi Agreement for provision of Life Guard Services for Cranfield Murlough and Tyrella Beaches 2017 – 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as per Report dated 3 February 2017 from Mr S Boyle Delamont Country Park Manager, the Council approve the continuation of the Agreement with RNLi for provision of a Life

**Guard Service for Cranfield, Murlough and Tyrella Beaches for period 2017 – 2021, subject to completion of legal formalities.**

**ERT/034/2017: TENDER  
STORY DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION SERVICES  
FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST (SLIEVE GULLION FOREST)**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding Tendering for story development/production services for Footsteps in the Forest to be held in Slieve Gullion Forest Park. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to issue a tender for the appointment of a company to undertake Story Development and Production Services for the Footsteps in the Forest event at Slieve Gullion Forest Park.**

**ERT/035/2017: EUROPEAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer and Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding a bid to European Athletics to the host European Cross Country Championships in Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer and Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager, that Council Officials in the ERT Department in partnership with Council Officials in the AHC Department, liaise with Athletics NI and the relevant stakeholders to consider the potential for a bid to be made by Athletics NI and UK Athletics to the European Athletics to host the European Cross Country Championships in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.**



**FOR NOTING****ERT/036/2017: ERT – ACTIONS TRACKER UPDATE**

Read: ERT Actions Tracking Update Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed to note the Actions Tracking Update Report.**

**ERT/037/2017: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
PREPARATORY STUDIES - PAPER 8 - COAST**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 8 – Coast. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 8 – Coast**

**ERT/038/2017: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 14  
EDUCATION HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 14 – Education, Health and Community Services. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 14 – Education, Health and Community Services.**

**ERT/039/2017: DOWNPATRICK HOTEL PROPOSAL  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the proposed Downpatrick Hotel. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: To note Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the proposed Downpatrick Hotel.**

The Meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.

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

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

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

In the Chair:	Councillor P Brown	
In Attendance:	Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
	Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Enright
	Councillor B Ó'Múiri	Councillor B Quinn
	Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
	Councillor W Walker	
Officials in Attendance:	Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive	
	Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance	
	Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services	
	Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities	
	Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services	
	Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation & Performance	
	Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration)	
	Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer	
	Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer	
	Mr E McManus, Capital Projects	
	Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager	
	Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer	

**SPR/26/2017      APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Byrne, Clarke, Doran and Murnin.

**SPR/27/2017      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Carr, Mr E McManus and Mr E Curtis declared an interest in Item 21 – RPA Severance.

The Chief Executive declared an interest in item 18 – Soccer Field at Bog Road, Forkhill.

**SPR/28/2017      ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2017**

Read:                      Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2017 (circulated).

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

Councillor Sharvin asked for an update on when Kindle Primary School facility would be transferred across to the Council.

Mrs Carville advised that the Director of Active and Healthy Communities would be having a meeting with Education Authority on this item and she would ask him to advise Councillor Sharvin by email of when the meeting was due to take place.

**AGREED:                The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 January 2017 was agreed.**

**SPR/29/2017      MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2016**

Read:                      Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 20 December 2016 (circulated).

**AGREED:                The Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 20 December 2016 were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**SPR/30/2017      CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – ADDITIONAL ITEM – SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Read:                      Report dated 16 February 2017, prepared by Committee Chairperson, Councillor P Brown, on Saintfield Community Centre Options for Costing and Projections..(copy circulated at meeting)

The Chairperson circulated a paper to Members outlining proposed options for costing and projections for Saintfield Community Centre following on from a meeting with the local residents group and proposed that the Council prepare an economic appraisal of a range of options regarding their investment in a Saintfield Community Centre.

Councillor Walker seconded the proposal stating the project needed to progress in order to show the people of Saintfield that the Council was committed to providing them with a community centre.

Members discussed the issue at length, with the Chairperson withdrawing his proposal and Councillor Walker proposing that a meeting be held with Saintfield Development Association, Council officials and representatives from Darragh Cross GAA, Saintfield Hockey Club and Saintfield Football Club to go through the options and allow officials to concentrate on the feasible options that suited the community needs.. This was seconded by Councillor Burgess.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess that Council officials hold a meeting with Saintfield Development Association and representatives from Darragh Cross GAA, Saintfield Hockey Club and Saintfield Football Club in order to go through the options and allow officials to concentrate on the feasible options that suited the community needs. It was also agreed that this meeting be held as a matter of urgency.

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

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

#### **SPR/31/2017 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Management Accounts to 30 December 2016 (copy circulated)

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

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the Management Accounts for the 9 month period to December 2016.

#### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**SPR/32/2017 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION – INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS (DRAFT PROCEDURES)**

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 February 2017 regarding Planning Appeals Commission: Independent Examination of Local Development Plans (Draft Procedures) (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker to note the contents of the report and approve the consultation response on behalf of Council.

**SPR/33/2017**      **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 8: COAST**

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 February 2017 regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Paper 8: Coast (copy circulated)

Councillor Enright stated there was no mention of renewable energy sources within the paper.

Mr Hay advised that renewables and the coast were referred to in a couple of the paragraphs within the document and other renewable issues would be further considered and developed on an on-going basis.

Councillor Sharvin asked what the impact of Brexit particularly, regarding the EU Flood Directive, would be within the Northern Ireland context.

Mr Hay advised these studies would evolve as necessary in order to take account of any further policy developments, however the matter of EU legislation was still a very grey area in terms of what may happen with certain aspects likely to be retained by UK governments.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the content of the report.

**SPR/34/2017**      **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 11: MINERALS**

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 February 2017 regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Paper 11: Minerals (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the content of the report.

**SPR/36/2017      LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 14: EDUCATION, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Read:** Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 February 2017 regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Paper 14: Education, Health and Community Services (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**      **It was agreed to note the content of the report.**

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION**

**SPR/37/2017      ARMAGH DOWN WOMEN'S AID**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance dated 16 February 2017 regarding Armagh Down Women's Aid (copy circulated)

**AGREED:**      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ruane to offer a letter of support from Council to Armagh Down Women's Aid Group who wished to have Southern Health and Social Services Council property on the Downshire Road, Newry transferred to them under Government Community Transfer Policy.**

**SPR/38/2017      COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN)**

**Read:** Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director: Strategic Planning & Performance (TIP) dated 16 February 2017 regarding Community Planning Update (implementation of the Community Plan) (copy circulated)

Mr McBride provided an update in respect of Community Planning, particularly relating to the decisions reached at the Partnership Meeting held on 9 February 2017 concerning the implementation of the Community Plan.

Mr McBride advised the following had been agreed at the Partnership Meeting:

- A delivery framework (including June 2017 target) for the production of drafts of Thematic Delivery Plans;
- An initial two year term to enable a review in 2019 to be undertaken in respect of the statutory requirement; and
- A leadership model whereby the Council would lead and facilitate the production of these plans, in the first instance, to be followed by a discussion with the Partnership about changing the model to reflect a greater role for Statutory Partners.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the Community Planning Update.

**SPR/39/2017**      **CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director: Strategic Planning & Performance (TIP) dated 16 February 2017 regarding Children and Young People's Strategy Northern Ireland (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burgess to approve the consultation response on Children and Young People's Strategy Northern Ireland.

**SPR/40/2017**      **CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON THE SAFEGUARDING BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (SBNI) REGIONAL CHILD PROTECTION/SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Report from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources dated 16 February 2017 regarding consultation response on Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) Regional Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for Northern Ireland (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burgess to note the contents of the report, and approve the submission of responses to the consultation on the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) Regional Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for Northern Ireland.

**ESTATE**

**SPR/41/2017**      **KILKEEL TOWN HALL**

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance dated 16 February 2017 regarding Kilkeel Town Hall, former Cinema (copy circulated)

Councillor Quinn asked whether the building could be developed as it was an eyesore on the main arterial route into Kilkeel.

Mr Curtis advised the building would form part of the strategic review of asset management and a report would be brought back to Committee in due course.



**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the works outlined in the Officer's report to allow the premises to be returned to the Council.

**SPR/42/2017**      **LEASE OF OFFICES – MCGRATH HOUSE, NEWRY**

**Read:** Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services Administration and Legal Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Lease of Offices at McGrath House, Newry (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to permit officials to seek advice from LPS as to the definition of community rental rate before deciding on whether to renew the lease at McGrath House, Newry. It was also agreed that a report would be brought back to the Committee in due course.

**SPR/43/2017**      **DEED OF RELEASE OF COVENANT AND CHARGE – TI CHULAINN LIMITED**

**Read:** Report from Mr P Green, Legal Advisor dated 16 February 2017 regarding Deed of Release of Covenant and Charge – Ti Chulainn Limited (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Quinn to note the contents of the Officer's report and agreed to Council entering into a Deed of Release of a Deed of Charge between Ti Chulainn Limited and legacy Newry and Mourne District Council, registered on 15 December 2008 and Supplementary Contribution Agreement dated 24 August 1999.

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

**SPR/44/2017**      **PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT CARLINGFORD PARK, NEWRY**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial

**or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information).**

**Read:** Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services Administration and Legal Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Proposed Sale of Land at Carlingford Park, Newry (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane to proceed with the sale of a portion of land at Carlingford Park, Newry at the recommended valuation, subject to the conditions listed in paragraph 2.1 of the Officer's report.**

**Having previously declared an interest, the Chief Executive left the chamber at this stage – 6.15pm**

**SPR/45/2017      REPORT RE SOCCER FIELD – BOG ROAD, FORKHILL**

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

**Read:** Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services Administration and Legal Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Proposed Sale of Land at Bog Road, Forkhill (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Andrews to proceed with the sale of land at Bog Road, Forkhill to Peadar O'Doirnin GAA Club at the valuation contained within paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's report and**

subject to the conditions detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

**SPR/46/2017**

**CCTV**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director: Strategic Planning & Performance (TIP) dated 16 February 2017 regarding CCTV (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews to note the contents of the Officer's report and agree to:

1. The extension of the town centre CCTV surveillance and monitoring contract with the company detailed in the Officer's report for a further 12 months until 31 March 2018 at the cost contained within the Officer's report.
2. Grant authority to Officials to identify options for the longer-term management of CCTV throughout the District (town centres and Council property) and;
3. The immediate upgrading of the CCTV system at the Bridge Centre, Killyleagh at the cost outlined in the Officer's report.

**SPR/47/2017**

**HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY**

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

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Health & Safety Policy (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the Health and Safety Policy contained in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report.**

**SPR/48/2017**      **ADDITIONAL COSTS TO NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr E McManus, Estates/Capital Projects dated 16 February 2017 regarding Additional Costs to Newry Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to:**

- 1. Grant authority to Council Officers to instruct the Design Team to include all necessary additional mechanical and electrical works in the current Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 scheme that had not been included in the original tender documentation, noting that these additional works shall incur additional costs to the contract.**
- 2. Grant authority to Council Officers to take appropriate action to seek to recover any additional costs to the Council arising directly from the Design Team's**

**omission of necessary mechanical and electrical works from the original tender documentation.**

**SPR/49/2017      TENDER FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES**

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

**Read:**      **Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director Financial Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Tender for Insurance Brokerage Services (copy circulated).**

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

**Agreed:**      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker to appoint the company as recommended in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's report as the Council's insurance broker for a two year period running from 1 April 2017 until 31 March 2019, with an option to extend the contract for a further 1 year + 1 year period.**

**SPR/50/2017      POLICY ON REVENUE EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY CAPITAL UNDER STATUTE (REFCUS)**

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

**Read:**      **Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director Financial Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding Policy on Revenue Expenditure Funded by Capital Under Statute (REFCUS) (copy circulated).**

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the policy for revenue expenditure funded by capital under statute, as attached in appendix 1 of the Officer's report.

**SPR/51/2017**      **PROPOSED NEW ENTRANCE TO NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr E McManus, Estates/Capital Projects dated 16 February 2017 regarding Proposed New Entrance to Newry Leisure Centre via Cecil Street (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the additional works to the entrance to the new Newry Leisure Centre from Cecil Street, Newry at the cost detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's report with this work to be carried out as part of the current contract.

**Councillor Enright left the chamber at this stage – 6.45pm**

**Councillor Carr, Mr Curtis and Mr McManus having previously declared an interest in the next item, left the chamber at this stage – 6.48pm**

**SPR/52/2017      RPA SEVERANCE**

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

**Read:**                Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services dated 16 February 2017 regarding RPA Severance (copy circulated at meeting).

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

**Agreed:**            When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess to note the contents of the Officer's report and agree to the recommendations regarding the application of the RPA Severance scheme at paragraph 3.1 of the report.

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

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 February 2017

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

**Signed:**            **Eddy Curtis**  
**Director of Strategic Policy and Performance**





**NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Mulgrew

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**Members:**

Councillor S Burns	Councillor C Casey
Councillor D Curran	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor P O’Gribin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	

**Officials in Attendance**

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

**RTS/19/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

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

**RTS/20/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted there were no declarations of interest.

**RTS/21/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2017**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2017. **(Copy circulated).**

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

**RTS/22/2017:           REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN  
- UPDATE Q3**

**Read:**                   Regulatory and Technical Services Business Plan – update at  
Quarter 3. **(Copy circulated).**

In response to a query from Councillor Curran, Mr O'Rourke outlined the procedures for the agreed Sickness Absence Policy within the Council and separate to this an agreement by Senior Management not to back-fill any posts for a period of 2 months if a member of staff was absent due to sick leave, unless it was a front-line post.

In response to a query from Councillor Hyland, Mr O'Rourke confirmed he hoped to be in a position to bring a report on options for the collection of glass back to the April R&TS Meeting for consideration.

**Agreed:           It was agreed to note the Regulatory and Technical Services  
Business Plan Update Q3.**

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION**

**PLANNING**

**RTS/23/2017:           PLANNING DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Read:**                   Planning Performance Indicators for January 2017. **(Copy  
circulated)**

**Noted:**               **The Planning Department Performance Indicators report was  
noted and Mr McKay advised Members on the reasons why  
there was a reduction in the number of decisions issued i.e.  
legacy applications, the majority of which were refusals and  
applications which had been submitted but which would  
inevitably be going as refusals.**

**RTS/24/2017:           RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS  
AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES – JANUARY 2017**

**Read:**                   Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public  
Representatives for January 2017. **(Copy circulated).**

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

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

### **RTS/25/2017: REPORT RE: BUS SHELTER REQUESTS**

**Read:** Report dated 22 February 2017 from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding bus shelter requests. **(Copy circulated)**. The report recommended:-

#### **Section A: Implementation of Bus Shelters Requests previously approved**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Shelter</b>
Roxborough Road Dorsey	Canteliver structure with perspex back
Mc Geough's, Crossmaglen Road, Aughanduff (Newry direction)	Enclosed shelter with concrete panels
Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook	Canteliver structure with concrete back
Patrician Park, Carrivemaclone, Newry	Canteliver structure with concrete back
Drumaroad Hill, Drumaroad	Enclosed shelter with concrete panels (no front)
Bells Hill, Belfast Rd, Crossgar	Canteliver structure with perspex back
Newcastle Rd, Ballynahinch	Canteliver structure with perspex back
Castlewellan Rd, Clough	Canteliver structure with perspex back
Ballyholland Rd, Ballyholland	Canteliver structure with perspex back

Works to complete these installations are well advanced with all expected to be in location before end of February.

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

##### **1. Turleys Crossroads, Moneyslane**

**Recommendation:** Council is not in a position to part fund the construction of a Smoking Shelter as requested. Council to consider and give direction on whether it should continue to pursue either of the two possible locations identified as a bus shelter or to remove this request from the list.

**Section C: Bus Shelter Requests under Consideration**

Table 2 below lists the remaining requests under consideration.

**Table 2**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date Request Made</b>	<b>Comment on Progress/Recommendation</b>
Glassdrumman Road, Annalong – new bus shelter (x2)	August 2014	Awaiting response from TNI and Translink
Sandbank/Hilltown Road, Mayobridge – new bus shelter	October 2014	Unable to find suitable site. Remove from list.
Clanvaraghan Road, Castlewellan – new bus shelter. (See item 2 in section A)	June 2015	Unable to find suitable site which meets Translink and TNI requirements. Remove from list.
Bryansford Road, Newcastle – new bus shelter	September 2015	Previous application for this site turned down by TNI. Re-consultation to issue.
Belfast Road, Newry close to Park n Share car park at Sheepbridge – new bus shelter	January 2016	Awaiting response from TNI
Carnaney/Bavan Road Mayobridge – new bus shelter	February 2016	Previous application for this site turned down by TNI. Re-consultation to issue.
Ballyhornan village in the main square	July 2016	Awaiting response from Translink
Killough Rd, Coney Island. Opposite the Caravan park	July 2016	Awaiting response from Translink
Bus Shelter - Drummond Rd / Gosford Road, Newry	September 2016	Initial request from TNI was for refusal. Revised proposal submitted to TNI. Awaiting response.
Killard Road/Avenue, Ballyhornan	June 2016	Awaiting response from Translink
Longstone Road Ballymartin	September 2016	Awaiting response from TNI, Newry, Mourne Community Transport and

		Education Authority NI
Two bus shelters for collection of school children in Forkhill (St Pauls, Bessbrook and St Joseph's Crossmaglen)	September 2016	Insufficient footpath space to proceed with request for bus to St Joseph's School.
Mc Geough's, Crossmaglen Road, Aughanduff (Crossmaglen direction)	September 2016	No progress to date

Councillor Stokes referred to the erection of a bus shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook (Section A) and said he had been contacted by the lady who lived in the property opposite the bus shelter. Due to personal family circumstances the lady was objecting very strongly to the bus shelter being located opposite her home, with the potential for the shelter to be used for anti-social behaviour and overlooking her property and causing loss of privacy. He understood the lady had also contacted other elected representatives and he circulated a petition signed by 25 householders objecting to the siting of the bus shelter at this location.

Councillor Stokes advised he was proposing that an alternative location be found for the bus shelter in Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook which was to the satisfaction of residents.

Mr Scullion outlined the history of this bus shelter and said the location had met with the criteria within the Council's policy for the provision of such shelters. He confirmed he had met with the lady who was objecting and tried to allay her concerns. Mr O'Rourke had also spoken to her.

He advised the base for the shelter had been put in and the frame erected and the shelter was awaiting the installation of concrete panels. He indicated that if it were possible to do so, the shelter could be turned 180% so that people using it were not looking into the lady's property and it could be monitored for any potential anti-social behaviour and easily removed if this was to become an issue.

A number of Members referred to the fact that the shelter complied with the current Council policy and that other residents of the area wanted a bus shelter in place as the bus stop was well used.

Councillor Stokes proposed and Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded that an alternative location be found for the bus shelter in Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook which was to the satisfaction of residents.

The proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:-

FOR: 5  
 AGAINST: 6  
 ABSTENTIONS: 2

The proposal was declared lost.

Councillor Taylor proposed and Councillor Burns seconded that Officials investigate if they can identify an alternative location for the bus shelter as a matter of urgency, which would be in line with Council policy, and report back to the R&TS Committee when all options would be considered.

**Agreed: The proposal was unanimously agreed.**

**It was further agreed Mr K Scullion contact the lady who had lodged her objections to update her on what the Council had agreed.**

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

- 1. When a request is received for the erection of a bus shelter, it be referred in the first instance to Translink to see if they could provide the shelter.**
- 2. The Council is not in a position to part fund the construction of a smoking shelter as requested at Turley's Crossroads, Moneyslane. However Council Officials to continue to pursue either of the two possible locations identified as a bus shelter at this location.**
- 3. The proposal that a request for a bus shelter at Clanvaragh Road, Castlewellan, be removed from the list, should not be progressed until after the Slieve Croob DEA has had an opportunity to consider it at their April DEA Meeting.**

Councillor Hyland left the meeting – 6.10 pm.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**RTS/26/2017: REPORT RE: STANDARDISATION IN THE USE OF CADDY LINERS**

**Read:** Report dated 22 February 2017 from Joe Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management regarding standardisation in the use of caddy liners. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed as follows: -**
- **A clear message to householders, that compostable kitchen liners can be used right across the District.**
  - **The Council will still give out free liners, one per household, at Monaghan Row and Greenbank, but also Downshire CC to help promote liners in the Down area.**
  - **Householders can purchase food caddy liners, which have the seeding logo, from local outlets.**
  - **Householders can still use their kitchen caddy, without liners, if they want.**
  - **As part of promotions, such as compost week, free liners may be given out to the public.**
  - **Councillor Burns also requested that the Council ensure this proposal is well publicised, particularly in the former Down area as this service was not one they had previously.**

**RTS/27/2017:                REPORT RE: ROADS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT**  
**- ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Read:**                        Report dated 22 February 2017 from Fintan Quinn, Head of Enforcement and Licencing, regarding road closures for special events. The report advised the general intention would be to create a streamlined process, through delegated authority, which can be administered with the minimum of impact in terms of resource implications for the Council and regulatory burden for applicants. The Council have delegated powers of decision making to the Director of the Regulatory and Technical Services Department. However, for those applications where there are issues or objections or grounds for refusal, for such representations to be heard and considered, and a decision made, a proposal will be brought to the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee **(Copy circulated)**

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

**RTS/28/2017:                ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN**  
**- 26 JANUARY 2017**

- Read:** Arc 21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin 26 January 2017. **(Copy circulated)**
- Agreed:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members' Bulletin dated 26 January 2017.**
- RTS/29/2017:** **ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
– MINUTES OF THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016**
- Read:** Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting – Minutes of Thursday 1 December 2016. **(Copy circulated)**
- Agreed:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Minutes dated Thursday 1 December 2016.**
- RTS/30/2017:** **REPORT RE: DRUMNAKELLY WIND TURBINE**
- Read:** Report dated 22 February 2017 from Canice O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services re: Drumnakelly Wind Turbine. **(Copy circulated)**
- Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the contents of the Report.**
- RTS/31/2017:** **HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**
- Read:** Report re: Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Action Tracking Update. **(Copy circulated)**
- Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the contents of the Action Sheet.**

Councillor Macauley and Councillor O'Gribin left the meeting – 6.15 pm.

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

- Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**



**RTS/32/2017:            REPORT RE: CEMETERY/BURIAL CHARGES 2017/2018**

**Read:**                    Report dated 22 February 2017 from Canice O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services re Cemetery/Burial Charges 2017/2018. **(Copy circulated).**

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

When the Committee was out of closed session, the Chairman reported that Councillor Andrews had proposed and Councillor Curran had seconded that the Council impose an 11% increase on the 2016 cemetery/burial charges.

The proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:-

For:	2
Against:	3
Abstentions:	5

The proposal was declared lost.

Councillor Burns proposed and Councillor Tinnelly seconded the adoption of the Cemetery/Burial Scale of Charges 2017/2018 as set out in Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting.

The proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:-

For:	4
Against:	1
Abstentions:	5

The proposal was declared carried.

**Agreed:**                **On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, it was agreed to adopt the Cemetery/Burial Scale of Charges 2017/2018 as set out in Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting.**

**It was also agreed Mr Scullion investigate the additional charge for burials after 3.00 pm week days and report back to the next R&TS Committee Meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.30 pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.

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

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



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24 February 2017

To: All Councils in Northern Ireland

Dear Chief Executive

**Re: Cystic Fibrosis – Life Changing Drug Orkambi**

Derry City and Strabane District Council recently received a deputation from representatives of a local branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Members agreed to write to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance seeking their support for the campaign to have the Orkambi drug for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers funded in Northern Ireland.

In addition Members encouraged further ministerial discussions with Vertex Pharmaceuticals regarding the cost of the supply of the Orkambi drug.

It was also agreed to seek the support of all Councils in Northern Ireland for the campaign.

If you require any further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of your Members.

Yours faithfully

**John Kelpie**  
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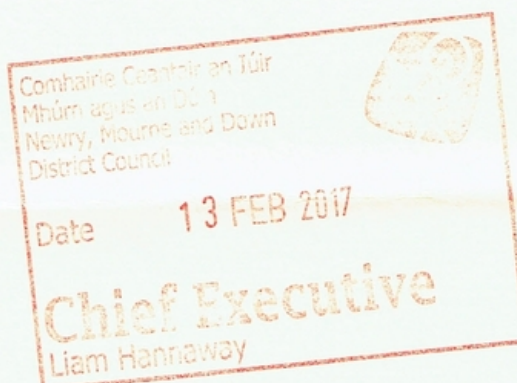
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7 February 2017

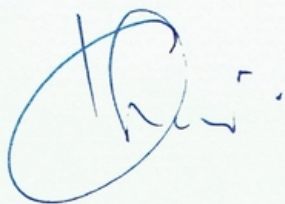
I refer to your letter of 18 January 2017 and your request that the following motion be considered by the Secretary of State 'The British Secretary of State in conjunction with other unaccountable agencies, has ordered the incarceration of Derry Republican Tony Taylor without charge or trail. This council calls for Tony's immediate release from prison.' I am replying to your letter as the matter of licence revocation cases has been delegated to me by the Secretary of State.

Mr Taylor is aware of the reasons for the revocation of his license. Immediately he was returned to custody he was provided with a copy of the independent Parole Commissioner's recommendation and the open reasons why his licence was revoked.

When a licence is revoked, the Parole Commissioners, an independent body, carry out a full review of the case in accordance with Article 6 obligations of the European Convention on Human Rights.

I can confirm that Mr Taylor's case has been referred to the independent Parole Commissioners for their consideration and it is they who will decide if Mr Taylor should serve the remainder of his sentence in prison. Mr Taylor, his representatives and the special advocate will have the opportunity to challenge the case against him at an oral hearing when it is arranged by the PCNI.

As the Parole Commissioners' review of this case is ongoing it would be inappropriate for me to comment further on the proceedings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Hopkins', with a large circular flourish at the beginning.

**KRIS HOPKINS MP**  
**PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE**