



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

July 31st, 2018

**Notice Of Meeting**

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

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Councillor Larkin in attendance at Council and not recorded in attendance list - 5th June 2018

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 2 July 2018

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### *Correspondence and Conferences*

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## 7.0 Correspondence received from Department for Communities re: Benefit Sanctions

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## 8.0 Invitation from Lusitania Museum to dedication ceremony to unveil the Lusitania Davit

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## 9.0 Correspondence received from Derry City & Strabane District Council re: PIP Motion

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## **10.0 Correspondence received from Derry City & Strabane District Council re: Medical Cannabis Motion**

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### ***Notices of Motion***

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#### **11.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Savage and Stokes**

"That this Council assembles a task force to include all relevant bodies to improve the condition of the Clanrye River in Newry City and that this task force explore all options in the short and long term including the provision of a weir. In the short term Council will work with all agencies to coordinate an immediate clean up of the River."

#### **12.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray**

"That this Council will write to both the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Irish Air Corps, to thank them in recognition for the efforts they have put into containing the forest fires that have affected our district.

Further to this, a summary report will be presented which details Newry, Mourne and Down Council's planned response to Forest Fire incidents".

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**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 2 JULY 2018**

<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Actions taken/ Progress to date</b>	<b>Remove from Action Sheet Y/N</b>
C/110/2018	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 June 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	<b>Adopted</b>	
C/111/2018	Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 4 June 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	<b>Adopted</b>	
C/112/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	<b>Sent minutes to Roads Service</b>  <b>Adopted</b>	
C/113/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, with the exception of minute ERT/103/2018 which was dealt with as a separate item.	M Ward		
C/114/2018	Report from CEO on Belfast Region City Deal – Update on Emerging Proposition: Update to Recommendation contained in ERT Committee Minute ERT/103/2018	It was agreed to accept the recommendations regarding Belfast Region City Deal as outlined at para. 3.1 in the officer's report including approval of a revised financial contribution allocation of £90,000 in order to develop economic impact, cost analysis and business case proposals against prioritised proposition proposals. This sum being available from the 2018/19 revenue budget.	L Hannaway	<b>Actioned</b>	
C/115/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting on 14 June 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	<b>Adopted</b>	
C/116/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2018	AHC/118/2018 – Minute should be amended to read Councillor Taylor, not Trainor at the bottom of page 2.  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record,	D Services  M Lipsett	<b>Amended</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		subject to the correction to minute AHC/118/2018, and adopted			
C/117/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2018	<p>RTS/098/2018 – Bus Shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook – It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMDC consult within the guidelines of the Council - with residents within 50metres of the site, on the options of erecting two bus shelters located at Cloughreagh Community Centre and Oak Close;</li> <li>• Translink to be asked by NMDDC why some residents and elected members were being told that the originally approved site was recommended, but advising other residents and elected members that it wasn't and allegedly Translink were on record as stating this</li> <li>• local residents speak directly to Translink to discuss this matter further, seeking clarity on this matter.</li> </ul> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p>	R Moore	<b>Adopted</b>	
C/118/2018	Correspondence received from Department for Communities regarding Children's Funeral Fund Motion	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/119/2018	Correspondence from Department for Justice re Children's Funeral Fund	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/120/2018	Correspondence received from Department of International Development re	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	<b>Noted</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	Motion regarding Syria				
C/121/2018	Correspondence received from Age Sector Platform re Newry, Mourne and Down Pensioners Parliament	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/122/2018	Correspondence received from Department of Health re Motion relating to Perinatal Hospice Care	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/123/2018	Diarying of Meetings and Events	It was agreed that the matter of master diary be tabled at SPR Committee Meeting.	D Services	<b>On August agenda – Councillor Quinn to be invited</b>	
C/124/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Mulgrew	It was agreed that Newry, Mourne & Down District Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland and wants to see the 'backstop' option as defined in paragraph 49 included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement, without an expiry date. In addition, this Council wants the full EU rights of citizens protected as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement	D Services	<b>Letter sent</b>	
C/125/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Larkin	It was agreed that the motion be referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.	C McAteer R Moore	<b>On August agenda – Councillor Larkin to be invited</b>	



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 2 July 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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

Councillor P Brown	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor JJ Tinnelly

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism  
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services  
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**C/107/2018****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Bailie, Clarke, Hanna, Harte, McMahon, Savage, Trainor and Walker.

The Chairperson stated the NHS celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday this month and he would be issuing a short video to mark the occasion, which he hoped Members would share through social media.

The Chairperson congratulated two local men's rowing teams who recently took part in the Crosshaven to Cork Sea Race with the team from Dundrum placed first and the team from Killyleagh finishing second. He also congratulated the team from Strangford, which had included Councillor Enright, who won the mixed competition.

The Chairperson extended his condolences to Councillor Savage and the members of SANDSA following the recent passing of Mr Jim Savage.

**C/108/2018            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C/109/2018            ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2018**

Read:                    Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**C/094/2018 – Minutes of RTS Committee 24 May 2018 – RTS/077/2018 – Car Park Tariff Pre-Review Report**

Councillor Sharvin asked whether there was a timeframe for the implementation of the review as agreed at the last Council Meeting.

Mr Hannaway advised a report would be presented at the August 2018 RTS Committee Meeting on how to carry out the consultation required.

**AGREED:                The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 June 2018 was agreed.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

**C/110/2018            MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2018**

Read:                    Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**C/111/2018            MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2018**

Read:                    Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 4 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 4 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Stokes.**

**C/112/2018**                    **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2018**

Read:                            Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 29 May 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Hearty.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/113/2018**                    **MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2018**

Read:                            Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**ERT/114/2018 – Tourism Events Funding:**

Councillor Byrne asked for clarification on why in Call 2, 8 successful applicants were not paid out the full budget allocated by Council for community festivals. He asked what criteria was used to assess the applications and said he found it very disappointing that a specific budget had been set aside, and yet successful applicants were not paid out the full amount requested in their applications. He asked what would happen with the unallocated monies.

Mrs Ward advised the process was managed through Financial Assistance and, in some instances, if Council were to provide the full funding it would leave organisations in a profit scenario. She stated she would investigate what criteria was used and how the scoring matrix was implemented, and would circulate this information to Members.

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess, with the exception of minute ERT/013/2018 which was dealt with as a separate item.**

**C/114/2018**                    **REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL – UPDATE ON EMERGING PROPOSITION: UPDATE TO RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN ERT COMMITTEE MINUTE ERT/103/2018**

Read:                            Report dated 11 June 2018 from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive on Belfast Region City Deal – update on emerging proposition: update to recommendation contained in Committee Minute ERT/103/2018

Mrs Ward advised the paper on City Deal had been presented to the Committee in June and the Committee had agreed to a financial contribution of £50,000. She stated there were additional costs identified to deliver the requirements of developing the City Deal

Proposition and she was seeking approval for an increased financial contribution allocation of £90,000, which was available within 2018/19 revenue budget.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Byrne to accept the recommendations regarding Belfast Region City Deal as outlined at para. 3.1 in the officer's report including approval of a revised financial contribution allocation of £90,000 in order to develop economic impact, cost analysis and business case proposals against prioritised proposition proposals. This sum being available from the 2018/19 revenue budget.

**C/115/2018**      **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2018**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**SPR/083/2018 – Civic Centre Regeneration Projects, Theatre, Conference & Arts Report**

Councillor Enright raised concerns regarding the Civic Centre Regeneration Projects. He stated Downpatrick Councillors had been told at a recent meeting, that to go ahead with the Downpatrick Masterplan project which would have included redevelopment of lands in the town centre and a new link road, would cost as much as £3.4m and this was too high a figure. He said the people of Downpatrick had been waiting on this regeneration and to spend £20,000,000 in Newry, while not allowing the regeneration of Downpatrick was not acceptable.

The Chairperson advised £20m had already been allocated in the rates process for the Civic Centre Regeneration Projects.

Councillor Sharvin said he wished to correct the details provided by Councillor Enright. He said TransportNI had stated a new link road from Irish Street to St Patrick's Avenue was not value for money; would not improve the traffic flow; and therefore TNI would not fund the project.

**Agreed:** The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran.

**C/116/2018**      **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2018**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2018 (copy circulated).

On a point of accuracy, Councillor Loughran stated the minute should state Councillor

Taylor, not Trainor at the bottom of page 2, minute ref: AHC/118/2018.

Councillor Fitzpatrick congratulated all those who were involved in the recent Feile Peile which she said was fantastic and involved people from all around the world.

**AHC/123/2018 – Financial Assistance**

Councillor McAteer asked for clarification as to why a Memorandum of Understanding was required between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

Mr Lipsett advised the project in question was funded by Social Investment Fund and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council were the lead partner, therefore a Memorandum of Understanding was required.

**AGREED:                   The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record subject to the correction to minute AHC/118/2018, to read Councillor Taylor, and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Howell.**

**C/117/2018                   MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2018**

Read:                       Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2018 (copy circulated).

**RTS/098/2018 – Bus Shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook**

Councillor Mulgrew provided background in relation to issues relating to the bus shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook. She said the community were very angry about what had taken place to date, including the young people in the area who felt they had been accused of engaging in anti-social behaviour as this was one of the reasons given for re-siting the bus shelter.

Councillor Mulgrew proposed that the people of Cloughreagh get their requests met with the following recommendations:

1. NMDDC consult with residents at JFKennedy, Oak Close and Cloughreagh Bungalow Parks on their opinion on erecting a bus shelter on the originally approved site.
2. NMDDC consult with residents outlined above on the options of erecting 2 bus shelters located at Cloughreagh Community Centre and Oak Close.
3. Translink to be asked by NMDDC why some residents and elected members were being told that the site outlined in option 1 was feasible, but advising other residents and elected members that it wasn't and allegedly Translink were on record as stating this.
4. Local residents speak directly to Translink to discuss this matter further seeking clarity as outlined in point 3.

Councillor Larkin seconded the proposal and stated the bus shelter provided an essential service to the community; it had been through due process and should now go to consultation with the community.

Councillor Stokes stated Council took a decision, correctly, in February not to site the bus shelter where it had originally been mooted and to look for an alternative location. He stated Council could not have a direct negative to a decision taken within four months under its Standing Orders.

Councillor Byrne stated there were four reasons put forward against the bus stop at the original location, none of which were anti-social behaviour. Translink did not recommend, however this was before the bus stop was removed. He said the bus now goes up the other side of the road and back down.

Councillor Byrne proposed an amendment to Councillor Mulgrew's proposal to include the removal of recommendation 1 above, and to consult within the guidelines of the Council - within 50 metres of the site; and that the word 'feasible' in recommendation 3, be changed to 'recommended'.

This was seconded by Councillor Stokes.

Council did then recess – 6.52pm

Council did then resume – 6.58pm

The Chairperson clarified referred to Standing Order 16.1 and said it had been five months since the previous decision was taken by Council on this matter. However the proposal now before Council was not rescinding that decision, as it related to consultation. He stated it was better to try to seek a resolution at the meeting, rather than wait for another month.

The Chief Executive advised the consultation would need to be carried out in line with Council policy.

Councillor Mulgrew asked Mr Scullion whether Translink had stated they did not want the bus shelter at the original location.

Mr Scullion advised any communications between the officers and Translink did not say they did not want the bus shelter at the original location. However Council were not necessarily asking Translink whether they were happy with the location, it was only whether there was a need for the bus shelter as defined within the policy. The information received was that it was a well-used site, which would meet requirements.

The Chairperson stated the amendment would be put to a vote.

Councillor Stokes called for a recorded vote, copy of which is attached. The results of the vote were as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>7</b>

**The amendment then became the substantive motion, which was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:**

**FOR:** 13  
**AGAINST:** 9  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 7

The motion was **CARRIED**.

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

- NMDC consult within the guidelines of the Council - with residents within 50metres of the site, on the options of erecting two bus shelters located at Cloughreagh Community Centre and Oak Close;
- Translink to be asked by NMDDC why some residents and elected members were being told that the originally approved site was recommended, but advising other residents and elected members that it wasn't and allegedly Translink were on record as stating this
- local residents speak directly to Translink to discuss this matter further, seeking clarity on this matter.

Councillor Sharvin asked that the current bus shelter priority list be circulated to Members.

**RTS/095/2018 – May 2018 – Planning Committee Performance Report**

Councillor Craig asked whether there was a timetable for the new scheme of delegation agreed as yet.

Mrs Ward advised there was a working group meeting on Thursday to look at the proposals for the scheme of delegation and she hoped, following that meeting, to bring a paper through SPR Committee in August.

**AGREED:** The Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Hyland.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/118/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING CHILDREN'S FUNERAL FUND MOTION**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 1 June 2018 from Department for Communities stating the Department would ensure that the question of a Children's Funeral Fund was brought to the attention of incoming Ministers when they were available. (copy circulated).

**NOTED:** The correspondence received regarding Children's Funeral Fund motion was noted.

**C/119/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE RE CHILDREN'S FUNERAL FUND**

Read: Correspondence dated 20 June 2018 from Department for Justice stating the establishment of a Children's Funeral Fund in N Ireland was a devolved matter and the letter would be copied to the Secretary of State for NI and the Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities. (copy circulated)

**NOTED:**      **The correspondence received regarding Children's Funeral Fund motion was noted.**

**C/120/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE MOTION REGARDING SYRIA**

Read: Correspondence dated 4 June 2018 from Department for International Development responding to the motion passed by Council regarding chemical attacks in Syria. (copy circulated).

**NOTED:**      **The correspondence received regarding Syria motion was noted.**

**C/121/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM AGE SECTOR PLATFORM RE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN PENSIONERS PARLIAMENT**

Read: Correspondence dated 23 May 2018 from Age Sector Platform thanking Council for its support to the Newry, Mourne and Down Pensioners Parliament event on 18 May 2018. (copy circulated).

**NOTED:**      **The correspondence received regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Pensioners Parliament was noted.**

**C/122/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE: MOTION RELATING TO PERINATAL HOSPICE CARE**

Read: Correspondence dated 19 June 2018 from Department of Health re: motion relating to Perinatal Hospice Care passed by Council and giving details of support services available and Departmental strategies. (copy circulated)

**NOTED:**      **The correspondence received regarding Perinatal Hospice Care motion was noted.**

**C123/2018**      **DIARYING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Councillor Quinn raised an issue regarding the master diary and clashes with meetings and events.



The Chief Executive advised that officers would look at the issue and table a report to the SPR Committee Meeting.

**AGREED:**                    **It was agreed that the matter of master diary be tabled at SPR Committee Meeting.**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **C/124/2018                    NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MULGREW**

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

**“That Newry, Mourne & Down District Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland and wants to see the ‘backstop’ option as defined in paragraph 49 included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement. In addition, this Council wants the full EU rights of citizens protected as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement”**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Mulgrew stated it was unfortunate that a cloud of uncertainty still existed in terms of Brexit and stated continued pressure needed to be put on the British Government that a hard border would not be accepted and it should not be allowed to damage communities and economic growth. The motion was seconded by Councillor Casey.

Councillor McAteer suggested an amendment to the motion that it include the words “without an expiry date”

Councillors Mulgrew and Casey were content with the amendment.

Councillor Reilly, Craig and Burgess spoke against the motion stating Brexit was a reality and anything which would separate NI economically or constitutionally from the UK could not be accepted.

Councillors Byrne, McMurray and Tinnelly spoke in support of the motion stating the ‘backstop’ option was the least that would be accepted and that people in Northern Ireland should be protected and should remain in the single market.

The matter was put to a recorded vote, copy of which is attached, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>0</b>

**The motion was carried.**

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Casey that Newry, Mourne & Down District Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland and wants to see the ‘backstop’ option as defined in paragraph 49 included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement, without an expiry date. In addition, this Council wants the full EU rights of citizens protected as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement”

**C/125/2018**      **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR LARKIN**

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Larkin:

**“Sinn Fein as an All Ireland party have observed the increased and relentless fly tipping in the Newry, Mourne & Down and Louth Areas. We call on our Council to increase co-operation between both Councils to tackle the scourge. Firmer action needs to be taken on Enforcement of Illegal Dumping. Fines and penalties must reflect the crippling costs to Council and Government. A full and comprehensive review needs to be carried out and we must spread a message of zero tolerance. We request that our Council write to the relevant Department to raise our concerns and request prompt action.”**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

It was agreed, in the interim, to write to Louth County Council to advise of the content of this motion.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.48pm

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

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

DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Councillor Byrne's amendment to RTS/098/2018

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews				X
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess	X			
P Byrne	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey		X		
W Clarke				X
G Craig			X	
D Curran	X			
L Devlin				X
S Doran		X		
C Enright			X	
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna				X
V Harte				X
H Harvey			X	
T Hearty		X		
R Howell		X		
D Hyland			X	
L Kimmins		X		
M Larkin		X		
K Loughran	X			
J Macauley	X			
D McAteer	X			
O McMahan				X
A McMurray			X	
R Mulgrew		X		
M Murnin	X			
B Ó Muirí		X		
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly			X	
J Rice				X
M Ruane		X		
M Savage				X
G Sharvin	X			
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor				X
JJ Tinnelly			X	
J Trainor				X
B Walker				X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>

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

DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

**SUBJECT OF VOTE: Notice of Motion from Councillor Mulgrew "That Newry, Mourne & Down District Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland and wants to see the 'backstop' option as defined in paragraph 49 included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement. In addition, this Council wants the full EU rights of citizens protected as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement"**

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews				X
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess		X		
P Byrne	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey	X			
W Clarke				X
G Craig		X		
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G Stokes	X			
D Taylor				X
JJ Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor				X
B Walker				X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>



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

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**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 25 June 2018 at 6pm in the  
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor S Doran
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor R Howell	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance  
 Mr A Beggs, Head of Evidence and Research  
 Ms V Keegan, Head of Communications and Marketing  
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer  
 Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr P McGinn and representatives from Cuan Mhuire  
 Mr M Gracey, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust  
 Mr E Sipler, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

**SC/22/2018****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Carr, Devlin, Enright, Fitzpatrick, Hanna, Harte, Kimmins, McMahan, McMurray, Savage, Sharvin, Stokes, Tinnelly and Trainor.

Apologies were also received from Mr K Morton, Southern Health & Social Care Trust.

**SC/23/2018****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**SC/24/2018**                    **PRESENTATION BY CUAN MUIRE RE: IMPACT OF GAMBLING IN THE LOCAL AREA**

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from Cuan Mhuire to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation on the impact of gambling.

Mr Pat McGinn thanked Members for the opportunity to meet with Council and outlined the role of Cuan Mhuire in the treatment of alcohol, drug and gambling addiction since its formation by Sister Consolio in 1966.

Members were advised that Cuan Mhuire had 650 people in houses for treatment throughout Ireland at this time.

Mr McGinn stressed gambling addiction was becoming more prevalent with Cuan Mhuire seeing an increase in people coming to their house seeking help for this addiction. He appealed to Members to examine Council policies regarding licensing for gambling premises.

Mr Murphy, a support worker for Cuan Mhuire then spoke of his own experience of gambling addiction and the help he received to overcome his addiction. He spoke of the correlation between gambling addiction and suicide.

During the presentation the importance of prevention and the work being undertaken through a schools programme was outlined. Mr Murphy referred to new legislation passed in the UK for fixed odd terminals and pointed out that this legislation was not in place here and highlighted the need for MLAs to be back in Stormont.

Mr McGinn issued an open invitation to all elected representatives and Officers to visit the Cuan Mhuire Centre, Newry at any time.

**Councillor McAteer joined the meeting during the above discussion – 6.20pm.**

**SC/25/2018**                    **REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTH EASTERN TRUST & SOUTHERN TRUST RE: ADDICTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed Mr E Sipler (Health Development/Addiction Services) and Mr M Gracey (Addictions Services Manager) from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

Mr Sipler and Mr Gracey thanked the Chairman for the invitation to attend the meeting and gave some background to the work undertaken regarding addictions by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust. (copy of the presentation attached to these minutes).

During the presentation the following points were noted:

- New Strategic Directions for Alcohol and Drugs document was currently being reviewed with a draft Strategy needing to be signed off by Government. A Tier '0' was required on prevention (as presently it was a four tier model, 1-4).
- Copies of a Guide to Local Alcohol & Drug Services were provided for Members.

- South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust was the only Trust to offer the 'Alcohol and You' tools to assist with early prevention through a website and self-help materials.
- There was higher density of addiction in deprived areas and the Trust had a Drug and Alcohol Co-ordination Team which was keen to work with Council.
- There was a need for alcohol free social outlets within the District.
- There was a requirement for prevention of drug, alcohol and self-harm abuse with young people at home and in schools.
- Prescription drug misuse was also a real problem and required further investment.

Following the presentation the following points were highlighted:

- Supporting People, Department for Communities was the core funder for Cuan Mhuire with the Health Service now on board.
- Addiction was a lifelong illness which required lifelong support.
- The importance of prevention and ensuring people know and are aware of what services are available.
- A need for the stigma of addiction to be broken.

**Councillors Burgess, Clarke, Taylor, Ó Muiri and Hearty left the meeting during the above discussion – 6.46pm, 6.58pm, 7.00pm, 7.11pm and 7.12pm respectively.**

Read: Report from Mr A Beggs, Head of Evidence and Research dated 25 June 2018, entitled Data outlining the Misuse of Prescription Medication in Newry, Mourne and Down was noted. (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway suggested Members of the Community Planning Health & Wellbeing Thematic Working Group should focus on alcohol, drug, gambling and prescription addiction in promoting the health and wellbeing of people within the District.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.15pm.**

For confirmation at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 6 August 2018.

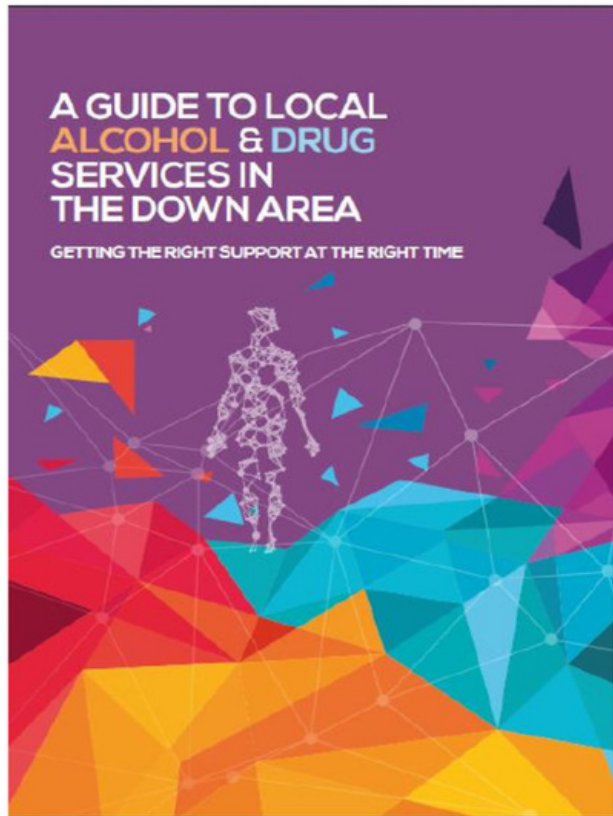
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**Chairman**

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**Chief Executive**



# Alcohol and drugs Working Together



## Ed Sipler

- Health Development/Addiction services

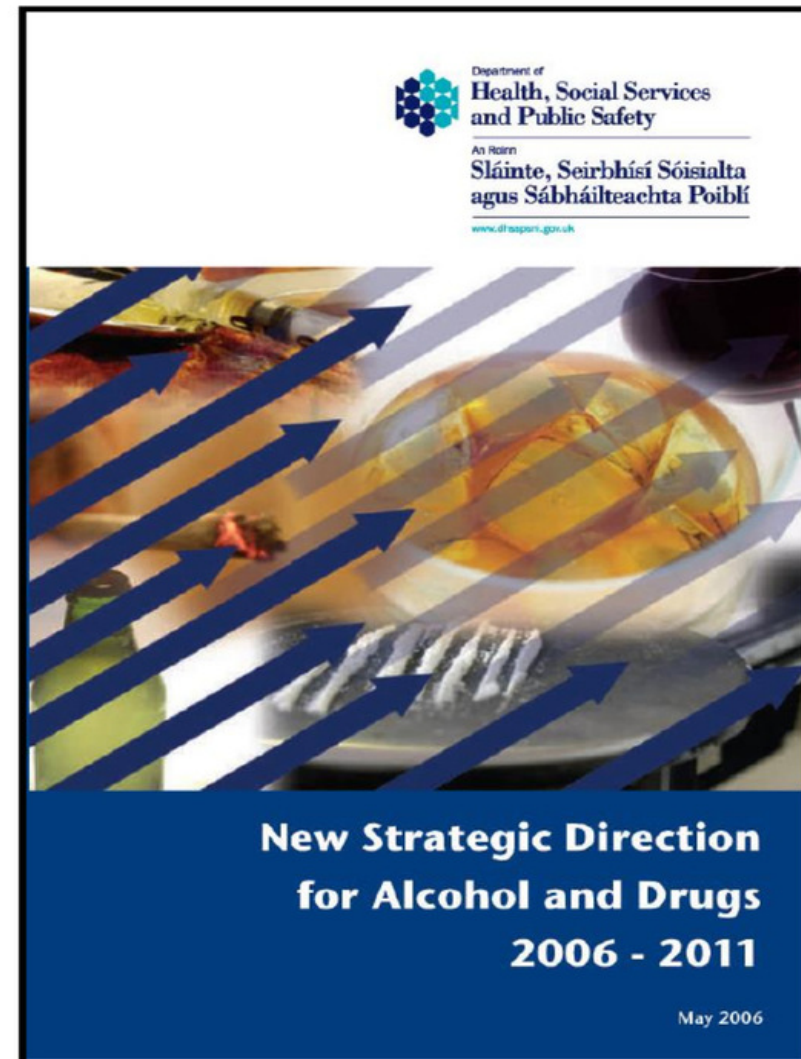
Michael Gracy

- Addictions Service Manager

Alcohol and drug misuse ( and all addictions)  
is an an emotive issue  
So what are we doing

# The NSD recommended a Four Tier model based on a stepped care approach

- **Tier 1: Non-substance misuse specific services**
- **Tier 2: Open access drug and alcohol treatment services**
- **Tier 3: Structured community based drug treatment services**
- **Tier 4: Residential services for drug and alcohol misusers**



# Four tier model: who fits where?

- **TIER 1 SERVICES**

Primary Care Services, Health Promotion, Accident & Emergency, Probation, General Psychiatry,

- **TIER 2 SERVICES**

Community alcohol and drug services, Brief Interventions, Outreach Services, work with vulnerable groups

- **TIER 3 SERVICES**

Community Addiction Teams, Substitute Prescribing

- **TIER 4 SERVICES**

Detox, Inpatient and Residential services

# The PHA funded services Building the rungs of a stepped care approach

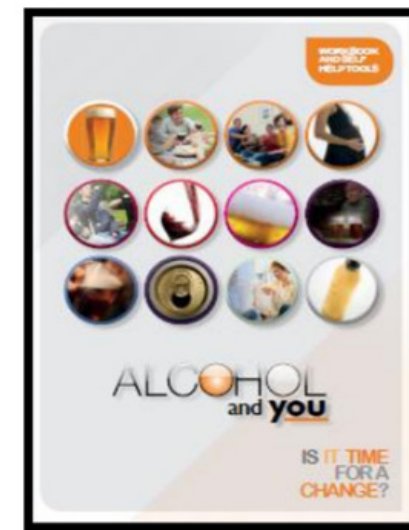
Step 4 Residential treatment

Step 3 ( more intensive support)

Step 2 ( earlier intervention with family support )

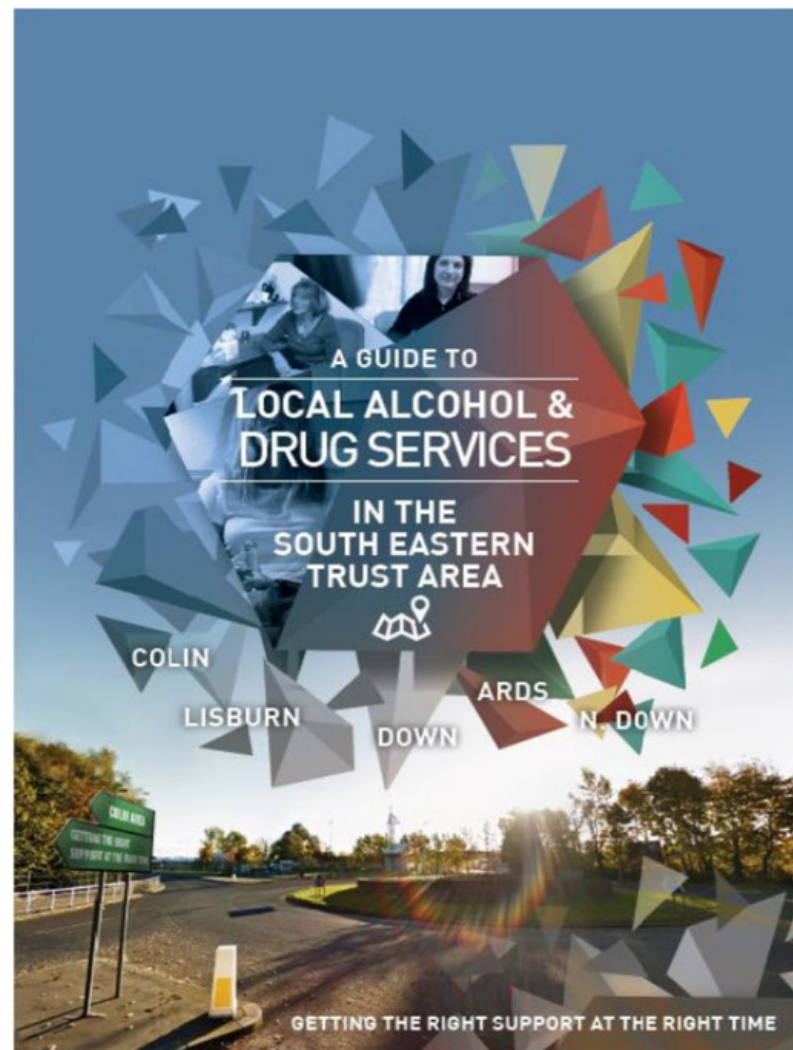
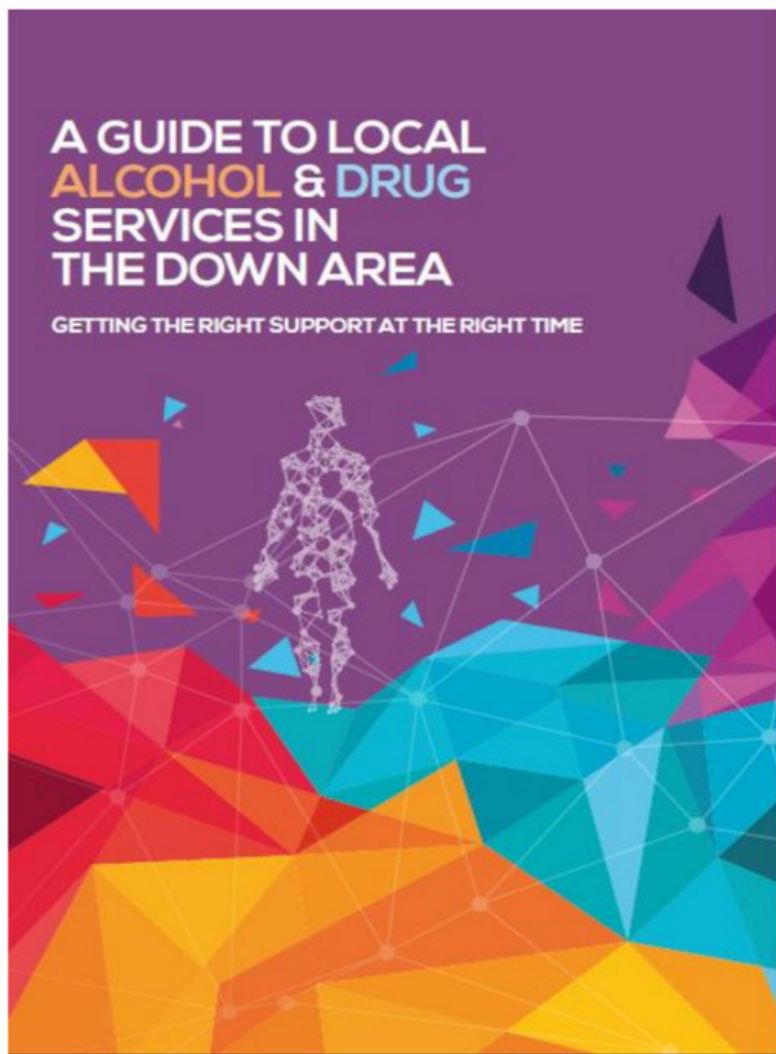
Low threshold Harm reduction work

self help [www.alcoholandyouni.com](http://www.alcoholandyouni.com)



How do we make it clear to the public and our workforce of what support is out there?

# We have produced “a roadmap to services”



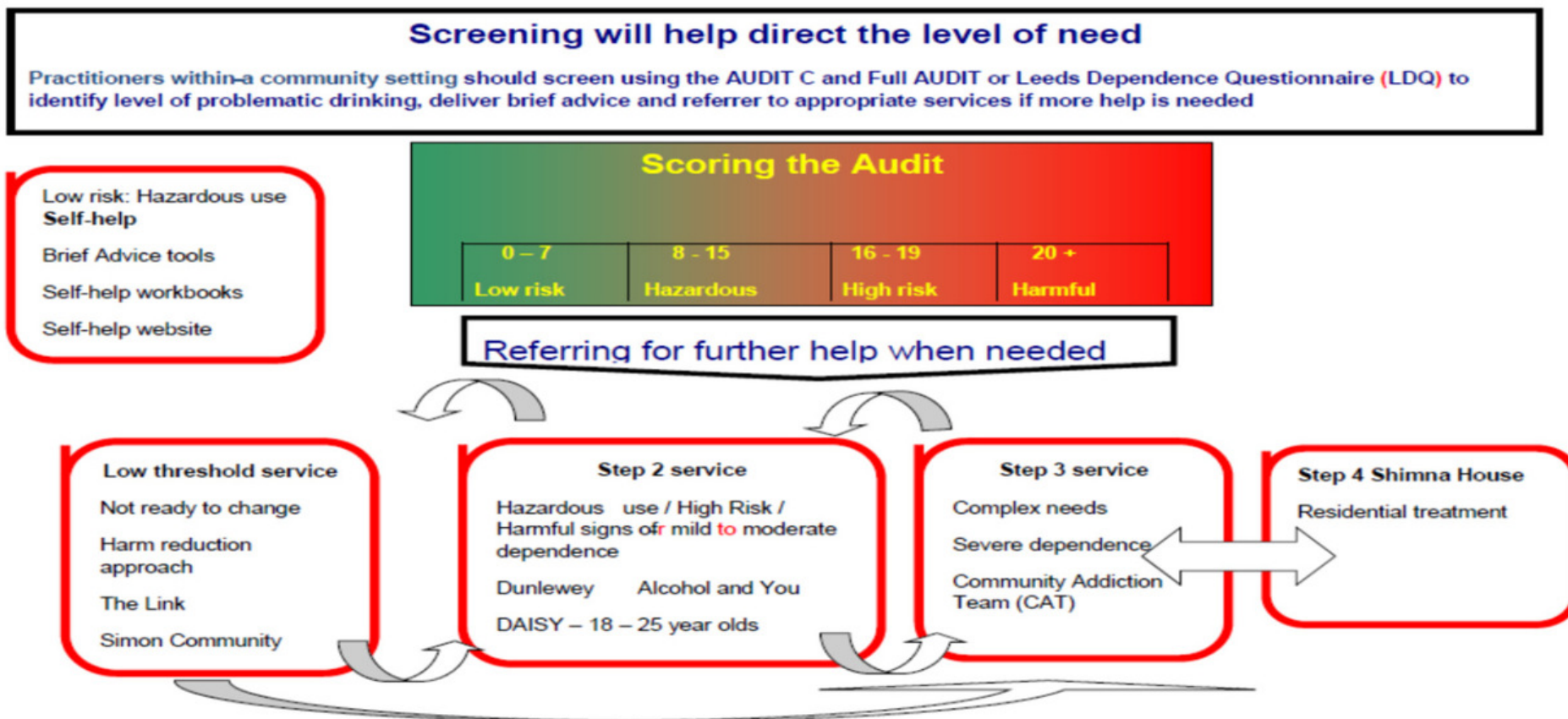
# Developing the roadmap for the whole Trust





# Pathway to these services

## Referral pathway for adult alcohol and drug treatment services in the South Eastern Trust area: A stepped care approach



# The legacy from Alcohol and You Tools and processes that will support a population approach

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The website: a cost effective means of encouraging change?

- At an estimated £0.35 per visit (2)

- Far reaching 26,000+ visitors

- 52% of a sample felt it would make them reduce their alcohol

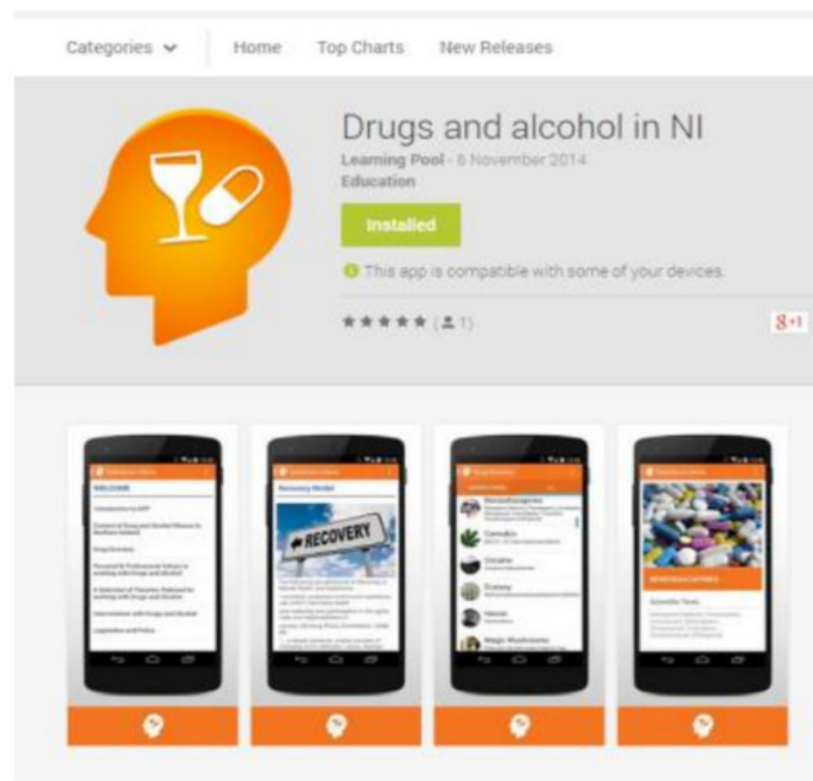
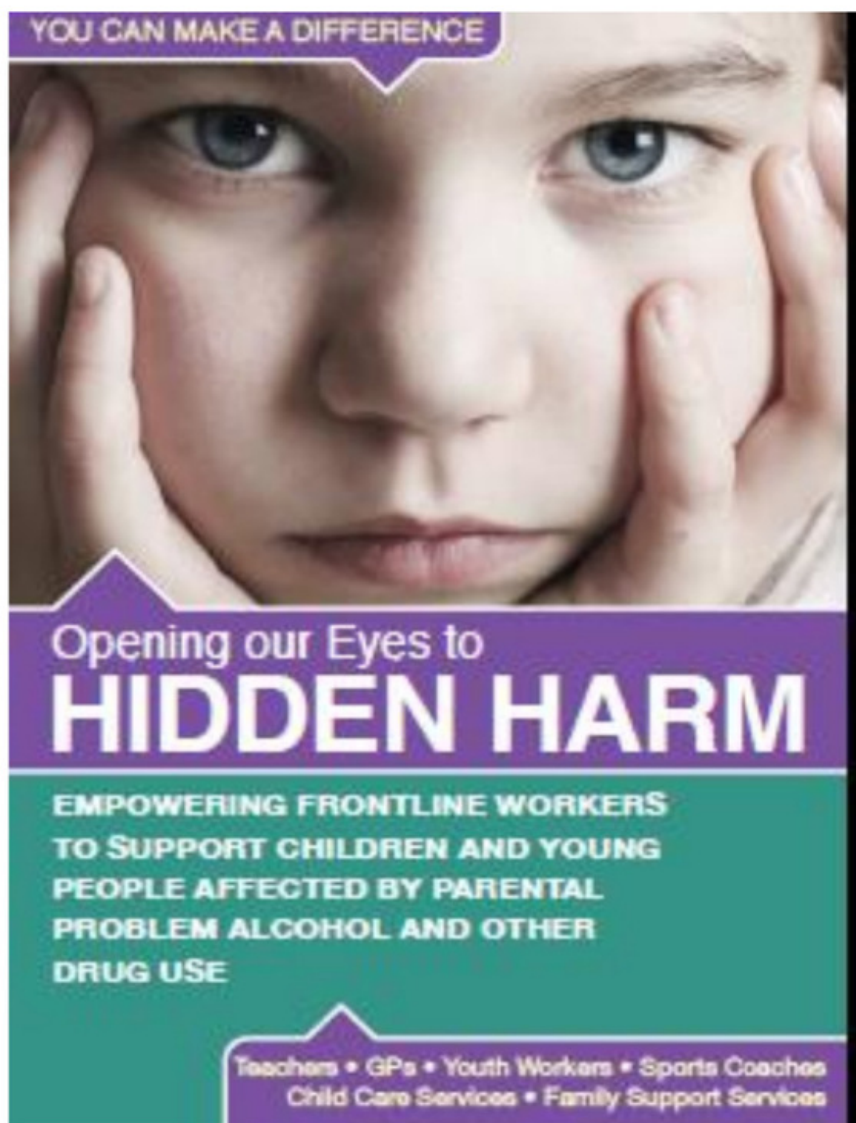


Brief Advice Tools with identified BCT's which give out workforce resources to have conversations about people's drinking in a range of settings with 89000 in circulation across NI



A self help workbook with identified BCT's. Self help has been shown to be an effective rung on the stepped care ladder with over 55 000 in print across NI

# Training our workforce is a significant endeavour



Look for alcohol and drugs in Northern Ireland in the App store or Google play

The Connections Service are the operational arm of our Drug and Alcohol Coordination Teams and can support you across our council area

- *“We can provide information and guidance around drug and alcohol related issues and link people or organisations to sources of help and support”*


[www.drugsandalcoholni.info](http://www.drugsandalcoholni.info)



# What else are we working on?

- \* *Missed Opportunities* Nov.2016 suggests more attention should be made of the physical effects of alcohol.
- \* The Alcohol and You Team is undertaking developing a series of downloadable fact sheets on their website that can be used across all settings when working with people across a range of conditions.
- \* All councils have reducing preventable deaths in their community plans . Multi designed processes for disseminating these fact sheets can make a contribution to this.
- \* We also have an ARBD aspect to residential treatment

FACT SHEET  
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ALCOHOL  
and you

## ALCOHOL RELATED BRAIN DAMAGE (ARBD)

This fact sheet will help you get a better understanding of Alcohol Related Brain Damage, how it can present, what causes it and how someone with ARBD can be helped. There is also information for family members.

Visit: [alcoholandyouni.com](http://alcoholandyouni.com) Call: 0800 2545 123

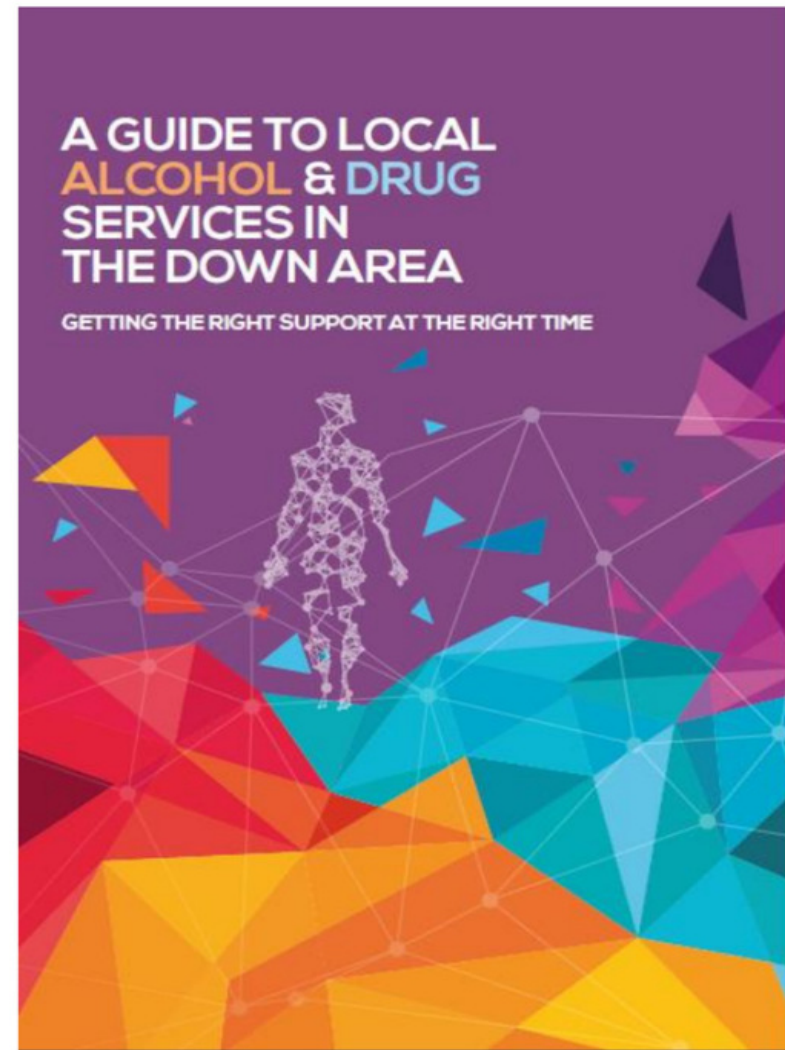


# Thanks for having us today

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We hope this was  
helpful

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**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5 July 2018 2018 at 2.00pm  
in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick**

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

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**  
Councillor P Byrne  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor R Mulgrew  
Councillor M Murnin  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor B Quinn

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Ms D Carville, Director Corporate Services  
Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Finance)  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

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

**AC/47/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Devlin, Hanna, Hearty and Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager.

The Chairperson welcomed Councillors Byrne and Mulgrew as new Members onto the Audit Committee and congratulated Councillor Murnin on his appointment as Chairman of the Council.

**AC/48/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AC/49/2018: TO AGREE START TIME FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2018-19**

Read: Suggested timetable for Audit Committee Meetings 2018-19 (copy circulated)

The Chairperson advised the meeting dates in April and June 2019 may need to change.

**Agreed: The start times and timetable for Audit Committee Meetings 2018-19 were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murnin, subject to officers advising further in relation to April and June 2019.**

**AC/50/2018: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2018. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the action sheet.**

**AC/51/2018: CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Read: Report from Mr J Campbell, Independent Chair of Audit Committee, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Audit Committee Annual Report 2017-18 (Copy circulated)

Councillor Murnin thanked the Chairperson for his guidance and assistance over the year.

**Noted: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the Chairperson's Annual Report.**

COUNCILLOR HARVEY ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE – 2.12PM

**CORPORATE SERVICES****AC/52/2018 PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Read: Presentation of Financial Statements and Governance Statement (copy circulated)



Mrs Carville gave a power point presentation of the Financial Statements and Governance Statement and highlighted the key changes to the format of the accounts with Expenditure and Funding Analysis being introduced. (copy presentation attached)

Members asked the following questions:

- If an asset was held for sale mid-year should it be shown in the capital receipts or does it go into reserves?
- Why was there 44 Councillors stated in the Councillors allowances for both years?
- Was the figure for Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services correct?
- Was the narrative referring to Mr Wilkinson for 6 months employment?
- Were the bonuses for senior staff included within the salaries or was it separate?
- On page 7 of the accounts, figure 5 shows Audit Committee reporting to SPR Committee, should this not be to Council?
- Does the 5.7% differential between the lowest paid and highest paid fall within excepted terms?

Mrs Carville and Mr Montgomery responded to the queries as follows:

- An asset held for sale is defined as an asset identified as surplus and actively marketed for sale e.g. the Strangford Road site was identified and sold to Education Authority. The monies received from that sale would be transferred to the capital receipts and the capital financing requirement would be reduced which could affect the MRP calculation when going forward in the 4 year plan.
- There were a number of Councillors that left and were replaced during each year therefore there were 44 individuals in receipt of a payment in each of the two years.
- The total figure for the Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services was incorrect and would be amended.
- The narrative relating to Mr Wilkinson was the amount he was paid over his 10 month contract.
- There were no bonuses received by senior staff, the increment for Chief Executive was included in the salary however there was a debate ongoing about the unconsolidated final increment currently which members may be aware of.
- Figure 5 would be amended to show Audit Committee reporting to Council as opposed to SPR Committee.
- Every Council was obliged to declare the percentage difference however there were no targets to meet but comparisons between other Councils and other public sector bodies could be carried out as this was a required element of the Remuneration report.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Carville, Mr Montgomery and their teams for the work undertaken to prepare the accounts.

**Noted:**                      **The presentation was noted.**

**AC/53/2018**                      **CORPORATE RISK REGISTER**

Read:                              Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Corporate Risk Register (copy circulated)

Councillor Sharvin advised the review dates needed to be updated as they were reading that the last and next review were the same date.

Mrs Carville advised this would be amended.

The Chairperson asked that the IT risk be expanded when next presented to show the ongoing actions.

**Agreed:**                    **It was agreed that the IT risk be expanded to show the ongoing actions and the Corporate Risk Register was noted.**

**AC/54/2018**                **PROMPT PAYMENTS**

Read:                        Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Prompt Payment Statistics (copy circulated)

Councillor Murnin noted how pleasing it was to see the results of the new Council had surpassed those of the legacy Councils and thanked the finance staff for their efforts in improving the results in this area as it was so important to small businesses locally.

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

**AC/55/2018**                **FRAUD & WHISTLEBLOWING UPDATE**

Read:                        Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Fraud and Whistleblowing Update (copy circulated)

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

**AC/56/2018**                **DIRECT AWARD CONTRACTS**

Read:                        Report from Mr D Barter, Procurement Manager, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Direct Award Contract (DAC) Register (copy circulated)

Councillor Sharvin queried whether there had been a recent change in the law to allow other organisations to install fibre optic lines rather than just BT.

Mrs Carville advised a paper had previously gone to SPR on the matter and she would revert to the Councillor outside of the meeting.

Councillor Byrne queried why £6000 was spent on remedial works to the turnstile at Newry Leisure Centre as surely this expenditure should be covered by the contractor. He also asked if a specialist was required for certain works such as that at Cullyhanna, was Council able to approach just one organisation to complete the work.

Mrs Carville advised she would revert to the Councillor on the issue of the turnstiles.. She stated Council can, after seeking procurement by competition is unsuccessful, identify a single supplier who can meet the needs but officers were tasked with completing a value for money exercise before approaching one single supplier.

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

**AC/57/2018** **UPDATE ON AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Read:** Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Update on Audit Recommendations

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the update on Audit Recommendations report.**

**AC/58/2018** **UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Update on Procurement (copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne asked that overview training on procurement be provided for Members.

Mrs Carville advised she had spoken to the Democratic Services Manager about ensuring this training was part of the Elected Member Development.

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

**AC/59/2018** **TRAINING FOR MEMBERS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Training for Members (copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **It was agreed that a date in late August be sourced for training for Members.**

**PERFORMANCE**

**AC/60/2018** **PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-19**

**Read:** Report from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, dated 5 July 2018, regarding Draft Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19 (copy circulated)

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

**NIAO****AC/61/2018      PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FOR OUTCOMES – A GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR PUBLIC BODIES**

Read: Report from NIAO re: Performance Management for Outcomes – A Good Practice Guide for Public Bodies (copy circulated)

**Noted: It was agreed to note the Performance Management for Outcomes – A Good Practice Guide for Public Bodies.**

**AC/62/2018      THE NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE: NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Report from NIAO re: the National Fraud Initiative: Northern Ireland (copy circulated)

The Chairperson commended NIAO on the report and asked what approach the Council used for investigating matches.

Mrs Carville advised a full list of matches was provided and the Audit Service Manager was tasked with examining and pursuing any matches, with an update report brought to the attention of the Audit Committee.

Councillor Byrne commented on rates avoidance stating the legislation needed to be changed as the literature from LPS states that empty homes 'may' be eligible to pay rates therefore a lot of the properties in the District had been served completion notices and don't pay rates. He stated that it was frustrating as a rural councillor that people who have family land were unable to build in stages as once a completion notice was served they automatically had to pay rates.

**Noted: It was agreed to note the report from NIAO regarding the National Fraud Initiative: Northern Ireland.**

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

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

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

**AC/63/2018**      **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2018-19 – UPDATED JULY 2018**

Read: Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 5 July 2018 – Internal Audit Plan Updated July 2018 (copy circulated)

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

**AC/64/2018**      **NMDDC – PROGRESS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Read: Report from Internal Audit to Audit Committee 5 July 2018 – NMDDC – Progress to Audit Committee (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the report from Internal Audit on the Progress to Audit Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.41pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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

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



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Date: 3 July 2018

Liam Hannaway  
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Dear *Liam,*

Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2018.

Officials from the Department for Communities have engaged with PPR and responded formally, in February 2018, on work that has been undertaken in the Department to help customers avoid benefit sanctions.

The Department's benefit decision making activities take place within a carefully monitored and controlled statutory framework to ensure that fair, lawful, accurate and consistent decisions are made. Staff making these decisions receive clear and comprehensive training and guidance to support them in their work. The customer has the right to seek a mandatory reconsideration of any sanction and if the customer is still unhappy with the decision they can appeal to an independent tribunal. In addition, there is independent scrutiny of the accuracy and quality of Social Security decisions, including the correct interpretation and application of statute and case law, by the Social Security Standards Committee.

When the law is changed it is a requirement that any change is compliant with the European Convention of Human Rights. When the Welfare Reform Bill was introduced to the Assembly in 2012, the Bill was examined and found to be compatible with Human Rights.



Department for

**Communities**

Any new policy approach, including the allocation of additional resource, would be a matter for incoming Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

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**LEO O'REILLY**  
**PERMANENT SECRETARY**



## Lusitania Museum/Old Head Signal Tower Heritage Limited

Reg. Office: Ath Trasna, Kerry Road, Tower, Blarney, Co. Cork.



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Friday, 06 July 2018

Dear CEO Mr Hannaway and Councillors: Mark Murnin (current chair), Roisin Mulgrew (recent chair), Willie Clarke, Laura Devlin, Sean Doran, Glynn Hanna, Jill McCauley, Brian Quinn, Henry Reilly (The Mournes Councillors),

You are all cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremony which we will be holding on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6pm to unveil the Lusitania Davit in its new place of honour in the Lusitania Memorial Garden at the Old Head of Kinsale, Co. Cork.

We are fully conscious that the totality of Councillors in Newry Mourné and Down District Council unanimously agreed to donate the Lusitania Davit which had stood in your Marine Park in Annalong these past thirty years. We are truly thankful for this very generous gesture on everyone's part.

We are particularly grateful to yourselves, the Councillors from the Mournes, the district to which Annalong belongs, as the people who may have had to give this matter closer consideration than anyone else in the light of the historical resonances of a WW1 memorial item. As you know the Lusitania was sunk on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1915, within sight of the Old Head of Kinsale and it is the nearest point of land to the wreck site. We hope that you will agree, especially when you see firsthand, that this is the ideal location for the davit – it is now standing as a direct signpost to the exact spot where the Lusitania rests.

We look forward to meeting all of you at the dedication ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

Con Hayes, obo Lusitania Museum/Old Head Signal Tower Heritage





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11 July 2018

Mr Liam Hannaway  
Chief Executive  
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Dear Mr Hannaway

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 28 June 2018, the following Motion was unanimously passed:

**That this Council acknowledges the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign highlighting deep concern about the impact of the current definition of terminal illness used for eligibility for benefits including Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in Northern Ireland.**

**Council notes that PIP has special rules for applicants with terminal illnesses, which allows people to access payments quicker and without a face-to-face assessment. However, this avenue is only open to those who have been given a prognosis of six months or less. This restriction is unfairly excluding many people with terminal illnesses, including those with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), chronic heart failure and COPD, as they fail to access PIP under the special rules, meaning they have to wait much longer for their payments and undergo face-to-face assessments.**

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**Council affirms that this is unfair and denies people the best quality of life during the time they have left and calls on the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to follow the lead of the Scottish government and implement the call from Marie Curie and the MND Association for a fairer definition of terminal illness that is based on clinical judgement and patient need, not a time-restricted estimation of life expectancy.**

**This Council will write to all of the other Councils in NI asking them to support this campaign.**

I look forward to receiving your response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

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**John Kelpie  
Chief Executive**

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Dear Mr Hannaway

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 28 June 2018, the following Motion was passed:

**That Derry City & Strabane District Council supports the use of Medical Cannabis when its use is assessed as beneficial to the wellbeing of a recipient and then prescribed by the recipient patient's General Practitioner for such use.**

**This Council, being particularly concerned in regard to the life threatening condition endured by Billy Caldwell and all others within the district in a similar position, therefore urges the Home Office to withdraw its prohibition on such use of Medical Cannabis and the Northern Ireland Department of Health to explore licensing options of the same. That this campaign is taken forward by all eleven Councils.**

I look forward to receiving your response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

**John Kelpie**  
**Chief Executive**

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