



December 28th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting


You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 7th January 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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6.0 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2018

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8.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2018

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9.0 Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 18 December 2018

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Correspondence and Conferences

10.0 Northern Ireland Housing Conference 2019

Wednesday 13 March 2019, Titanic Belfast

£195+VAT delegate fee

£175+VAT for NIFHA Members

11.0 Replies received in relation to Council's motion on Curriculum Sports Programme

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12.0 Correspondence regarding motion on funding crisis in Community Pharmacy received from Derry & Strabane

a. Correspondence from Derry and Strabane Council

b. Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

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13.0 National Association of Councillors Conference, Leeds

11-13 January 2019

Crown Plaza Hotel Leeds

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Notices of Motion

14.0 Notice of Motion - Strangford Ferry

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Enright

"That this Council agrees to write to Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary of the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) requesting a meeting to discuss the current timetable and operational concerns of the Strangford Ferry Service with the view to addressing the increasing and noticeable needs and requirements of those who availed of this service. In particular;

- The need for an early morning sailing from Portaferry for **commuters**

- The need for the Ferry service on the Strangford side to use its waiting area as part of its standard operations as it does in Portaferry to avoid regular blockading of Strangford village, its cross-roads, bus services businesses and residents."

15.0 Notice of Motion - Paediatric Pathologist

Notice of Motion received from Councillors Clarke and Mulgrew

"Council notes that the Belfast trust are struggling to recruit a Paediatric Pathologist.

This council urges the Permanent Secretary of Health to approach this issue on an All Ireland basis. This would reduce the already enormous burden from parents suffering from bereavement.

The process of carrying out a Post Mortem should be done sensitively and swiftly so a family can get the answers they need from professionals. By using services in England this would prolong this.

This council calls on the Permanent Secretary of Health to engage urgently with Dept of Health in the South to find an All-Ireland solution to this sensitive issue.

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/187/2018	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	Y
C/188/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 October 2018 – Health Trusts and NI Ambulance	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	Y
C/189/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 October 2018 – DfI Roads	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	Y
C/190/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Adopted	Y
C/191/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Adopted	Y
C/192/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2018	AHC/241/2018 – New Down Leisure Centre Handball and Squash Provision Recommended solution to be presented to next Committee Meeting. AHC/219/2018 – Report on Amendments to FMAs and SLAs Officers to look at issue regarding possible reductions to existing community-owned centres.	M Lipsett	Verbal Update to AHC 17/12/18 Ongoing	Y Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		AHC/230/2018 – Newtownhamilton Play Park Fencing Officers to investigate flooding at play park and bring a paper to Committee. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.		Report to Jan AHC Adopted	Y
C/193/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2018	RTS/176/2018 – Review of Operations at Household Recycling Centres Figures on money spent collecting illegally dumped waste to be circulated. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	R Moore	Report to RTS in December on illicit dumping costs Adopted	Y
C/194/2018	Correspondence received from Kensington Palace regarding invitation to Duke and Duchess of Sussex to visit Newry, Mourne and Down District	The correspondence received was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	Y
C/195/2018	Replies received in relation to Council's Motion on Citizens' Rights Post Brexit	The correspondence received was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	Y
C/196/2018	Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes	It was agreed that Council submit a response to the Irish Government's Department of Justice and Equality Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes as set out in the officer's report.	C Moffett		
C/197/2018	Notice of Motion – Housing Conference	It was agreed that, against the backdrop of a growing social and affordable housing crisis in Newry City and across the District, this Council agrees to hold a major Social & Affordable Housing Conference in Newry in February 2019. The Department for Communities, The	Democratic Services	Letters sent to potential key note speakers and provisional dates in February 2019	

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		Housing Executive and all stakeholders within the housing sector and associated support service providers will be invited to attend this event which will have the aim of providing opportunities for collaboration to provide short, medium and long term solutions to tackle the social and affordable housing crisis in Newry, Newcastle, Warrenpoint and across the district.		arranged.	
C/198/2018	Notice of Motion – Post Brexit United Kingdom Sovereign Wealth Fund	This motion was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 19.3 (1)	Democratic Services	Withdrawn	Y
C/199/2018	Notice of Motion – Ulster Way – Section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick	<p>It was agreed that that the loss of the Ulster Way section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick and hence to Strangford was a huge blow to East Down in 1989. Since then Council staff have promised to re-assert off-load links to recreate these vital routes but it has not been prioritised. Council resolves to re-assert off-load links to recreate vital routes along the Ulster Way section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick and hence to Strangford. This work needs to be prioritised on a cross departmental plan to have any hope of success within a reasonable timescale;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policy and Resources department and their legal team need to ensure off-road links are restored, enforced and maintained. Or that necessary section 12 declarations under the Countryside Order are put in place. • The Active and Healthy department needs to target key routes for community trails between Kilclief, Strangford, Saul, Killyleagh and Downpatrick to ensure we have an off-road network that is worthy of being adopted as a way-marked trail. • The Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Department needs to strategically link up these community trails to way-marked trails on a regional basis. We will need to apply to have this section of 	D Carville M Lipsett M Ward	This has been passed to ORNI to ensure they look at it as part of the overall District wide trails.	Y

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		the Lecale Way recognised once again as part of the Ulster Way all the way to Killyleagh around the Southern banks of Strangford Lough and across the Quoile.			

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 at 6.30pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

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

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

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
 Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement
 Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
 Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/184/2018

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Curran, Devlin, Harte and Stokes.

- The Chairman thanked Cathedral Tearooms for providing an excellent Christmas dinner prior to the meeting.
- The Chairman advised November had been a busy month with the Christmas switch-ons and receiving of a delegation from China, with another delegation due within the next week. He advised the opening of the new Down Leisure Centre had been a huge success with the number of memberships having doubled within a

week.

C/185/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/186/2018 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2018

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

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/187/2018 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2018

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

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/188/2018 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2018 – HEALTH TRUSTS AND NI AMBULANCE

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 October 2018 (copy circulated).

Members raised the following issues arising out of the minutes:

- South Eastern Trust should not have announced their recruitment of a consultant from Southern Trust as a lot of those Members interested in the Southern Trust had left the meeting at that stage and therefore could not question what impact the loss of a consultant would have had at Daisy Hill.
- Response times for ambulances should be reinforced following a recent incident where an elderly man, after falling in Ballynahinch, waited 48 minutes on an ambulance to arrive.
- Council should follow up on the training of First Responders as they do marvellous work in certain areas.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 22

October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Hanna.

C/189/2018

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2018 – DfI ROADS

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

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 29 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Hanna.**

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/190/2018

MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor McMahon.**

C/191/2018

MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

C/192/2018

MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2018 (copy circulated).

AHC/241/2018 – New Down Leisure Centre Handball and Squash Provision

The Chief Executive advised that officers were still working a paper relating to handball and squash provision at the new Down Leisure Centre.

Councillor Sharvin asked for assurances that a final solution would be brought forward to the Committee Meeting rather than more options.

The Chief Executive stated the original proposal had not been exhausted as yet and officers were working diligently to find a resolution to the issue, and the recommended solution would be presented to the Committee.

AHC/219/2018 – Report on Amendments to Facility Management Agreements (FMAs) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

Councillor McAteer voiced his apprehension at some aspects of the outworking of the proposed amendments stating the grant aid for community-owned centres may potentially face a reduction of £2.5k each.

The Chairman advised officers would look at this issue.

AHC/230/2018 – Newtownhamilton Play Park Fencing

Councillor Ó Muiri raised concerns regarding flooding at the park and asked whether any guarantees could be given to the people in Newtownhamilton that when the money was spent, the park would not continue to flood.

The Chief Executive advised he would ask the officers to investigate and a paper would then be brought to the next AHC Committee Meeting.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Howell.**

C/193/2018 MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2018 (copy circulated).

RTS/167/2018 – Invitation to Apply for the Participation to URBELAC-4_EC & IDB Program

The Chief Executive advised an application had been submitted and approved with costs for attendance being met by the EU and Latin American International Bank.

RTS/176/2018 – Review of Operations at Household Recycling Centres

Councillor Byrne raised concerns about household recycling centres not accepting commercial waste which in turn led to fly-tipping and said this needed to be addressed. He said if Council was really serious about tackling the problem of fly-

tipping it should give serious consideration to accepting large household items, such as sofas, fridges and other white goods at the household recycling centres.

Councillor McAteer asked whether members of the public handing in addresses of those illegally fly-tipping had resulted in any successful enforcement. He asked if something could be done in specific hotspots to highlight that fly-tipping was not allowed and how much had been spent on waste collection from fly-tipping sites.

Mr Moore advised a special workshop would be held in January to garner Members' views on what they wanted the service to look like. He advised that fly-tipping protocol for all Councils was currently in draft format with NI Environment Agency, with the possibility of Councils being given wider powers. He stated he would circulate the figures on how much had been spent collecting illegally dumped waste.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Clarke.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/194/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM KENSINGTON PALACE REGARDING INVITATION TO DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX TO VISIT NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT**

Read: Correspondence dated 25 October 2018 received from Kensington Palace declining an invitation to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to visit Newry, Mourne and Down District and thanking the Council for its kind words and invitation (copy circulated).

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

C/195/2018 **REPLIES RECEIVED IN RELATION TO COUNCIL'S MOTION ON CITIZENS' RIGHTS POST BREXIT**

Read: Correspondence dated 25 and 30 October 2018 received from Il Presidente of EU Parliament and Department for Exiting the European Union, regarding Council's Motion on citizens' rights post-Brexit (copy circulated).

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

CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

C/196/2018 CONSULTATION ON SEASONAL CLOCK CHANGES

Read: Report dated 3 December 2018, received from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, detailing draft response to the Irish Government's Department of Justice and Equality Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Ruane that Council submit a response to the Irish Government's Department of Justice and Equality Consultation on Seasonal Clock Changes as set out in the officer's report.**

Councillor Reilly left the meeting at this stage – 7.15pm

NOTICES OF MOTION**C/197/2018 NOTICE OF MOTION– HOUSING CONFERENCE**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillors Savage, Casey, Clarke, Hyland, Taylor, Walker and McMurray:

“Against the backdrop of a growing social and affordable housing crisis in Newry City and across the District, this Council agrees to hold a major Social & Affordable Housing Conference in Newry in February 2019. The Department for Communities, The Housing Executive and all stakeholders within the housing sector and associated support service providers will be invited to attend this event which will have the aim of providing opportunities for collaboration to provide short, medium and long term solutions to tackle the social and affordable housing crisis in Newry and across the district.”

In proposing the motion, Councillor Savage thanked the members for their support and highlighted the following issues:

- The aim of the conference was to assemble all key decision makers and strategists responsible for delivering social and affordable housing in the district together in an effort to tackle the rising housing shortage particularly in Newry.
- The topography and geography of the city combined with the lack of sites, growing disabled need, a young population and also one of the fastest growing older populations in N. Ireland contributed to the immense challenges faced in delivering social housing.
- There was a sizeable amount of work involved in organising the conference and workshops and group discussions would be needed to examine the key challenges faced and to look at imaginative, forward thinking and collaborative solutions.
- Invitations to the conference could be extended to the new Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities and the Chief Executive of the NI Housing Executive, who along with Council CEO Mr Hannaway would make up three of the keynote speakers.

- The scale of the housing crisis was staggering and statistics based on projected need provided by the Housing Executive in March of this year demonstrated a need for a minimum of 700 units in Newry City alone and district wide 1,844 but in real terms these figures were more likely to be 1,000 and 2,000 respectively.
- The revival of living above the shop scheme currently being proposed in England could be explored.

Councillor Savage paid tribute to the local staff at the NI Housing Executive saying they did all they could in terms of helping people in need. However he said the Department for Communities would have to play a lead role in the conference to enable them to be aware of the extent of the need in Newry and across the district, and the need to work collaboratively in providing a solution to the crisis.

Councillor Walker seconded the motion saying the lack of social housing was a district wide problem that needed to be addressed. He continued, saying housing associations had to compete against each other for funding and this was an on-going problem. He said he had conducted a survey in his area that indicated the provision of sheltered accommodation would free up social housing in certain areas.

Councillor Hyland expressed support for the motion saying housing was a basic human right and a solution was needed for the entire district.

Councillor Taylor expressed support for the motion saying there were people on housing waiting lists for years, in some cases, and there was a clear need for a strategy to be developed. He said it was imperative the Housing Executive and Housing Associations bought into the concept.

Councillor McMurray expressed support for the motion saying he was acutely aware of the housing shortage across the district, particularly in single occupancy units and shared housing developments.

Councillor Tinnelly expressed support for the motion and said it was only a matter of time before the housing crisis in the district would be on a par with that currently being experienced in the Republic of Ireland. He said a difficulty arose where Housing Associations were forced to compete with private developers.

Councillor Clarke expressed support for the motion and requested that the wording of the Motion be amended to include Newcastle and Warrenpoint.

Councillors Savage and Walker indicated their acceptance of the amendment, which was consented to by the meeting.

Councillor Clarke said the uncertainty surrounding Brexit could exacerbate the housing crisis and action was urgently needed.

Councillor Trainor expressed support for the motion saying more single occupancy units were needed and this was an opportunity for Council to be proactive.

In summing up, Councillor Savage thanked members for their overwhelming support for the motion saying the conference would be seen as a statement of intent. He thanked officers

for their support and asked that high ranking officials from the Department for Communities, with budgetary responsibility, be invited to attend the conference.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage seconded by Councillor Walker that, against the backdrop of a growing social and affordable housing crisis in Newry City and across the District, this Council agrees to hold a major Social & Affordable Housing Conference in Newry in February 2019. The Department for Communities, The Housing Executive and all stakeholders within the housing sector and associated support service providers will be invited to attend this event which will have the aim of providing opportunities for collaboration to provide short, medium and long term solutions to tackle the social and affordable housing crisis in Newry, Newcastle, Warrenpoint and across the district.

C/198/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION - POST BREXIT UNITED KINGDOM SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND**

This Motion was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 19.3 (1).

C/199/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION - ULSTER WAY – SECTION FROM KILLYLEAGH TO DOWNPATRICK**

The following Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillors Enright and Walker:

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

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

-The Policy and Resources department and their legal team need to ensure off-road links are restored, enforced and maintained. Or that necessary section 12 declarations under the Countryside Order are put in place.

- The Active and Healthy department needs to target key routes for community trails between Kilclief, Strangford, Saul, Killyleagh and Downpatrick to ensure we have an off-road network that is worthy of being adopted as a way-marked trail.

- The Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Department needs to strategically link up these community trails to way-marked trails on a regional basis. We will need to apply to have this section of the Lecale Way recognised once again as part of the Ulster Way all the way to Killyleagh around the Southern banks of Strangford Lough and across the Quoile”.

In proposing the motion Councillor Enright said a cross departmental team with a tourism mandate was needed to reconnect the community trails in East Down which were once part

of the Ulster Way. He continued, saying walkers arriving in Strangford were informed by the official guide to get a bus to North Down, and he said to ensure these trails were reinstated, Council would need to liaise with the relevant statutory bodies.

Councillor Walker seconded the motion saying a recent consultation had taken place regarding the future of Delamont Country Park which had received overwhelming public support. He acknowledged there was work in progress with regard to walking trails in the Slieve Croob area and he said it would be a perfect opportunity to tie the linkage from Downpatrick to Delamont into this. He continued, saying the opening of walkways in other areas had proven to be successful and contributed to a healthy lifestyle.

Councillor Andrews said the SDLP Members welcomed the motion and that it was a healthy initiative that would boost visitor numbers to the area.

Councillor Sharvin said he fully supported the motion and the restoration of the Ulster Way, but St. Patrick's Way and Lecale Way should also be included.

Councillor Burgess expressed support for the motion but said landowners along the affected routes must be consulted prior to any other work being carried out.

Councillor Clarke expressed support for the motion and said he agreed with Councillor Burgess that any landowner issues would have to be addressed. He said it was important to pursue these Rights of Way and local residents should be encouraged to become involved.

In summing up, Councillor Enright thanked everyone for their support and said if the Ulster Way was reinstated it would automatically encompass other routes including St. Patrick's Way and Lecale Way. He continued, saying there were no choke areas along the routes that would adversely affect farmers and that the farmers were supportive of the initiative.

- Agreed:**
- It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Andrews that the loss of the Ulster Way section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick and hence to Strangford was a huge blow to East Down in 1989. Since then Council staff have promised to re-assert off-load links to recreate these vital routes but it has not been prioritised. Council resolves to re-assert off-load links to recreate vital routes along the Ulster Way section from Killyleagh to Downpatrick and hence to Strangford. This work needs to be prioritised on a cross departmental plan to have any hope of success within a reasonable timescale;**
- **The Policy and Resources department and their legal team need to ensure off-road links are restored, enforced and maintained. Or that necessary section 12 declarations under the Countryside Order are put in place.**
 - **The Active and Healthy department needs to target key routes for community trails between Kilclief, Strangford, Saul, Killyleagh and Downpatrick to ensure we have an off-road network that is worthy of being adopted as a way-marked trail.**
 - **The Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Department needs to strategically link up these community trails to way-marked trails on a regional basis. We will need to apply to have this section of the Lecale Way recognised once again as part of the**

Ulster Way all the way to Killyleagh around the Southern banks of Strangford Lough and across the Quoile”.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.50pm

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

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

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 November 2018 at 6pm in the
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick**

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

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor O McMahon
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr. L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:**Northern Ireland Water**

Mr. R Larkin, Director of Finance and Regulation
Mr. S Blockwell, Head of Investment Management
Mr. I Jackson, Head of Operations Contract Management
Ms L Hughes, Senior Project Manager

SC/40/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Burgess, Byrne, Clarke, Fitzpatrick, Harte, Hearty, Howell, Kimmins, Reilly and Rice.

SC/41/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SC/42/2018 PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER

The Chairperson welcomed the delegation from Northern Ireland Water and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Larkin, Director of Finance and Regulation from Northern Ireland Water thanked the Chairperson and Council for inviting them to the meeting. He provided an overview of Northern Ireland Water, highlighting the water and waste water services that existed within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

Members were informed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had received £43.6m in capital project spend since 2015 (10.3% of Northern Ireland Water's capital spend) which compared favourably with the District's 9.6% share of Northern Ireland's population.

Mr Larkin took the opportunity to thank Council for their cooperation and support during the period of drought earlier in the year, commenting that the Newry, Mourne and Down area been particularly stressed for water and that Council had worked well with Northern Ireland Water during this time.

A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

Members asked the following questions:

- The sewage problems in Saintfield were impinging on new builds and properties within the area and as a result the Planning Department were not granting planning permissions.
Northern Ireland Water had advised a Drainage Area Study needed to be carried out. This must be done as soon as possible – How soon would Northern Ireland Water be on site to deal with this issue?
- Does Northern Ireland Water have input into the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Development Plan?
- The on-going upgrades of the sewerage treatment works at the Greenbank, Newry were welcomed, however there continued to be issues with odour. Would this be rectified once all works were completed?
- Periods of heavy rain were causing sewage to seep into homes at the front of a row of houses on the Killeavy Road, Newry. Could this be investigated?
- There continues to be on-going problems at Mourneview, Hilltown.

A site meeting had been set up with Northern Ireland Water and Roads Service but problems continue. There were concerns the flow of water would cause problems with ice during the winter months which would be dangerous – Could this be investigated further and resolved?

- The footbridge at Corn Mill, Annalong continues to experience out of sewer flooding during heavy rainfall – Northern Ireland Water had provided an update prior to this meeting.
When would something be done to permanently fix the problems with the manhole exploding off and sewage then covering the bridge and path?
- The Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel had not been reinstated properly and water pressure was non-existent at times, and at other times it was very high – Could this be investigated?
- There were odour issues from the Kilkeel Harbour Treatment Plant.
- Could more information be provided on recreational events organised by Northern Ireland Water?
- Could a pdf copy of the new text alert service offered by Northern Ireland Water be forwarded to Councillors so it could be shared with constituents?
- Residents within Downpatrick have questioned the capacity to deal with new housing in the area i.e. New housing developments on the Saul Road and Park Lane on the Strangford Road. Was the sewerage network being upgraded to accommodate these additional houses?
- Not all members of the public were aware of the free septic tank emptying facility. Could this be promoted?
- There continued to be odour problems at Ardmeen Green, Downpatrick and Bishops Brae area.
- What was Northern Ireland Water doing to address the gap in funding provided, given that it could spend £1.7bn, however the allocation was only £990m.
- How do Councillors make representation on behalf of schools to avail of the Northern Ireland Water Education Team?
- The Warrenpoint Drainage Area Study needed to be treated as urgent. There was potential for flooding in the town centre and Avoca Lane. The provision of sand bags needed to be given consideration.
- The capacity of Carrickmacstay Bridge Road, "Burren" Wastewater pumping Station was queried.
- The Kilkeel River had become overgrown with weeds and rubbish. Could the river be enhanced and become a feature for the town? A manhole cover had blown off. Could this be investigated?
- Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the sewer in Lower Water Street, Rostrevor outside Supervalu that appeared to be blocked.
- There had been significant flooding on Hill Street, Newry – Had the problem and source been identified?
- Could an update be provided on manholes at Springfarm Heights, Newry as there had been an incident of raw sewage coming from a cover that had blown off?
- Gardens of premises within a cul de sac at Quayside Close, Newry were being flooded following heavy downpours.
- Concerns were raised regarding the flow of water on Doran's Hill/ Barcroft, Newry along the access route to Daisy Hill Hospital particularly in winter time,

- leading to problems such as black ice.
- Incidences of flooding had occurred at the bottom of Church Road in the Kilmore Village.

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- The Old Grand Jury Road, Saintfield – A drainage area plan and studies had been carried out. Analysis needed to be carried out along with the development of a model which Northern Ireland Water aimed to have ready by December 2019. The process would take time and was funding dependant. Infrastructure should support growth and this was something Northern Ireland Water could build into its price control and seek funding from the Department for Infrastructure and Department of Finance.
- Mr S Blockwell, Head of Investment Management works with Council to provide input on the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Community Plan and Local Development Plan.
- There was a recent £1.8m investment for an upgrade at Greenbank, Newry with further work planned. Northern Ireland Water had been receiving feedback from Newry City Football Club also and recognised there was an issue and would continued to work with them and others to find a solution.
- Northern Ireland Water to investigate the issue relating to Killeavy Road with colleagues in Transport NI.
- A CCTV survey of sewage system was undertaken in Mourneview, Hilltown and identified two repairs that have been carried out.
A multi agency solution was required from a number of departments and Northern Ireland Water did not currently have the funding. Going forward it may be included in the next price control period but unfortunately there was no quick fix.
Mr Larkin undertook to have the problem looked at again and report back.
- Northern Ireland Water carried out extensive sewerage network examinations in Warrenpoint during 2015/16 and amended a number of sewer connections to the network to improve operability. The outcomes of the investigations had been shared with DfI Roads so that they could consider the need for any work required in relation to their surface water sewers.
- Issues were identified at Avoca Lane and DfI Roads were aware of the reported issue.
- Northern Ireland Water had reviewed performance of Carrickmacstay Bridge Road, "Burren" Wastewater pumping Station and were not aware of any current issues.
- Northern Ireland Water had provided an update in relation to the Corn Mill at Annalong Harbour prior to the meeting, advising the sewer pipe had been replaced and increased in size in 2014. However as no additional flows had been introduced to the system, further investigations were to be carried out in the Annalong sewage system network.
Mr Larkin asked for Councillors help in getting the message across to the public about the effect of high levels of fat, oil, grease (FOG) on sewerage networks causing operational issues.
- The Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel water pressure issue, to be examined.
- A feasibility study to be carried out on Kilkeel Harbour Treatment Plant and

sewerage network to be fed into PC21, dependent on the availability of funding.

- Information on recreational events organised by Northern Ireland Water were available on the website. Information to be forwarded to District Electoral Area Forums for information.
- A copy of details on the new text alert service offered from Northern Ireland Water to be forwarded. This could be found at www.niwater.com.
- Septic tank emptying could be booked online and could be done once every 12 months for free.
- Details on Northern Ireland Water's school programme were available on the website and had proved to be a very popular and successful programme.
- There were network points at the housing developments in Downpatrick. Questions raised by constituents confirmed people were becoming more aware of the infrastructure deficit.
- There was an opportunity for Council and Rivers Agency to look at the river to see what could be done to improve its appearance but any actions taken that could raise the water level of the Kilkeel River would cause issues for the adjacent building. Northern Ireland Water would consider the condition and location of the existing sewer.
Mr Larkin advised he would get address the matter of the dislodged manhole cover in the Kilkeel River.
- Northern Ireland Water to report back on whether a fat berg had been established following the flooding on Lower Water Street, Newry and if so carry out all necessary work to address that.
- Report to be brought back on Quayside Close and Springfarm Heights, Newry.

Mr Larkin said Northern Ireland Water welcomed all support from Council and asked that Council continued to help highlight the infrastructure deficit and insufficient funding for the vital service provided.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 7 January 2019.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive



Newry Mourne and Down District Council

Mr Ronan Larkin – Director of Finance and Regulation
 Dr Stephen Blockwell - Head of Investment Management
 Mr Ivan Jackson – Head of Operational Contract Management Centre

Monday 26 November 2018



Newry Mourne and Down Council area

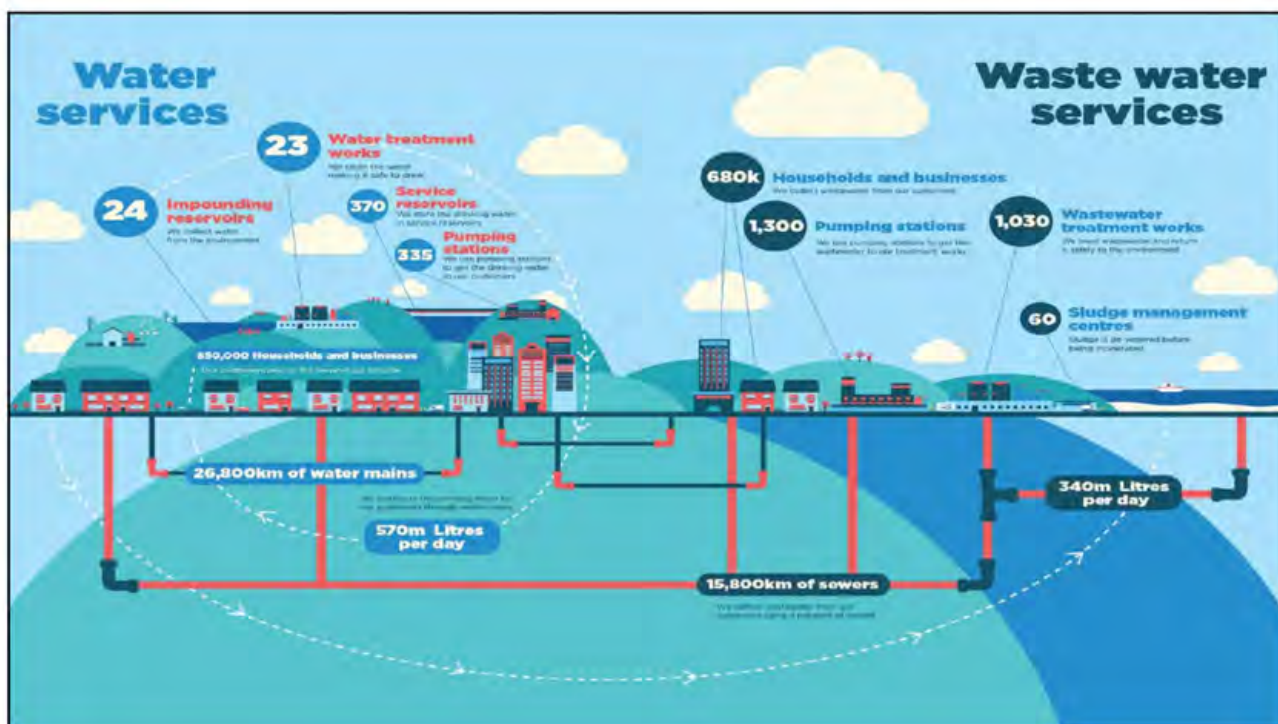


NI Water Overview

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- Established 1st April 2007 as GoCo/ NDPB
- Within Department for Infrastructure (DfI)
- Approx. 1300 Colleagues
- Regulated by the Utility Regulator
- Undertakes all - Source to Tap / Sink to Sea & associated activities
- Invested £1.5 billion over last ten years
- Delivering highest ever water and waste water standards
- Increasingly Efficient and an Exemplar for Public Sector Reform



Capital Investments

Investment Year	Capital Project Spend	
	NI Water	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
2015/16	£95m	£12.2m
2016/17	£101.6m	£9.4m
2017/18	£106.6m	£10.5m
2018/19	£121.7m	£11.5m
Total	£425m	£43.6m

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council benefits from 10.3% of NI Water’s capital spend and a considerable percentage of NI Water’s Water & Sewerage £61m annual Capital Maintenance Expenditure for the PC15 period. This compares favourably with the District’s 9.6% share of Northern Ireland’s population.

Top Investments (over £100k)

- Projects In Construction / Recently Complete**
- Annalong Drainage Area Plans
 - Kilkeel Drainage Area Plans
 - Dundrum Drainage Area Plans
 - Drumaroad Water Treatment Works Clear Water Tank
 - Carran Hill Crossmaglen Watermains Rehabilitation
 - Banbridge South Armagh Watermains Rehabilitation
 - Foffany Watermains Rehabilitation
 - Killeavy Castle Water Distribution Improvements
 - CSO Monitoring Within Shellfish & Bathing Water Areas
 - Silent Valley Recreational Facilities Appraisal
 - Newry Depot Premises Upgrade

- Projects In Construction / Recently Complete**
- Strangford Sewer Network Salinity Reduction
 - Northern Ireland Drought Mitigation
 - Dundrum Waste Water Treatment Works
 - Sewers Structural Rehabilitation Package 2
 - Sewer Structural Rehabilitation Package 4
 - Newry West Water Pumping Station
 - Newpoint Waste Water Pumping Station Screen Upgrade
 - Warrenpoint Sewer Investigations

Top Investments (over £100k)

Programmed/Prospective Projects (subject to funding & land purchases)

- Annalong Waste Water Treatment Works
- Kilkeel Waste Water Treatment Works Feasibility Study
- Meigh Waste Water Treatment Works Feasibility Study
- Cranfield Waste Water Treatment Works Feasibility Study
- Warrenpoint Waste Water Treatment Works Feasibility Study
- The Slopes Rathfriland Waste Water Pumping Station Appraisal
- Green Road, Ardglass, Foul and Storm Sewer
- Station Road, Saintfield Mains Replacement
- Dublin Road Newry, Out of Sewer Flooding

The Funding Challenge: PC15 Business Plan (6 Years from 2015 to 2021)



Further public expenditure cuts since 2015 mean c£55m of projects cannot be delivered

What is a Price Control?

- As a monopoly, NI Water is regulated by the Utility Regulator through Price Controls.
- A Price Control determines the allowed revenue for the company and the efficiency and outputs targets to be met by the company during the price control period.
- PC21 will be 4th Regulatory Price Control for NI Water

What does a Price Control involve ?

Objectives specified – Social & Environmental Guidance

- With input from stakeholders

Revenue to deliver objectives quantified

- NI Water develops Business Plan to comply with Ministerial objectives and guidance

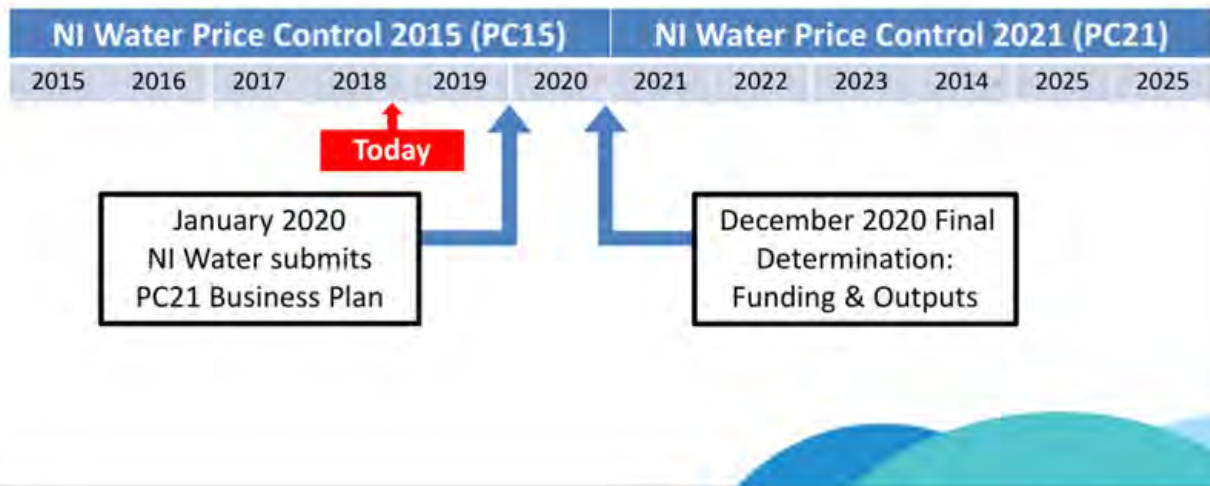
Value for money assessed

- Utility Regulator assesses Business Plan and challenges value for money

Regulatory contract agreed

- Utility Regulator determines revenue and outputs - contract is agreed with customer price limits determined for the PC period, outputs agreed and delivery monitored

PC21 Business Plan and Timeline



Wastewater Projects / Activities

Drainage Areas Studies Ongoing

PC15 Investment Programme - Drainage Area Planning



Dundrum Sewerage Network

- £2.5m project being carried out to improve the existing treatment process and deal with increased flows.
- Initial samples from the new MBR cells are excellent.



Dundrum Sewerage Network



Ballymartin Lower

- Work comprised of a two stage treatment for low lying houses close to the shore, along with foul and storm separation
- This scheme completes a £1.2m investment by NI Water which also included new pumping stations in Blackrock and Ballymartin along with associated pumping mains transferring wastewater to Kilkeel. [Photo taken 22 Oct 2018]



Newpoint Terminal Pumping Station

- **Value:** approx. £1.8M
- **Status:** Operational
December 2017
- **Benefits:** Environmental benefits due to reduced out of sewer flooding and enhancement to Newry WwTW treatment process.

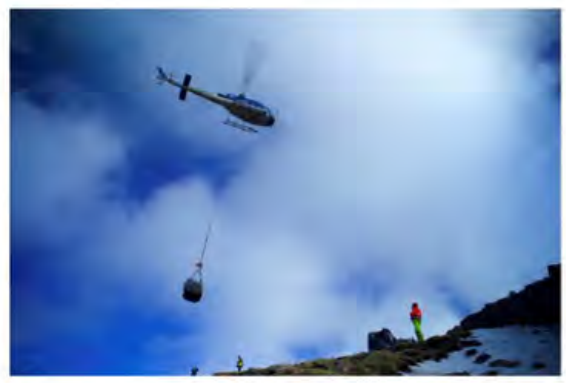


Water Projects / Activities

Slieve Gullion Water Distribution Improvements: Killeavy Castle



Mourne Wall Restoration Project



Water Conservation - essential during the heatwave

- Spelga Dam
- Silent Valley Reservoir - supplies 120 million litres of water each day to homes and businesses



Drought Mitigation Actions

- Construction of temporary Water Pumping Stations to improve interconnectivity between resource zones during the summer heatwave.
- Transferring water from Castor Bay to Fofanny Resource Zone at Mayobridge.
- Transferring water from Silent Valley to Fofanny Resource Zone at Newcastle.



Public Initiatives

Current Public Initiatives

- Wrap Up Warm for Winter – Insulate your pipes
- FOG - Fats, Oil and Grease
- The 3 Ps. Only flush pee, poo and paper!



The image block contains three distinct visual elements. On the left, a photograph shows two individuals, a woman in a green jacket and a man in a grey jacket, standing outdoors in winter attire. In the center, a photograph depicts a pipe heavily encrusted with long icicles, illustrating the 'Wrap Up Warm' initiative. On the right, a colorful poster features the text 'If it's not PEE, POO or PAPER it will block the pipes' and includes a small illustration of a toilet and a recycling bin, representing the '3 Ps' initiative.

Educating The Wider Public

- Waterbutt initiative: free waterbutts for community gardens



Rostrevor Mens Shed



Mayobridge
Regeneration group



Brain Injury
Foundation
Newry

- Water for Health @ Carnagat Summer Scheme



- Silent Valley events: Music in the Park free events held 1 Sunday per month in July and August



Educating The Next Generation

- The NI Water Education team during the past five years have made 190 schools visits in the Newry, Mourne & Down Council areas.



Academy PS



St Malachy's PS, Camlough



St Colmans Kilkeel

- All visits included environmental key messages of: Water Conservation, Bag it & Bin it and Refill (plastic pollution education). These were delivered through the use of Classroom visits, Waterbus and Silent Valley facilities.

Delivering For The Community

- NI Water undertakes monthly Charitable Events around NI Water as part of our 'Cares Challenge Initiative'
- NI Water has supported the Southern Area Trust – St John's House as part of this activity with an annual Cares Challenge to enhance the hospice garden
- Most recent Challenge in August



Customer Centred Water Knowledge

- NI Water have launched a new text alert service for customers
- Competition to collect customer contact details
- Lets customers know of any unplanned interruptions to their water supply
- Lets customers know when they can expect their water supply to be restored.
- Customers can enter at www.niwater.com



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Question on Kilkeel River Rehabilitation



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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018 at 4.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

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

**Officials
 in Attendance:**

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

**Others
 in Attendance:**

Ms K Doran, Lanyon Communications
 Ms D Emerson, ARUP
 Mr P Beatty, ARUP

ERT/195/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no Apologies were received.

ERT/196/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

ERT/197/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018.**

ERT/198/2018: PRESENTATION FROM LANYON COMMUNICATIONS – INNOVATION NATION 2018

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Katie Doran from Lanyon Communications and invited her to deliver her presentation.

Following the presentation, members expressed their support saying it had been an excellent event and had showcased Newry in a very positive way.

Ms Ward said it was very much a partnership that had brought the event to fruition and it was important to recognise the local businesses that had contributed to the success of the event including Norbrook, First Derivatives, Stat Sports, KPMG and Invest NI. She continued, saying the event was about putting Newry on the map in terms of innovation and it had been a great opportunity to build a market and interest in the area, prior to the construction of the new theatre and conference facilities. She said there was a potential to hold a further event in 2019 and she would bring a paper back to Committee in January 2019.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Doran for her presentation and she left the meeting.

ERT/199/2018: PRESENTATION FROM ARUP – BELFAST TO DUBLIN RAIL CONNECTIVITY

The Chairperson welcomed Ms D Emerson and Mr P Beatty to the meeting.

Mr Hannaway provided background saying the vision was for improved connectivity along the Eastern Corridor and to deliver a rail service whereby access to either Dublin or Belfast could be made within 30 minutes from Newry. He then invited Ms Emerson and Mr Beatty to deliver their presentation.

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

- The overall vision for improving rail connectivity between Dublin and Belfast would be delivered in phases over the next ten years.
- The proposed link to Dublin Airport would be subject to a detailed engineering process.
- Engineering designs would need to be carried out prior to any projected costings.
- Cross border rail journeys throughout Europe operate without any issues.

Mr Hannaway said it was critically important to be project ready in terms of infrastructure

and he advised he was seeking a meeting with the new Permanent Secretary of DFI that would include the CEOs of Belfast City Council, Dublin City Council, Louth County Council and Translink, he also advised there was to be an Eastern Corridor Conference to be held on 28 February 2019.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Beatty and Ms Emerson for their presentation and they left the meeting.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/200/2018: CASTLEWELLAN ON-STREET CAR PARKING

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Castlewellan On-Street Car Parking. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. Council supports the enforcement of parking restrictions in Castlewellan, subject to a permitting system being put in place for residents in affected areas and exploring if Bann Road Council facilities could be used for car parking by staff working in town centre businesses etc.**
- 2. Council using existing car park in Square to understand that is the reason for all day parking at this location and consider similar restrictions as those to be imposed on street.**

ERT/201/2018: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FORUM

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding International Relations Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed to approve the recommendations from the 27 Nov International Relations forum meeting:**

- 1. Approve SLA between Council and Confucius Institute, Ulster University of £5K to provide staff time ie translation services etc.**
- 2. email video of China visit to Elaine McKeown SERC**
- 3. Council to host a Russian student for 2019/20 subject to Council approval in January 2019. Council would meet the salary costs of the post holder only.**
- 4. Council officers to develop a programme of work for the Russian student by rotating departments in which the student would work in order to give a variety of experience across Council co-ordinated via HR.**

5. Council host along with St Pauls Bessbrook host Students and Teachers from Kirovsk in March 2019 as per the agreement with the Kirovsk with Council securing accommodation and working with the teachers in St Pauls to develop an itinerary for the group for the duration of the stay.
6. Council submit an application with partners as invited to URBELAC Network, a programme co-funded by DG REGIO and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

ERT/202/2018: CORRESPONDENCE FROM FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL RE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re Rural Development. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed that Council supports Fermanagh & Omagh District Council in their endeavours and this Council continues to lobby and make a case for a future programme via DAERA and all other relevant platforms.

ERT/203/2018: YOUNG ENTERPRISE N.I.

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Young Enterprise N.I. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed not to support Young Enterprise Digital and Tourism Masterclass / Quick start Programme in this financial year.

ERT/204/2018: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – COOPERATION SCHEME NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC YELLOW FRAMES

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Rural Development Programme – Cooperation Scheme National Geographic Yellow Frames. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Mulgrew said the site for the yellow frame should be Slieve Gullion and not Giants Lair as indicated on the report.

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Harvey the following was agreed:
- To approve the request for match funding of the project and give the relevant permissions to allow the project to proceed.
 - Amend report to reflect the site for the yellow frame to be Slieve Gullion and not Giant's Lair.

ERT/205/2018: DAERA SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS SCHEME

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding DAERA Small business Grants Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer asked if there was any difference with DAERA Small Business Grants Scheme and the LAG funding programme, Mr McGilly replied the DAERA Small Business Grants Scheme was pilot scheme that was aimed at small businesses with a maximum grant of £5,000 allocated.

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer the following was agreed:
1. To further engage with DAERA to secure the delivery of a Rural Business Small Grant scheme in the District
 2. In order to resource the administration and delivery of the grant scheme, to utilise the allowance of 15% contribution (£7,500) towards administration costs which would be taken from each Council's £50,000 allocation

ERT/206/2018: HILL STREET NEWRY PHASE III PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Hill Street Newry Phase III Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Stokes the following was agreed:
1. Council to make engage, BT (Openreach) and NIE in regards to the upgrading of their networks in advance of the proposed Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III).
 2. Council to cover the cost from its Public Realm Budget of an advance Site Investigation Survey for the proposed Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III).

ERT/207/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK AND FINISH BOARD

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Board. **(copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hanna the following was agreed:
- 1. Approve the attached Castlewellan Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 16.11.18**
 - 2. RFQ to be issued by NMDDC for Topographical Survey to assist with Planning Application.**
 - 3. RFQ to be issued for Horticultural Consultant to assist with DAERA works in Rhododendron Wood, Walled Garden and Bothy Yard.**
 - 4. Tender documentation for works in Walled Garden/ Bothy Yard/ Rhododendron Wood to be prepared prior to the HLF decision date.**
 - 5. Funder timetables: In the case of successful applications to HLF and DAERA. There will be an ongoing process to ensure both funders are satisfied and projects are delivered within the required timescales.**
 - 6. Await outcome of decision on HLF funding application. Correspondence has been received from HLF acknowledging that the application process is very competitive.**
 - 7. In the event of an unsuccessful HLF application, the project will have to look at prioritising works to be undertaken and look into the potential of applying for smaller grants. This will be for decision when the application outcome is decided.**
 - 8. In order to submit the DAERA application in time (prior to 31st January 2019) a tender for works will have to be issued by mid-December to ensure the costs are returned in time for inclusion in the application as required.**
 - 9. Economic Appraisal: The recommended option includes a Welcome Centre in the Walled Garden which will allow access via lift to the upper part of the Walled Garden. The draft EA has been circulated to Task and Finish Board for consideration.**
 - 10. An Agreement to Lease needs to be in place before a Round 2 application is submitted. NMDDC to work with FS over coming months to have this agreement in place for August 2019.**

TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/208/2018: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAME 2019/20

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourism Events Programme 2019/20. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Mulgrew said she had attended the recent Tourism Events Workshop and congratulated Ms Ward and staff for the very successful range of tourism events that had taken place throughout the year, all of which had been hugely beneficial to the area. Councillor Mulgrew also congratulated Newry Rainbow Community on their recent successful bid to host the UK and Ireland Pride festival in 2019.

Councillor Harvey said he did not agree with the £60,000 underspend being allocated to one group of people, he said it was grossly unfair and this underspend should be split evenly across the district. Councillor Hanna agreed with Councillor Harvey.

Councillor Byrne said the £60,000 underspend would be better utilized with one group rather than splitting it up among numerous groups and the event had the potential to attract huge numbers of visitors to Newry and the wider district. Councillor Byrne thanked Ms Ward for agreeing to meet with the Newry Rainbow Community.

Ms Ward said the wording in No. 1 Recommendation should be amended to include the words 'and contractual documents for any bookings made'.

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

To approve proposals for:

- 1. Provision of £60,000 budget within this 18/19 Financial Year to Newry Rainbow Community by way of a Service Level Agreement and contractual documents for any bookings made, in order to support the planning and delivery of the UK and Ireland Pride Festival in Newry in 2019.**
- 2. Commitment of Council Officer's time to be part of a multi-agency team of relevant stakeholders to support Newry Rainbow Community in the preparation for the UK and Ireland Pride festival.**
- 3. The provision an additional level of funding from the Tourism Events Programme budget in the 19/20 Financial Year, to be agreed, once the final cost breakdown and budget of the Festival has been set and agreed.**
- 4. All members to be invited to a meeting early in January 2019 with the event promoters to appraise the full details and cost breakdown of two event funding bids.**
- 5. Approval of the draft Tourism Events Programme, with final budgets to be tabled with members in line with the rates setting process in January 2019.**
- 6. The Financial Assistance Call for Tourism Events to be open as possible in 2019.**

ERT/209/2018: ASSESSMENT OF COLUMBANUS PROJECT & ST. PATRICKS WAY

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Assessment of Columbanus Project & St. Patricks Way. **(Copy circulated)**

The members supported the recommendation, however they advised there were other established groups working to try and link various walking trails and they asked that the recommendation be amended to explore other potential walking trails currently being undertaken by various groups.

- Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to:**
- **To make a contribution of £5000 to undertake a feasibility on pilgrimage/heritage routes with particular reference to Columban Way and Turas Columbanus projects and the St. Patricks Way.**
 - **Explore other potential walking trails currently being undertaken by various groups.**

ERT/210/2018: ST. PATRICK'S CENTRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding St. Patrick's Centre Development Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to approve proposals for the development of a new Five-Year Business Plan for the St Patrick's Centre, to be developed in partnership with the Council and Tourism NI.**

ERT/211/2018: VISITOR SERVICING REVIEW

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Visitor Servicing Review. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed to approve proposals for the review of Visitor Information Services within the district, in line with Tourism NI's Visitor Information Plan.**

ERT/212/2018: TENDER FOR REMOVAL OF SAND BAR AT NEWCASTLE HARBOUR

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tender for Removal of Sandbar at Newcastle Harbour. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed to tender for the provision of a contractor to remove the sandbar at Newcastle Harbour in compliance with the Marine Construction Licence. The contractor would be appointed for a 3 year term.**

FOR NOTING**ERT/213/2018: WARRENPOINT PARK STEERING GROUP**

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Warrenpoint Park Steering Group. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the contents of the Warrenpoint Park Steering Group report.

ERT/214/2018: NMD & LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Read: Report of NMD and Louth County Council Joint Committee Meeting 20 June 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked if it would be possible to get the reports of the NMD and Louth Joint Committee Meetings sooner, Ms Ward said she would review the current timescale involved in bringing this report to Committee.

**Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the contents of the NMD & Louth County Council Joint Committee Meeting report.
Ms Ward to review current timescale in bringing the NMD and Louth County Council Joint Committee report to Committee.**

ERT/215/2018: AUDIT ACCESS TO STRANGFORD LOUGH

Read: Report dated 10 December 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Audit of Access to Strangford Lough for water-based recreation report complete. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the contents of the Audit Access to Strangford Lough report.

ERT/216/2018: SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD – IWAI PREFERRED OPTION

Read: Letter dated 21 November 2018 from IWAI regarding NSSR Preferred Option. **(Copy circulated)**

Discussion took place regarding tall ship access to the Albert Basin and concern was expressed by some members at the new preferred option regarding the lifting bridge.

Mr Hannaway said although Council would be involved in the consultation process, this was a DFI project. He continued, saying there were cost implications regarding the provision of a lifting bridge to allow tall ship access to the Albert Basin that would have

to be considered, however, he said the lifting bridge had been budgeted for at this stage.

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the IWAI letter dated 21 November 2018 regarding Preferred Option.

ERT/217/2018: BETTER CONNECTING DUBLIN and BELFAST – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Read: Translink Report regarding Better Connecting Dublin and Belfast – Strategic Development Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to 'note' the Translink Report regarding Better Connecting Dublin and Belfast – Strategic Development Plan.

ERT/218/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

Read: Action Tracker Update Sheet.

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

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.10pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 7 January 2019.

Signed: _____
Councillor M Ruane
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

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

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

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

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, HR & Safeguarding
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/165/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor McMahon.

SPR/166/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/167/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 15 November 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/168/2018: REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINORITY COMMUNITIES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018 from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy and Ms S Rice, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer, regarding Establishment of a Minority Communities Financial Assistance Scheme **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Walker proposed that the Committee accept the officer's recommendation and thanked the other Members of the Equality and Good Relations Forum for agreeing that officers prepare a report for consideration at the Committee Meeting.

Councillor Burgess seconded the proposal and Councillors Byrne and McMurray spoke in support of the proposal.

Councillor Ruane stated that Sinn Fein were opposed to the proposal, as it had been previously agreed that any recommendations coming from the Good Relations Forum should have had the full backing of all Members involved, and this proposal did not come forward with full support. He stated the proposal was exclusive and did not recognise all Section 75 categories. He asked whether the Black, Minority, Ethnic grouping had been consulted with to find out what their requirements or requests were and felt this grouping had been added onto the end of the proposal without due regard being given.

The Chairman put the matter to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	7
AGAINST:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	1

The proposal was **CARRIED**.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that Council allocate £12,500 in the rates process for a Minority Communities Financial Assistance Scheme for projects/initiatives taking place during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The breakdown of the Minority Communities Financial Assistance Scheme to be:

- £10,000 for PUL community projects/initiatives, and;
- £2,500 for BME community projects/initiatives.

The Scheme to be administered through the Council's Programmes Unit and the two specific themes of the scheme would be:

Theme 1 – Cultural Expression – this theme would be an open call for projects/initiatives that positively promote minority community culture, tradition and identity.

Theme 2 – Positively Engaging Minority Communities – this theme would be an open call for community engagement projects/initiatives to build positive relations, raise awareness and understanding, address perceptions and promote respect for minority communities.

PERFORMANCE

SPR/169/2018: **NIAO IMPROVEMENT AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT REPORT 2018-19**

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018 from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, regarding Improvement Audit and Assessment Report 2018-19 (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, the Improvement Audit and Assessment Report and Action Plan 2018-19 were agreed.

SPR/170/2018: DRAFT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2019-20

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018 from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, regarding Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2019-20 (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, the Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2019-20 'supporting actions' and 'measures of success', and the proposed approach and timetable for publishing the Performance Improvement Plan 2019-2020, by 30 June 2019, including authorisation to proceed with a twelve week public consultation programme between 14 January and 5 April 2019 was agreed as per Appendix 1 and 2 contained within the officer's report.

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

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

SPR/171/2018: NIPSO - COMPLAINT

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman – Complaint re: Planning Permission for Dwelling (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr, to note the contents of the officer's report and authorise a consolatory payment in the sum recommended by the NI Public Services Ombudsman relating to a complaint against the Council for maladministration.

SPR/172/2018: NIPSO - COMPLAINT

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Northern Ireland Public

Service Ombudsman – Complaint re: Planning Permission for Development (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr, to note the contents of the officer's report and authorise a consolatory payment in the sum recommended by the NI Public Services Ombudsman relating to a complaint against the Council for maladministration.

SPR/173/2018: BUSINESS CASE – PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Business Case – Provision of Internal Audit Services (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve the Business Case for provision of internal audit services, appended to the officer's report, and choose option 2 to keep an internal audit function which is independent to the Council for the incoming 4-year period, and proceed to commence the procurement process.

Councillors Andrews and Burgess left the meeting at this stage – 5.31pm

SPR/174/2018: HALF YEAR TREASURY

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19 (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: Agreed to note the Treasury Management Update Report for the Council as at 30 September 2018.

SPR/175/2018: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT BRIDGE AT GHOST LANE, STRANGFORD

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms H Wilson, Land Management Officer, regarding proposed replacement bridge for Ghost Lane, Strangford (**Copy circulated**)

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

Councillors Ruane and Carr asked that officers investigate the footbridge at Magallen River in Warrenpoint as although it had not collapsed it was in an extremely dangerous state and had been a state of disrepair for a number of years.

Agreed: **Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendations at para. 3.1 that Council seek permission of Rivers Agency and relevant landowners to install a bridge, at the estimated cost detailed in the report, using finances available from Council's access budget.**

Councillor Ó Muiri entered the meeting at this stage – 5.38pm

SPR/176/2018: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group Meeting held on 5th December 2018 (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: **Agreed to note the contents of the action sheet of SPWG Meeting of 5 December 2018.**

SPR/176/2018: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Industrial Relations Update (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: **Agreed to note the update contained within paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the officer's report.**

SPR/1767/2018: REDUNDANCY

Read: Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Redundancy (**Copy circulated and collected at meeting**)

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

Agreed: **Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to release an officer under statutory redundancy as detailed in the officer's report.**

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 5.50pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 7 January 2019.

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
 Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 17 December 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
 Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
 Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/242/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte and Quinn.

Apologies were also received from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement.

- The Chairperson acknowledged the achievements of the MacMillan Move More Programme which had won the active life coaching category at the National Awards Ceremony. He also congratulated Laura McGrath, NMDDC's Move More Co-Ordinator.
- The Chairperson congratulated staff from the Health and Wellbeing Department on leading the campaign for Fairtrade District Status for the Council area. The Council achieved District Status from both Fairtrade Foundation and Fairtrade Ireland in November 2018. The Department along with the Fairtrade Steering Committee would continue to promote awareness of Fairtrade across the District.
- The Chairperson congratulated Callum Laird from Bright GAC and Tim Prenter from RGU Downpatrick and Portaferry GAC on receiving Ulster All Star Awards.
- The Chairperson advised the Bobby Dalzell cup final between Celtic Boys FC Downpatrick and Ballynahinch Olympics was taking place on Boxing Day.
- The switch on of Council sustainable Christmas trees had taken place in 6 locations throughout the District.

- The Chairperson congratulated and thanked all agencies and Council staff on supporting households and businesses affected by the recent flooding across the District.

Mr E Devlin advised 200 calls had been received to the floodline number for the District, with 90 calls suggesting water had entered properties. Council staff had been out and to date 10 had qualified for compensation payment. Councillors were asked to advise any constituents affected by recent flooding to contact the Council's Environmental Health Department.

AHC/243/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/244/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 November 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/245/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- **The Mourne DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018;**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 27 September 2018;**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16 October 2018;**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2018.**

AHC/246/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- **Children and Young People - Youth-Led Citizenship Programme:**
 - Procure and appoint a provider to develop and deliver the programme. Estimated cost: £163,600
- **Building Positive Relations – Ethnic Minority Cultural Programme:**
 - Procure and appoint a supplier to develop and deliver a mentoring/befriending programme for minority ethnic residents. Estimated cost: £26,500

Total: £190,100

AHC/247/2018: REPORT ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DfC FOR FRONTLINE ADVICE SERVICES

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Additional Funding from Department for Communities (DfC) for Frontline Advice Services **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell to award the additional funding of £10,042.07 from the Department for Communities (DfC) to 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down'.

LEISURE AND SPORT**AHC/248/2018: REPORT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF ANGLING NI HUBS ACROSS THE COUNCIL – REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr R Flynn, Sports Development Officer, regarding Introduction of Angling Participation Officer across the Council **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to employ an Angling Participation Officer at a cost of an additional revenue budget of £24,000 over a three year period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2022.

AHC/249/2018: NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE CAFÉ

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms A Barton, Area Manager (NLC/St Colmans), regarding Newry Leisure Centre Café (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to permit the successful supplier to operate as set out in section 2.2 of the officer's report, subject to legal formalities being completed.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING**AHC/250/2018: REPORT ON APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SUSTAINABLE FOOD CITIES NETWORK**

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Approval for Council to become Member of Sustainable Food Cities Network (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to note the report and permit Council officials to commence the process for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to become a member of the Sustainable Food Cities Network.**

AHC/251/2018: REPORT ON APPROVAL TO DELIVER A FUNDING CALL FOR BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Approval to Deliver a Funding Call for Biodiversity Enhancement Projects across the District (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muiri, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed that Council officials deliver a funding call for Biodiversity Improvement/Enhancement Projects across the District, with allocation of £10,000 subject to the Estimates process.**

AHC/252/2018: SHIMNA FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms D Begley, Biodiversity Officer, regarding Shimna Flood Alleviation Scheme Consultation (**Copy circulated**)

In response to a query from the Chairperson, Mr E Devlin agreed to carry out enquiries into incidences of Japanese Knotweed across the District.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to send the circulated letter to DfI Rivers in response to the Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme Consultation.**

AHC/253/2018: PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE JAM CARD TO NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms E O'Hagan, Health Inequalities Officer, regarding Proposal for the Introduction of the JAM Card to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to introduce the JAM Card Scheme to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council with the following option being preferred:**
Option 2 – Main Council Buildings plus Parks (with staff) and Amenity Sites – total building number is 29.
Face-to-face training (1½ hour) and promotional material totals £832.82
E-learning totals £999

FOR NOTING – DIRECTOR**AHC/254/2018: MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-19**

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Mid-Year Assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2018-19 (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the Mid-Year Assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2018-19.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/255/2018: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report

AHC/256/2018: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report

AHC/257/2018: POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the report and note the following:

- **Minutes of the Policing Committee held on Tuesday 21 August 2018, approved at the Policing Committee held on Tuesday 13 November 2018;**
- **Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018, approved at the PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018;**
- **Officer's report to the PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018, approved at the PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 13 November 2018.**

AHC/258/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Social Investment Fund Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING**AHC/259/2018: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION SHEET**

Read: Report dated 17 December 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Sustainable Development and Climate Change Forum **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

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

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

AHC/260/2018: NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE HANDBALL AND SQUASH PROVISION

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed to note the verbal update on the current situation regarding the new Down Leisure Centre Handball and Squash Provision.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.25pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 7 January 2019.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**Chairperson:** Councillor C Casey

Members:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor McCauley	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes	

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer
 Ms L O Hare, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/183/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor G Fitzpatrick & Ms M Ward, Director.

Councillor Casey referred to the heavy prolonged rain over the past weekend and said as a consequence there was a number of flooding issues in the South Down area. The Department of Infrastructure sought assistance from the Council in delivering sandbags to homes, placing road closure signs and cones on the affected roads.

Councillor Casey advised the Council was able to supply a number of personnel to assist and they worked along with Department of Infrastructure from Saturday afternoon to the early hours of Sunday morning.

He thanked Council staff for helping out in this way during what must have been a very worrying time for householders in the affected areas.

RTS/184/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

RTS/185/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018.

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2018. ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed the Action Sheet of 20 November 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

RTS/186/2018: **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PROJECT UPDTE – DATE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES WORKING GROUP TO MEET IN JANUARY 2019.**

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director of Waste Management regarding Neighbourhood Services Project Update. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed that a date of 30 January 2019 to be set for the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Working Group to meet to progress matters.

PLANNING

RTS/187/2018: **CURRENT APPEALS – NOVEMBER 2018**

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/188/2018: **RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2018-2019 – DECEMBER 2018**

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/189/2018: **PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2018**

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

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

Mr McKay referred to the introduction of the new Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol and in particular requests to call-in applications. He advised the first list issued on Monday 10 December and these lists would continue to issue on a weekly basis.

Mr McKay emphasised that if a Councillor wished to call-in an application they should send their request by email to Democratic Services accompanied by the reasons for the call-in request.

In response to Councillor Craig's concerns regarding the increasing number of live applications in the system and the number of live applications per Case Officer, Mr McKay said there were a number of factors impacting on these figures including staffing issues and time being devoted to major applications but said the figures would get back to being on a downward trend.

Councillors Andrews and Taylor asked if the lists could include the applicant name and address. In response Mr McKay said Officers were working with a template that was commonly used by other Councils and in addition, there was a need to be mindful of all of the new data protection regulations that apply and if there was no need to publish data then it should not be published.

Mr McKay added that the list currently had to be produced manually as it was not automatically generated and so there was additional work in producing it.

AGREED: In response to Councillor Clarke, Mr McKay said he would look at the design of the Council's website to see if the location of where the lists were displayed could be improved.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/190/2018: PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WARRENPOINT CEMETRY – AMENDED LAYOUT

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance on proposed extension to Warrenpoint Cemetery – Amended layout. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the following:-

1. Note content of report and approve proposed layout for extension to Warrenpoint Municipal Cemetery as set out in Appendix 2 circulated at the meeting
2. Approve the submission of a planning application for a revised road layout as shown in the drawing provided at Appendix 2.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/191/2018: HRCs WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing and Enforcement re: Review of operations at Household Recycling Centres (HRCs). *(Circulated)*.

NOTED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation to organise an Elected Member workshop to

consider the recommendations of a review of operations at the Council's Household Recycling Centres.

RTS/192/2018: COST OF FLY TIPPING

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing re: cost of Fly-tipping. *(Circulated)*.

NOTED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the following:-**

1. Council to continue to develop systems to record incidence of Fly-tipping.
2. Officials to continue to liaise with NIEA and neighbouring Councils to seek to address problems associated with Illicit Dumping of waste.

RTS/193/2018: DOG FOULING STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing re: Strategy to address Dog-Fouling. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the following:-**

1. Draft Dog Fouling Strategy to be circulated for final comments to CMT, with intent to finalise February 2019.
2. Provision to be made within the Rates Estimates to provide for advertising and publicity campaigns to promote the Dog-Fouling Strategy, with target date set for launch at end-June 2018. Campaign to include signage brand change, vehicle and radio advertising.
3. Clear direction to be received from Legal Department regarding establishment of Dog Control Orders.
4. Close communications to be made with Environmental Cleansing Services to ensure that 'roads' are regularly swept.
5. Protocol to be established, that all reports of dog fouling are recorded and are addressed, with intent to identify problem locations as may need specific actions.
6. Publicity materials e.g. brand signage to be available to parks authorities, community groups and schools for display at approaches to their premises.

Councillor Taylor left the meeting (6.30 pm)

Mr McBride advised a bid would be submitted to the Rates Estimates for advertising campaign and related literature.

Councillors raised the following issues:-

- The Council should look at a policy of "Naming and Shaming" dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul in public places and who did not pick up.
- Officers investigate if there would be merit in Dog Control Orders being in force in parks etc. with which the Council had a Service Level Agreement e.g. Castlewellan Forest Park.
- Concern there was insufficient Enforcement Staff to deal with dog fouling.
- Investigate the benefits of locating high profile banners similar to those used by the National Trust to highlight responsible dog ownership.
- Burrendale kick-about area has a major problem with dog fouling and there is no signage and enforcement at this location. There was a need to target these types of areas.

Mr McBride said he would investigate the issues raised by Councillors.

RTS/194/2018: SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing and Enforcement re: Single Use Plastics. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McMurray, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the following:-**

- i. **Support A&NDBC in a call for action, by large supermarket retailers, on single use plastics;**
- ii. **Support A&NDBC in its petition to the Secretary of State for the Environment concerning the incorporation of the measures requested by the large supermarket retailers, into future legislation;**
- iii. **Authorise Council Officials to write to the large supermarket retailers, as well as the Secretary of State for the Environment, confirming the Council's support to A&NDBC.**

AGREED: **At the request of Councillor Clarke it was also agreed to include Spar and Eurospar supermarkets in the call for action on single use plastics.**

Mr McBride noted the following issues raised by Councillors:-

- The introduction of a deposit return scheme.
- River features to trap litter before it reaches the sea.

Mr Moore said a previous Notice of Motion in relation to single use plastics had not been progressed as quickly as he would have liked but Mr McBride was now liaising with the Environmental Health Department regarding single use plastic and the issue was also being discussed at TAG Meetings where it was hoped funding would be identified to progress matters.

FOR NOTING**RTS/195/2018: ARC 21 MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN 25 OCTOBER 2018****Read:** ARC 21 Members Monthly Bulletin 25 October 2018. *(Circulated)*.**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above monthly bulletin.****RTS/196/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MIINUTES 27 SEPTEMBER 2018****Read:** ARC 21 Joint Committee Minutes 27 September 2018. *(Circulated)*.**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above Joint Committee Minutes.****RTS/197/2018: Dfi Re: WEED SPRAYING****Read:** Letter dated 13 December 2018 from the Department of Infrastructure regarding weed spraying in the Newry, Mourne and Down Area. They advised that the Department has now arranged for any remaining weed to be scuffed, beginning with Newry City area, and this work should be completed within the next few weeks. A copy of operational schedule was enclosed, however they stated it was not possible to give an absolute commitment to spray weeds next year until budgets for the 2019/2020 financial have been confirmed. *(Circulated)*.**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the above correspondence.**

Mr Moore said Officers would continue to follow up on this issue and he would like to see greater co-ordination between the Council's weed spraying operations and those of other Statutory Agencies.

Councillor Ruane left the meeting (6.40 pm).

RTS/198/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET**Read:** Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*.**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to the Historic Actions Sheet be noted and actions removed as marked.****ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

Items 17 and 18 are deemed to be exempt items under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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

RTS/199/2018: ITEMS FROM ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

Read: Items from ARC21 Joint Committee Minutes Thursday 27 September 2018. *(Circulated)*.

RTS/200/2018: MATTRESS RECYCLING BUSINESS CASE

Read: Report dated 18 December 2018 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director of Waste, on the proposal to provide facility for recycling of mattresses. *(Circulated)*.

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

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

ARC 21 Joint Committee Minutes of Thursday 27 September 2018.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note the "In Committee" items outlined in the ARC21 Joint Committee Minutes of Thursday 27 September 2018.**

Proposal to provide facility for recycling of mattresses.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the recommendation outlined in Section 3 of the report dated 18 December 2018 that the Council implement a mattress recycling scheme within the Household Recycling Centres with further recommendations listed at 2,3,4 and 5 also approved.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.45pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 January 2019.

Signed: Councillor C Casey
Chairperson of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee

Signed: Mr R Moore
Director of Neighbourhood Services

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Brendan Hegarty
 Chief Executive

Dear Liam

Re: Motion on Curriculum Sports Programme

At the Council meeting held on 4 December 2018, Members considered your correspondence dated 20 November 2018, regarding the Motion adopted by your Council regarding the Curriculum Sports Programme.

The Council agreed to support the Motion and has made representations to the Department of Education expressing its support for the Motion.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Hegarty
 Chief Executive



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4 December 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 22 November 2018, the following Motion was unanimously passed:

This Council notes that the Community Pharmacy network in NI delivers community-based healthcare services and promotes well-being, with around 123,000 people visiting a community pharmacy every day.

This Council further notes that in 2015 a report was commissioned by the Department of Health and carried out by Pricewaterhouse Coopers for the financial year 2011/12. That report verified that the total HSC cost of running the community pharmacy service in NI is in the region of £130 million - £136 million annually. Despite this, the community pharmacy network remains underfunded by at least £20million per year.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State and the Permanent Secretary in the Department of Health urging that the Department ; Opens further discussions with the representative body Community Pharmacy NI; Urgently introduces an interim rescue package; Introduce changes to the payment arrangements for Chemists to address the issue of 'dispensing at a loss'; Ensures sufficient funding is maintained across the network including rural areas; Delivers a new community pharmacy contract as a matter of urgency.

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Finally, this Council will write to the other 10 Councils across N.I. asking them to support this resolution.

I look forward to receiving your response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

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

**John Kelpie
Chief Executive**

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Dear Mr Hannaway

Re: Funding Crisis in Community Pharmacy

At the Council's Regeneration and Community Committee meeting held in October 2018, Members asked that the attached letter which was sent by the Council to Mr Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary for the Department of Health, regarding the funding crisis in Community Pharmacy be forwarded to each of the other ten Councils for reference.

If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Sonya McAnulla
 Head of Democratic and Customer Services

Your Ref
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Mr Richard Pengelly
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Brendan Hegarty
 Chief Executive

Richard
 Dear Mr Pengelly,

RE: FUNDING CRISIS FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Council has asked that I write to you regarding the funding crisis for Community Pharmacies in NI. As you are aware the Council met with a representative of Community Pharmacy NI, a number of local community pharmacists and a representative from both your own Department and the Health and Social Care Board on Tuesday 9 October 2018 when the seriousness of the current funding position was discussed with the Council. Such are the concerns of the Council that this serious matter was discussed further at Committee meetings of the Council held on 9 and 10 October respectively.

The Council has grave concerns about the present situation and the urgency with which this funding shortfall needs to be addressed. The Council is fully aware of the current crisis in Community Pharmacy provision but is alarmed at the apparent lack of response by your Department. The Council welcomed the opportunity to engage with the representatives from your Department and HSCB at the meeting but got no sense that this very serious matter is going to be addressed urgently and satisfactorily.

The Council believes that a properly funded community pharmacy sector offers significant opportunities to both local communities and the health service. The Council believes that community pharmacy should be front and centre of the transformation programme, should be maximised to work upstream to all early intervention with referral pathways to GPs and other health care professionals and signposting to other sources of community support. The Community Pharmacy network must be properly funded to secure the sustainability of this vital service. It is no longer sustainable to underfund the service and to expect community pharmacists to provide the full range of current services, some of which are currently unfunded.

The potential to shift significant volumes of work from GP practice to community pharmacy was discussed at the meeting but the Council is alarmed that, in the current crisis, this has not been progressed before now. The Council is at a loss to understand why your Department, having carried out two studies into the funding of Community Pharmacies, which highlighted the requirement to inject additional funding into this service, has stalled on

moving forward with a new and appropriately funded community pharmacy contract. It is a matter of grave concern to the Council that your Department continues to dispute the findings of the CoSi review commissioned and published by the Department in November 2017 and has failed to bring forward proposals to properly resource this vital service.

Given the current funding crisis the Council asks that, (a) immediate and urgent action is taken to stabilise the local community pharmacy network through providing an interim rescue package with an adequate funding injection to create stability across the network and, (b) that you facilitate further discussions with CPNI as the representative body and take solid steps towards developing a new, appropriately funded, community pharmacy contract, with new community pharmacy-based services, as a matter of urgency.

Further given the current situation the Council is seeking clarification as to whether the existing policy and changes to the funding of the service have been subject to rural proofing and the Council is seeking a copy of the latest rural proofing assessment.

The Council has heard first hand from local community pharmacists and pharmacy owners how the current situation is having an extremely detrimental impact on them personally and on the services, they provide to the local community. These engagements have only served to confirm the validity of the serious concerns that have been raised with elected representatives by the local community. The Council is of the view that we are currently beyond crisis point with this vital community-based service and calls on your Department to provide an immediate injection of funding and to move swiftly to a new, properly resourced, contract.

As the matter is urgent the Council would welcome a timely response.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Hegarty
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



NAC

6th December 2018

NAC Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Leeds 11th-13th January 2019
Recycling & How Local Authorities can reduce the usage of Single use plastics

Single use plastic (SUP) has attracted global attention over recent times. Scientists, industry experts and respected figureheads are asking for a change in order to prevent a catastrophic outcome for the planet.

What role locally can councils play to reduce the impact on single use plastic. This will be explored throughout the conference.

This conference will explore what actions local government can take at all levels. Speakers will include experts from both the private sector and local government as well as a grounded viewpoint from activists within the plastic free movement.

A workshop will take place on the Sunday morning to explore how we can make positive changes. This workshop will be thought provoking and will encourage delegates to explore an alternative practice within their own local councils.

This Conference will benefit councillors and officers at all levels of local government.

To book your places at this event please complete the form attached and return it to me by email or post.

Yours Faithfully

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