



August 1st, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 7th August 2017** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017

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5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 June 2017

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7.0 Transfer and Renewal of Licence and Authorisation of Officer to Attend Court

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8.0 NILGA Annual Conference - 12 October 2017

Theme: "Local Enterprise, Global Reach" A Better Future for Northern Ireland: Sustaining Communities and Strengthening Democracy through Councils.

La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh.

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9.0 Correspondence from Dept for the Economy - Mineral Development Act 1969

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10.0 Correspondence received from Post Office Ltd re: Forkhill

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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 3 JULY 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/110/2017	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Agreed.	Y
C/111/2017	Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 1 June 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Agreed	Y
C/112/2017	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Agreed Site visits currently being organised.	Y
C/113/2017	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Agreed	Y
C/114/2017	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2017	<p>Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted with the exception of minute SPR/111/2017 – Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment and minute SPR/116/2017 – Newry Business Improvement District (BID)</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the following:</p> <p>1. Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment - Option 5 contained within Officer's Report dated 3 July 2017 - to engage the Shared Environmental Service (SES)/Mid and East Antrim Council's Environmental Planning Team to prepare the Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Environmental Assessment and take it through the entire Local Development Plan process,</p> <p>2. Newry Business Improvement District (BID) – the appointment of a Debt Recovery Officer to collect</p>	D Carville	Agreed	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		outstanding debt associated with the Newry BID levy, on a temporary basis initially for three months.			
C/115/2017	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted. Agreed to proceed with maintaining membership permissions for people aged over 60 years, to allow unlimited access to swimming pools/sauna/steam room at £3.60 per year and promotion of a new over 60's gym membership category at £15 per month.	M Lipsett	Agreed	Y
C/116/2017	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 21 June 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record, with the exception of minute RTS/80/2017 and adopted.	J Parkes	Agreed	Y
C/117/2017	Correspondence from Health & Social Care Board – re-shaping Stroke Services: a Pre-consultation	It was agreed to note the correspondence received from Health & Social Care Board pending consideration at September Council meeting of Council's response.	E Devlin	Agenda for Council Meeting 4 September 2017	Y
C/118/2017	Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure re: Smart Pass Equality Campaign	It was agreed to note the correspondence received.	Democratic Services	Noted	Y
C/119/2017	Conference on Housing Policy in Northern Ireland – Tuesday 17 October 2017	It was agreed that Councillor Curran attend the conference on Housing Policy in Northern Ireland on Tuesday 17 October 2017.	Democratic Services	Details emailed to Lorraine Burns 26.7.17 for her to book.	Y

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 July 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

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

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor S Burns
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Casey
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor P O'Gribin
Councillor B O'Múiri	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Human Resources)
 Mr A McKay, Area Planning Manager
 Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/107/2017

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

The Chairperson referred to the sponsorship forms handed out for the Mainstay Sponsored Walk, and said she would encourage as many Councillors as possible to take part.

The Chairperson extended congratulations to the Killeavy U14 Hurlers who won the All Ireland Feile; Burren U14 Footballers who were now All Ireland U14 Feile Champions; and Mayobridge U14 Football team who won the Division 3 Boys Shield at the Feile.

C/108/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/109/2017 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 June 2017

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017(copy circulated).

Mr Hannaway advised Members he had attended the Seanad Special Select Committee regarding Brexit issues, which had been very successful.

Mr Hannaway advised a further paper regarding the formation of Health Committees/Working Groups would be brought to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee on 18 August 2017.

Mr Hannaway referred to the Motion passed by Council regarding the reduction in the Education budget, and advised Members that a meeting between Party Representatives Forum and representatives from all schools in the District would be organised in the first instance.

Mr Hannaway advised the implementation of the Downpatrick Master Plan would be discussed at Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee on 14 August 2017.

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/110/2017 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2017

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017 (copy circulated)

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

C/111/2017 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2017

Read: Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 1 June 2017 (copy circulated)

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

C/112/2017 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2017 (copy circulated)

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/113/2017 **MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2017**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2017 (copy circulated).

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

C/114/2017 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2017**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2017 (copy circulated).

SPR/111/2017 – Officer’s Report – Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment

Mr Hannaway said further to the report presented at the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting on 15 June 2017, on which Members had raised queries, an addendum Paper had subsequently been prepared recommending Option 5, as opposed to Option 3 which was the recommended option of the Committee.

Mr Hannaway said the two critical issues were that there should be a separation of roles between Planning staff and the environmental assessment and that a number of Officers, across a range of disciplines, would need to be appointed which would increase Planning staffing costs. Mr Hannaway went on explain there was already a Service Level Agreement in place with Mid & East Antrim’s Environmental Services section and, as part of the rationale for shared services, this would provide Council with value for money.

In response to queries from Councillor Sharvin, Mr Hannaway advised that the Planning Committee’s role was to oversee planning within the organisation. He said the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee was the Committee responsible for policy and financial issues within the Council. Mr Hannaway said the reason why this matter had been presented to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee before it had been referred to

Planning Committee, was due to the strict timetable associated with the Local Development Plan.

In response to questions raised by Councillor Reilly, Mr Hannaway explained that the Department for Infrastructure's Quarterly Report issued the previous week, had advised that the volume of planning applications in the Newry, Mourne and Down area were the second highest in Northern Ireland, second only to Belfast City Council. Performance had vastly improved, which had been independently assessed. Major inroads had been made into the backlog of 1600 applications, which was now been reduced to 980 and was reducing further on a weekly basis. More staff had been brought into the Planning department to advance development and enforcement.

Mr Hannaway drew Councillor Reilly's attention to Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2014, saying it clearly defined access to information requirements setting out what information should be treated as exempt information. He stressed that information and reports that did not require to be exempt were not treated as such. He further advised that Members received copies of reports for all meetings, including exempt and non-exempt papers. He explained that all Members could attend any Committee meetings, even if they were not appointed to sit on that Committee, and with the discretion of the Chair, could contribute to the debate.

Mrs Carville explained the Reactionary Fund was funding that had come to the legacy Newry & Mourne Council under the Peace III initiative.

Mrs Carville said the consultation response to Foras na Gaeilge had been brought to Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee in May 2017 for any comments Members may have had, and then to SPR Committee again in June 2017 for noting.

SPR/116/2017 – Officer's Report – Newry Business Improvement District (BID)

Mrs Carville explained Officers had been asked to bring back further information regarding the appointment of a debt collection officer for Newry BID. She said it was Council's legal obligation to collect BID related debt and this was necessary to comply with the legally binding provisions within the BID Operating Agreement between the Council and the BID Company. The proposal was to appoint someone on a temporary basis. She confirmed the BID Company had agreed to discharge the salary and therefore this would be cost neutral to Council.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Craig, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted with the exception of minute SPR/111/2017 – Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment and Minute SPR/116/2017 – Newry Business Improvement District (BID).

In response to a query from Councillor Craig, Mr McKay advised that the SES team were contracted to work for a number of Councils, but had staffed themselves up in such a manner that they could service all of the various Councils' needs effectively. He also advised if the recommendation was approved, dedicated officers would be appointed who would be available as and when required by Council.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Craig to approve the following:

1. **Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment - Option 5 contained within Officer's Report dated 3 July 2017 - to engage the Shared Environmental Service (SES)/Mid and East Antrim Council's Environmental Planning Team to prepare the Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Environmental Assessment and take it through the entire Local Development Plan process.**
2. **Newry Business Improvement District (BID) – the appointment of a Debt Recovery Officer to collect outstanding debt associated with the Newry BID levy, on a temporary basis initially for three months.**

C/115/2017 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2017

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2017 (copy circulated).

AHC/108/2017 – Indoor Leisure Fitness Suite Operating Arrangements

Mr Lipsett advised that further to discussions with party groupings and the Chair, he had been asked to emphasise that the increase in pricing for people over 60 years of age, only applied to the fitness suites. Over 60s would still have unlimited access to the pool, sauna and steam room, according to the current pricing arrangements.

Mr Lipsett confirmed the new price of £15 per month would not be operational in Downpatrick until the new leisure centre fitness suite opened. He also confirmed this did not affect the GP referral scheme, which would continue with free access to the fitness suites.

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

AGREED: **It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to agree to proceed with maintaining membership permissions for people aged over 60 years, to allow unlimited access to swimming pools/sauna/steam room at £3.60 per year and promotion of a new over 60's gym membership category at £15 per month.**

In response to queries from Councillor Sharvin, Mr Lipsett explained that a move of the sectional building located at Strangford Road, Downpatrick from Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service for community use in Ballykinler was subject to costings and a structural survey being carried out, costs for which would be taken back to Committee for consideration. He further advised that the relocation of the building would be temporary to allow capacity building for the group in order for them to seek funding.

C/116/2017 MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2017

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 21 June 2017 (copy circulated)

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Andrews.

RTS/78/2017: Abandoned Boat in Dundrum Bay, Dundrum

Councillor Murnin queried why expressions of interest were being sought for the removal of the abandoned boat when it was obviously in a bad state of repair. He questioned whether it was a salvage operation and whether costs were being obtained for its removal.

The Chief Executive advised the boat's condition needed to be assessed before it could be removed, to assess any environmental or other potential impact.

RTS/72/2017: Report re: Brown Bins in Urban Areas

Councillor Walker asked whether those people within urban areas who currently did not have a brown bin, could telephone the Council and register to get one.

Mr Parkes advised 1600 householders within urban areas had already requested brown bins and all people who wanted a bin needed to register. They could either collect the bin at the Greenbank or Strangford Road depots, or wait for it to be delivered over the next few weeks or months.

RTS/80/2017: Report re: Options for Glass Recycling

Councillor Ruane proposed an amendment to the recommendation contained within the Committee's Report, proposing that option 1 presented in the Officer's Report dated 21 June 2017 to Committee be accepted - this being glass collection pods on refuse collection vehicles.

Councillor Ruane's proposal was seconded by Councillor Burns.

Mr Hannaway referred to the Officer's Report of 21 June 2017 which stated that this system allowed for glass to be collected in an insert tray, kept in the blue bin and also outlined the cost implications of this Option.

Councillors Craig, Brown and Burns spoke in support of the amendment to the Committee's recommendation, stating the following:

- Was there any requirement for a consultant to look at the matter as this had already been extensively discussed?
- Was it a legislative requirement to meet the recycling targets by 2020?
- Was there a requirement to make room in the blue bin for the glass insert?
- Recycling figures were likely to increase following Brexit and this scheme could be rolled out without significant impact on the District's rates, while improving the service provided to the ratepayer and impacting favourably on those people from the Down side of the District. This was an opportunity to meet the recycling targets by 2020.

The Chief Executive and Mr Parkes responded to the queries as follows:

- The matter had been discussed at length over the previous 6 months with various options being brought before the Party Representatives Meeting. Consultants would incur associated costs and would push the timeline back.

- 2020 targets must be met in relation to meeting statutory recycling targets.
- Blue bins were currently 240 litres and the insert for glass would be 40 litres which could be accommodated within the bin.

Councillors Stokes, Carr, Sharvin, Quinn, Murnin, Fitzpatrick and Tinnelly spoke against the amendment to the Committee's recommendation, stating:

- There was a need for an independent economic appraisal as the decision taken would have an impact on future ratepayers.
- An independent person was being requested as there was not enough information contained within the Report to enable a decision to be made that involved expenditure of £3m and figures requested had not been presented. The matter should be revisited with all facts and figures presented.
- As a member of ARC21 was it the case that if Council was over its 50% target, this could be offset against the figures of other member Councils which were below the 50% target and therefore fines would not be imposed?
- As stated at the Audit Committee, Council must keep their MRP at a certain level in line with what was required by Council. If £3m was removed out of the reserves to fund new refuse fleet, would Council be in breach of the Prudential Code?
- Would having the insert on top of the blue bin cause it to be top heavy and therefore topple over?
- How many litres of glass would the receptacle on the refuse vehicle hold?
- Was there any update on commercial recycling?
- Had any of the new vehicles already been purchased?
- The insertion of glass into blue bins, currently operated in Newry, should be rolled out across the Down side of the District as this would automatically increase the amount of recycling and targets could then be achieved much sooner.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carville and Mr Parkes responded to the queries as follows:

- Brown bins had been delivered to 27,500 households. During the month of May Council had a 100 tonne variation between what had been going into the black bin and what was now being deposited into the brown bin in terms of food waste. This figure showed that householders were now recycling, which would aid recycling targets and reduce waste processing charges.
- It was the NILAS target for Councils that could be supplemented. However the recycling target may be specific to each Council and Mr Parkes would seek clarification on this, in order to inform Council.
- MRP was how Council finance the capital programme. Within the four year capital programme on which the rate was struck and including the 16-17 year, £10m had been budgeted for the purchase of vehicles; therefore £3m would not be taken out of any one given year as the cost of purchasing the vehicles could be accommodated within the £10m already set aside. The MRP calculations had been based on that £10m.
- There were a number of Councils already using the insert system and the weight of the glass within the bin generally helped to make the bin steadier when put out in windy conditions.
- Commercial users could access recycling facilities and the information would be emailed to Members.
- None of the new vehicles had been purchased as yet.

The proposal by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burns to amend the recommendation contained within the Committee's Report, and instead accept option 1 this being glass collection pods on refuse collection vehicles, was put to a recorded vote.

Voting was as follows, (copy of recorded vote attached):

FOR:	18
AGAINST:	15
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The amendment to Minute RTS/80/2017 was **AGREED** being that Council accept option 1, this being glass collection pods on refuse collection vehicles.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record, with the exception of minute RTS/80/2017 and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane.

CORRESPONDENCE**C/117/2017 CORRESPONDENCE FROM HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BOARD –
RE-SHAPING STROKE SERVICES: A PRE-CONSULTATION**

Read: Correspondence received from Health & Social Care Board regarding Re-Shaping Stroke Services: a Pre-Consultation (Copy circulated)

The Chairperson advised Council was establishing two working groups to represent both areas to compile a response to the Consultation which would be brought to the Council meeting on 4 September 2017.

NOTED: **It was agreed to note the correspondence received from Health & Social Care Board pending consideration at September Council meeting of Council's response.**

**C/118/2017 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE RE: SMART PASS EQUALITY CAMPAIGN**

Read: Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure regarding Smart Pass Equality Campaign (Copy circulated)

NOTED: **It was agreed to note the correspondence received regarding Smart Pass Equality Campaign.**

CONFERENCES**C/119/2017 CONFERENCE ON HOUSING POLICY IN NORTHERN IRELAND –
TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017**

Read: Conference on Housing Policy in Northern Ireland on Tuesday 17 October 2017 (Copy circulated)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor D McAteer that Councillor Curran attend the conference on Housing Policy in Northern Ireland on Tuesday 17 October 2017.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.55pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL - RECORDED VOTEDATE: 3rd July 2017 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

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SUBJECT OF VOTE: Amendment to Minute RTS/80/2017: Report re: Options for Glass Recycling

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		X		
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess		X		
S Burns	X			
P Byrne				X
M Carr		X		
C Casey	X			
W Clarke				X
G Craig	X			
D Curran		X		
L Devlin				X
S Doran				X
C Enright		X		
G Fitzpatrick		X		
G Hanna	X			
V Harte	X			
H Harvey	X			
T Hearty	X			
D Hyland				X
L Kimmins	X			
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran		X		
J Macauley				X
D McAteer		X		
K McAteer				X
O McMahon	X			
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin		X		
P Ó Gribín	X			
B Ó Muiri	X			
B Quinn		X		
H Reilly	X			
M Ruane	X			
G Sharvin		X		
G Stokes		X		
D Taylor		X		
JJ Tinnelly		X		
J Trainor		X		
B Walker	X			
TOTALS	18	15	0	8

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

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 26 June 2017 at 6pm in
the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor S Burns
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor P O'Gribin
Councillor B Ó Muiri	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Ms E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Representing ABO Wind

Tamasin Frazer, ABO Wind
 Thomas Bell, Clyde Shanks

Representing Clonduff GAC

Mr J Cousins, Chairperson
 Mr D O'Hagan, JMP Architects

Representing Mourne AONB Against Wind Farms

Mr John McCallister
 Mr Owen McMullan

SC/14/2017 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Clarke, Hanna, Sharvin and Taylor.

The Chairperson advised that the Council's role in this planning application process was as a statutory consultee. She said the meeting was being held to give the various parties an opportunity to present their case to Members. A paper would then be presented to the Council's Planning Committee to agree the Council's corporate response which would be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure who would be making the final decision on the application.

The Chairperson said each Group would be given ten minutes to make their presentation and this would be followed by a question and answer session to allow Members to seek information from the three presenting parties.

SC/15/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SC/16/2017 REPORT BY MR A MCKAY, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

Read: Report dated 26 June 2017 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, giving the background to the planning application for the construction of a wind farm in the townlands of Gruggandoo, Grugganskeagh and Mullaghgarve. The report recommended that having had regard to the Development Plan; the relevant planning policy context and all other material considerations, the proposal for a 10 turbine wind farm at Gruggandoo was considered to be unacceptable in planning terms and a response therefore be returned to the Department for Infrastructure indicating the Council's opposition to the planning application. **(Circulated)**.

SC/17/2017: PRESENTATIONS

Mr Bell and Ms Frazer gave a presentation on behalf of ABO Wind. **(Attached)**.

Mr D O'Hagan gave a presentation on behalf of Clonduff GAC. **(Attached)**.

Mr McCallister and Mr McMullan gave a verbal presentation on behalf of Mournie AONB Against Wind Farms.

A question and answer session followed with the three presenting parties and the following issues were raised:-

- In the event that this application was approved by the relevant Government Department, could Councillors be given an assurance that ABO Wind would enter into a pre-agreement contract with relevant community groups for the distribution of the Community Fund. Also if all community groups could not

be accommodated within the footprint of Clonduff GAC would they have an opportunity to benefit from the Fund?

- The Council should draw on the experiences of counties such as Donegal and Kerry who had very large wind farms in outstanding scenic areas and yet there was no negative impact on tourism in these areas.
- Tourism was one of the key priorities of the Newry, Mourne and Down Area – ABO had stated that the people who championed tourism had not made any objections against the proposed wind farm.
- How did ABO propose to overcome the poor grid capacity in the area?
- What was the response from Mourne Heritage Trust?
- Each of the proposed wind turbines was 125m in height, giving a total of 4100ft of infrastructure in a small area.
- What did the accompanying infrastructure, to connect the wind turbines to the nearest sub-station, entail?
- Request for an explanation of the comment that everyone was “out of pocket” due to the use of renewable energy.
- Could the Architect of the proposed new build by Clonduff GAC confirm that the application had the full support of the Club?
- Why were the Statutory Bodies responsible for tourism not objecting if the wind farm would have such a negative effect?
- Request for elaboration on comments that the playschool and primary school might benefit from funding.
- Request for elaboration on the 600 extra letters of support which had been submitted.
- Would like to see photos from the main arterial routes in the vicinity of the planning application site.
- Why was there no photographic evidence to back up the Planner’s arguments?
- Under the Regional Strategy Policy the wider socio economic benefits should be material to an application.
- Community representatives seemed to have bought into the proposal – no evidence was being produced to oppose this.
- Concern expressed about the affect this proposal would have on the Clonduff/Hilltown community. Some Members had received emails and phone calls from people who were concerned about the Club supporting this proposal.
- Need to clarify the level of support in the community.
- Given the seriousness of the issue there should be an opportunity for all Members to have a site visit to see exactly where each potential turbine would be sited and their impact on the surrounding area. Information on the design and type of the turbines should be made available to Members in advance of a site meeting and also clarification from the Council’s Environmental Health Department as to how they could comment on potential noise levels without knowing the type of the turbines to be erected.

Mr McKay and representatives from the Groups responded to the queries as follows:

ABO Wind

- ABO Wind were committed to the Community Fund and had a legal agreement in place with the Club. There was £3.25m in the Community Fund pot and there would be a fund beyond this for Groups who could not tap into the funding to Clonduff GAC.
- ABO Wind had consulted with relevant Tourism bodies, including Mourne Heritage Trust and the Council's Tourism Officer. Their comments were that the proposed site was not a tourism centred location in terms of the higher Mournes.
- Other Council areas with wind farms had brown tourism signs and they are seen as a tourist attraction.
- ABO Wind did have a grid connection with NIE on the back of a feasibility study which was carried out. There was capacity in the area but an offer would not be made until planning permission was secured. The grid connection would either be overhead or underground cables – there would be an agreement with NIE that will dictate how the electricity was sent to the substation.
- Each turbine was 125m to tip height but the footprint of infrastructure was quite small – 3 hectares of infrastructure on site.
- There were no longer any subsidies for renewable energy – this project would be funded by direct investment.
- The playgroup and the primary school were outside the funding agreement with Clonduff GAC. There had also been a number of calls and letters to their office in support of the proposal and these letters would be uploaded to the planning file.

Clonduff GAC

- Clonduff GAC confirmed that an offer had been made by ABO in October 2016 which had been accepted by the Executive Committee of the Club. The offer was £1.6m grant towards the development of facilities at Clonduff Park. The representatives of the Club were here tonight to explain their development proposals and that they were a potential beneficiary should planning permission be granted. The Club had never said if they supported or objected to the application.

Mourne AONB Against Wind Farms

- Wind farms were dividing communities – there seemed to be a greater emphasis placed on those who supported the wind farm and were 12 km away from it, than those who were against, living within 3km. The sacrifice was too much for too many for too little for too long. This could be seen in West Tyrone.
- People were coming from all over the world to visit this area and there was a responsibility on everyone to pass on the area in a better condition to future generations.

Chief Planning Officer

- The Council was a consultee in this exercise – the Department for Infrastructure would make the decision.
- Photo montages would not give a proper insight – Members would only get this by visiting the site.
- The policy within the Banbridge Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015 was unequivocal. This application was inside a special countryside area.
- The material benefits could be quantified in terms of the rate income to the Council and the benefit to the Community. However it was not possible to quantify what the cost would be to the area if the application was approved.

The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to give Members an opportunity to talk amongst their Parties to consider how the Council could move forward on their consultation response.

SC/18/2017: WAY FORWARD

Councillor McAteer proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded that, having listened to the advice from the Council's Chief Planning Officer and before making any further decision on this application, a site meeting be held, to which all interested Councillors be invited to attend, to view the location of the proposed turbines and their impact on main arterial routes/landscapes. If practical, a visit also be arranged to a similar scale of wind farm.

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

FOR:	35
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTENSIONS:	Nil

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed that having listened to the advice from the Council's Chief Planning Officer and before making any further decision on this application, a site meeting be held, to which all interested Councillors be invited to attend, to view the location of the proposed turbines and their impact on main arterial routes/landscapes. If practical, a visit also be arranged to a similar scale of wind farm.

It was further agreed that if a Councillor wanted clarification on any issues prior to the site visit that they email details to Officers.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

Gruggandoo – Revised 33MW Wind Farm Proposal

June 2017



Attendees

- Thomas Bell – Clyde Shanks (agent)

- Tamasin Fraser – ABO Wind (applicant)

Structure



- Council Sept 2015 Concerns Recap
- Since Then?
- Revised Project Headlines
- Rebuttal
- Closing Comments

Council Concerns – Sept 15



- Vote in Sept 15 was informed by several presentations
- 11 members considered that the scale of 12 turbines would potentially impact:
 - Landscape – AoNB, SCA & thereafter, Tourism
 - Ecology – Red Kite
 - Community Benefit – lack of focus

Since Then?

- ABO – Resolution and Concession
- Refocussed Community Consultation
- DfI Notice of Opinion (Premature...)

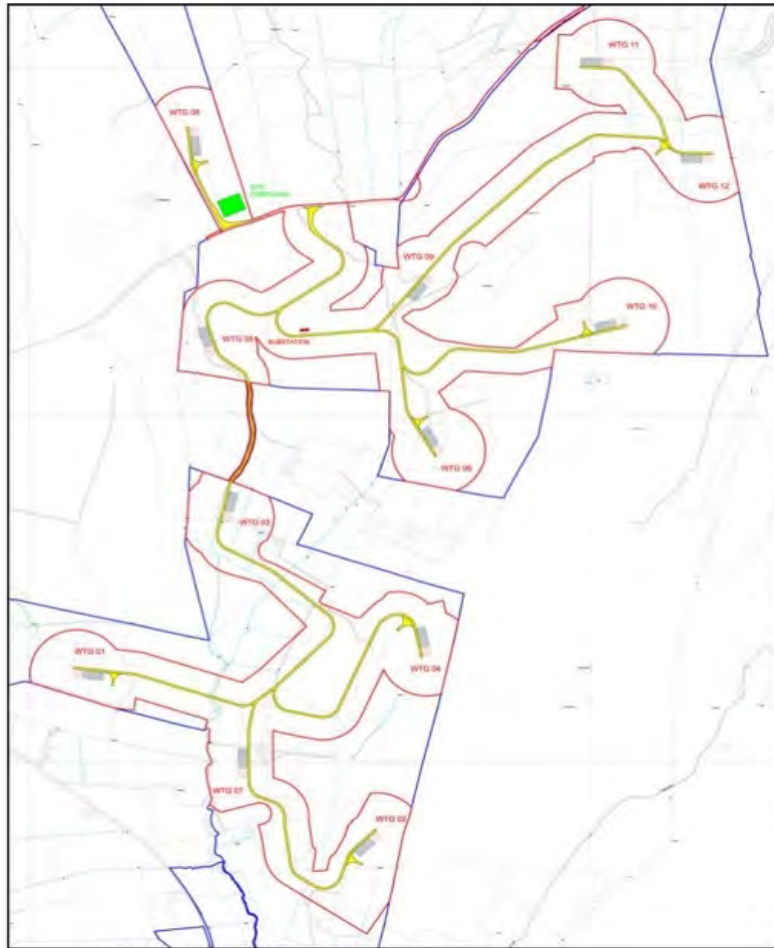
Revised Project Headlines



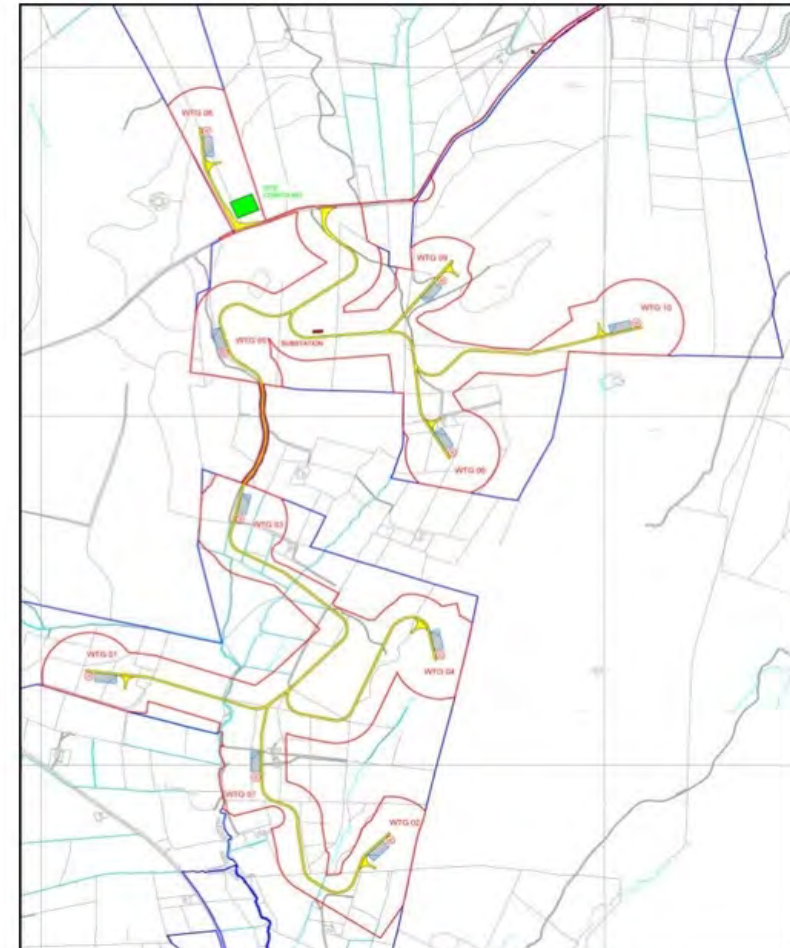
- Concession – less turbines proposed

Revised Project Headlines

2015



2017



Revised Project Headlines



- Further engagement with all key consultees late 2016 Inc.
 - DfI & NIEA (Countryside) – landscape
 - NIEA (Env Division) – ecology
 - NMDDC (Env Health) – noise (shadow flicker for 12 turbine scheme – no objection)
- Re-focussed re-engagement with community groups Inc. Clonduff GAC

Landscape

- Three points:
 1. Objectivity
 2. Revised scheme / comprehensively assessed – <30% impact
 3. Peripheral from High Mournes – foothills

Landscape

1. Regional Significance – AoNB and SCA – exception
2. DfI deemed the proposal to be RS i.e. Art 31 / S26
3. The test is not yes or no but within SCAs, permission will only be granted where proposals:

‘...of such national or regional importance as to outweigh any potential detrimental impact on the unique qualities of the upland environment...’

4. Tourism – New Assessment, Mourne Heritage/NITB & Council Tourism Officer

- Rostrevor Rd (Trainor's Bridge)

2015



- Rostrevor Rd (Trainor's Bridge)

2017



- Clonduff GAC (Across Pitches)

2015



- Clonduff GAC (Across Pitches)

2017



- Leitrim Rd (Looking West)

2015



- Leitrim Rd (Looking West)

2017



- Mourne Way (Looking West – Rocky Mountain)

2015



- Mourne Way (Looking West – Rocky Mountain)

2017



Natural Heritage

- Two points
 1. Priority Habitat (Compensatory Area)
 2. Trust for Ornithology – Red Kite Officer Role



Noise (& shadow flicker)

- Env Health – Response dated 26 May 2017

Environmental Health have no objections in principle provided that the following conditions are attached to any approval granted:

1. *The level of noise emissions from the wind farm (including the application of any tonal penalty when calculated in accordance with the procedures described in Pages 104 - 109 of ETSU-R-97) shall not exceed the values set out in the attached Table 1 below. Noise limits for dwellings which lawfully exist or have planning permission for construction at the date of this consent but are not listed in the tables attached shall be those of the physically closest location listed in the tables, unless otherwise agreed by the Department.*

Reason: To control the noise levels from the development at noise sensitive locations.

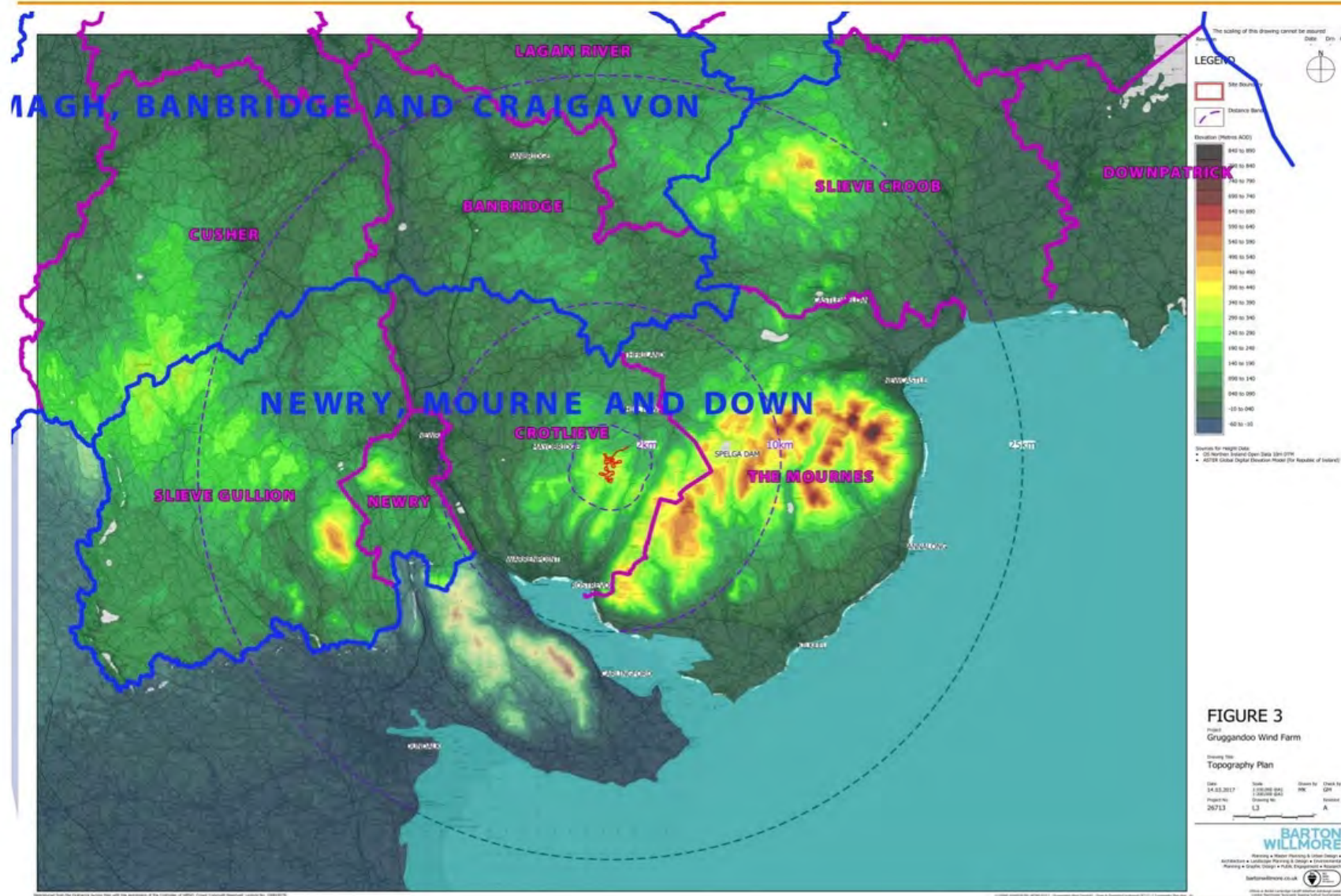
www.newrymouredown.org



Community Benefit

1. Hilltown Mart – financial contribution
2. Clonduff GAC – financial contribution
3. Conduff Playgroup – financial contribution
4. Business Rates £13.46M lifespan
5. Electricity Discount Scheme for those living within 1.5km of the site
6. Power 37% of all homes in NMD with renewable energy

Community Benefit



Community Benefit



1. ABO acknowledge concerns – listened to feedback
2. Framed against benefits, the concession and local support
3. Stats as of 21 June 2017:

91% advocacy (659 supporting vs 72 objecting)*

**this accounts for individual private representations i.e. does not include the organisations benefiting from the project*

Rebuttal

Key Issues

Banbridge Newry & Mourne Area Plan 2015

The application site is located within the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and within the Mourne Special Countryside Area (SCA). This is a sensitive upland landscape of exceptionally high scenic value. Policy COU1 recognises that there are exceptional landscapes such as the High Mourne where the quality of the landscape and the unique amenity value is such that development should only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. The policy advises that within SCAs, planning permission will only be granted to development proposals which are of such national or regional importance as to outweigh any potential detrimental impact on the unique qualities of the upland environment.

The proposal is not considered to be of such regional or national importance; and is considered to have failed this policy test.

Rebuttal

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) – Planning for Sustainable Development

The SPPS recognises the contribution of renewable energy towards sustainable development and economic growth. It seeks to facilitate the siting of renewable energy facilities without compromising other environmental assets of acknowledged importance. It indicates that the wider environmental, economic and social benefits of such proposals are material considerations to be given appropriate weight in determining planning applications.

The potential benefits are acknowledged; not least the investment in the local and NI wide economies, the funding of local community groups and organisations, the contributions to achieving renewable energy generating targets and the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

However, it is considered that such benefits should not be given determining weight when set against the unacceptable adverse impacts arising from a proposal to develop a windfarm of this scale in such a sensitive landscape.

Rebuttal

Planning Policy Statement 2 (PPS2) Natural Heritage

The proposal is considered to be **contrary to Policy NH6 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) whereby the siting, size and scale are not sympathetic** to the special character of AONB.

Planning Policy Statement 16 (PPS16) Tourism

It is considered that the proposal is contrary to Policy TSM8 Safeguarding of Tourism Assets. The Mourne represent a **significant tourism** asset to the District. **A proposal of this scale has the potential to impact on the distinctive characteristics of the Mourne, thereby undermining the ability of the District to attract tourism.**

It is considered that this proposal, by **reason of the number, scale, size and siting of turbines would have an unacceptable adverse impact on visual amenity and landscape character** across a number of landscape character areas, as defined by the NIEA Landscape Character Assessment.

Closing Comments

- Concession
- Refreshed Environmental Info – no harm to 1, ecology, 2, residents (noise / shadow flicker)
- Landscape – impact but not significant – other significant material considerations...

BALANCED AGAINST

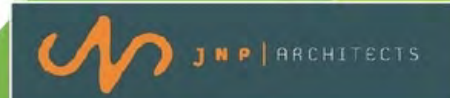
1. Overwhelming local support for the scheme
2. Community Benefits – focussed at the local population
3. Significant benefits for Council, no other operational wind farm: opportunity

PRESENTATION TO NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 JUNE 2017



**Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown**



CLUB BACKGROUND

- ESTABLISHED IN 1887
- LARGEST RURAL CLUB IN DOWN
- LOCAL POPULATION c.2,800
- 999 MEMBERS
- 125 PLAYING MEMBERS
- 35 TEAMS - ALL AGES / ALL CODES



Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown

CLUB BACKGROUND LOCATION



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Clonduff Park, Hilltown

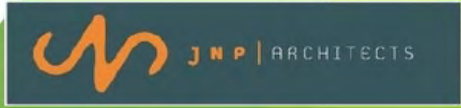


DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

1968 – OPENING ON MAIN PITCH



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Clonduff Park, Hilltown

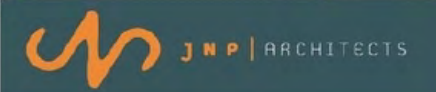


DEVELOPMENT HISTORY 1998 – NEW REPLACEMENT CLUBHOUSE

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Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown



DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

2008 – ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND

2009 – 2010 NEW TRAINING PITCH



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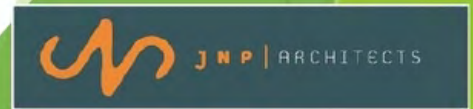


DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

2014 – ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS



Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown



INVESTMENT

**BETWEEN 2008 AND 2015 CLONDUFF GAA HAVE
COMPLETED AN INVESTMENT PROGRAM WORTH OVER
£1,000,000
THROUGH LAND ACQUISITION AND CAPITAL WORKS**



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Clonduff Park, Hilltown**



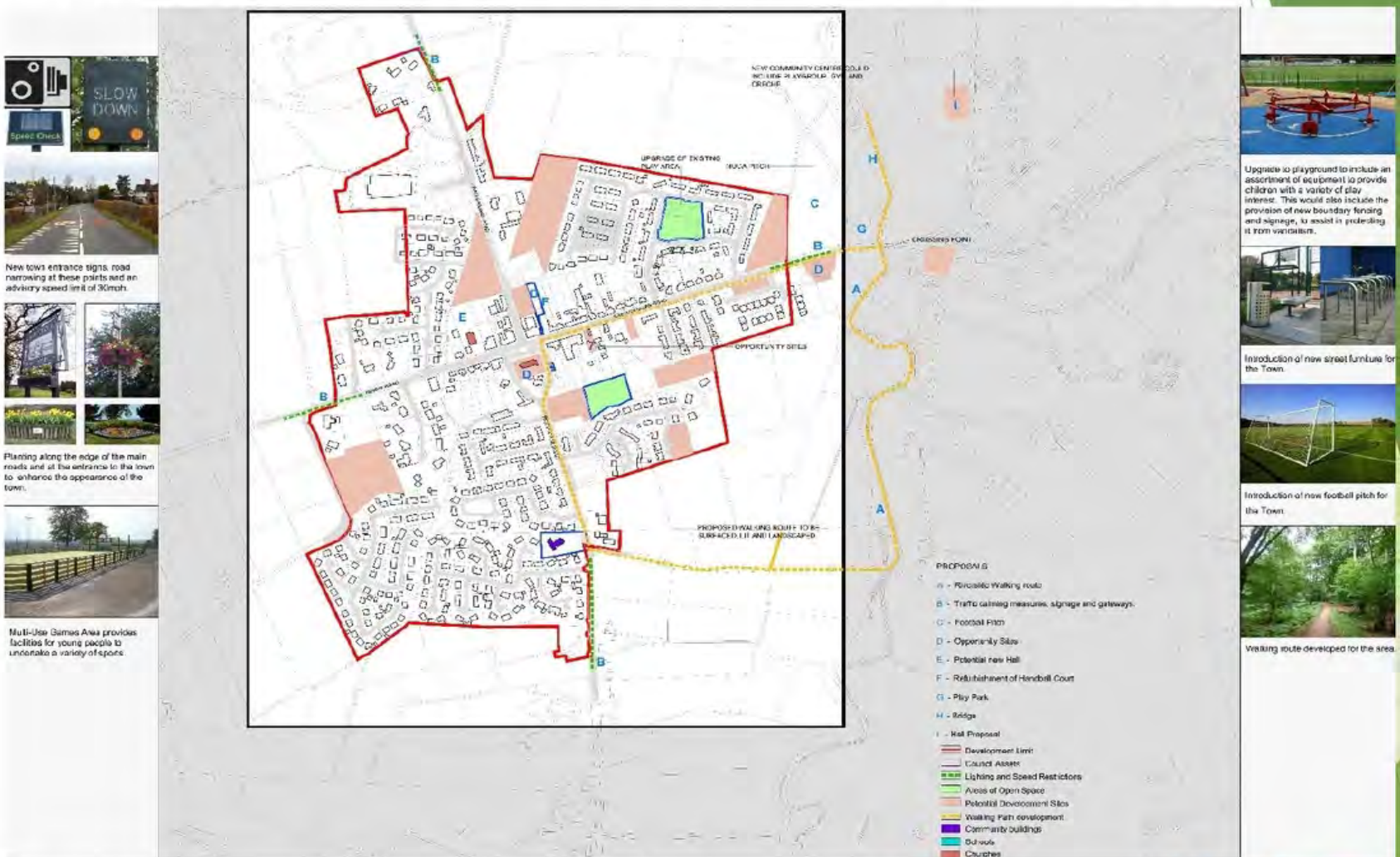
VISION

- **5 YEAR PLAN 2012 - 2017**
- **“TO BECOME THE BEST AT WHAT WE DO”**
- **“TO BE A ROLE MODEL AND EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE”**
- **CREATION OF STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES TO ENHANCE AND DEVELOP OUR PLAYING MEMBERS SKILLS AND DEVELOP CLUBS ACTIVITIES**
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT :TO IDENTIFY FACILITIES THAT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISH A “COMMUNITY HUB”**



VISION IMPLEMENTATION

• 2012 - NEWRY & MOURNE COUNCILS VILLAGE STRATEGY



NEWRY AND MOURNE VILLAGE RENEWAL PLANS

HILLTOWN



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Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown



VISION IMPLEMENTATION

- **2014 - COMMUNITY SURVEY**
- **2015 - IDENTIFICATION OF BRIEF**
- **2016 - CONSULTATIONS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS**
- **2016 - ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIGN BRIEF AND PREPARATION OF PLANNING STAGE DESIGNS**



**Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown**

DESIGN PROPOSALS



Proposed New Facilities Clonduff Park, Hilltown



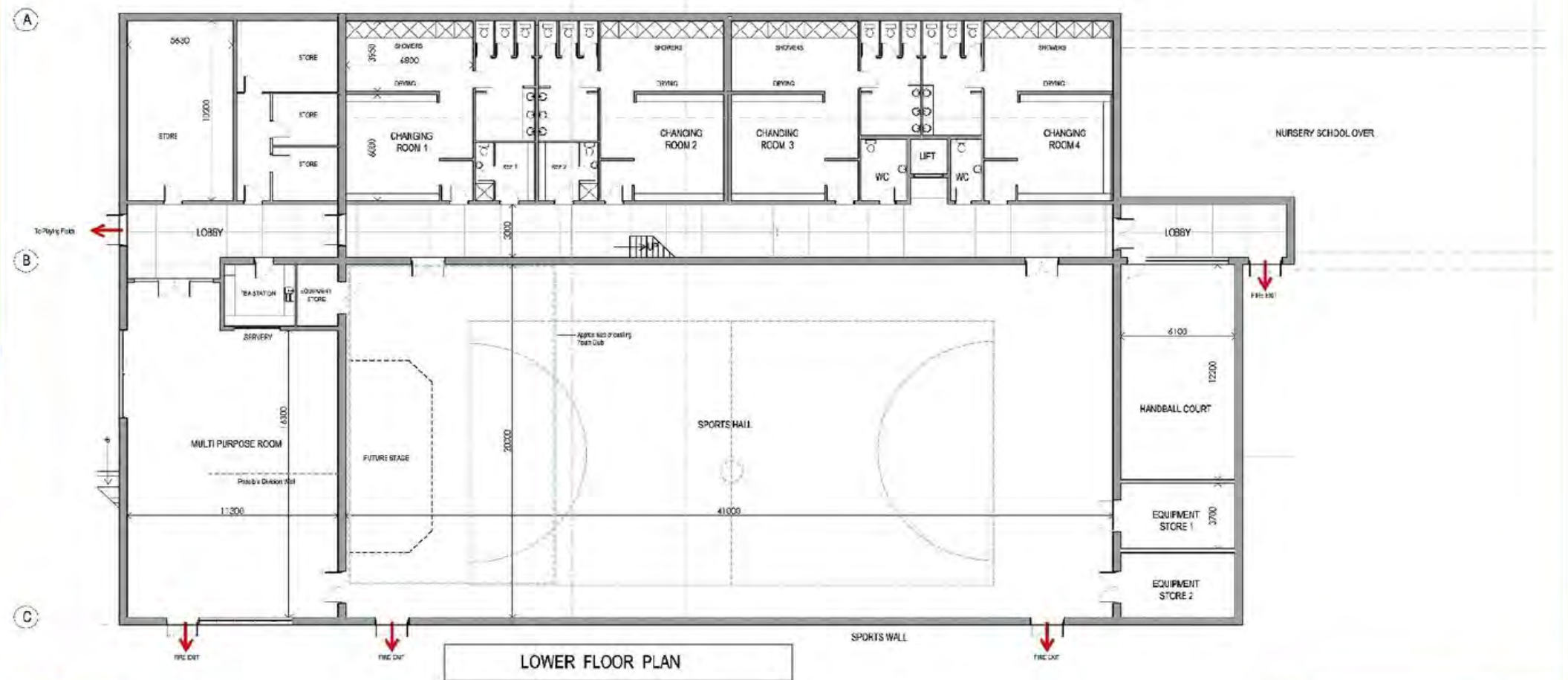
DESIGN PROPOSALS

Scale 1:1000 (Architectural Drawing) (Not to Scale)

ACTIVITY AND SOCIAL AREA
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MAIN SPORTS FACILITY
(Area = 1549 sqM)

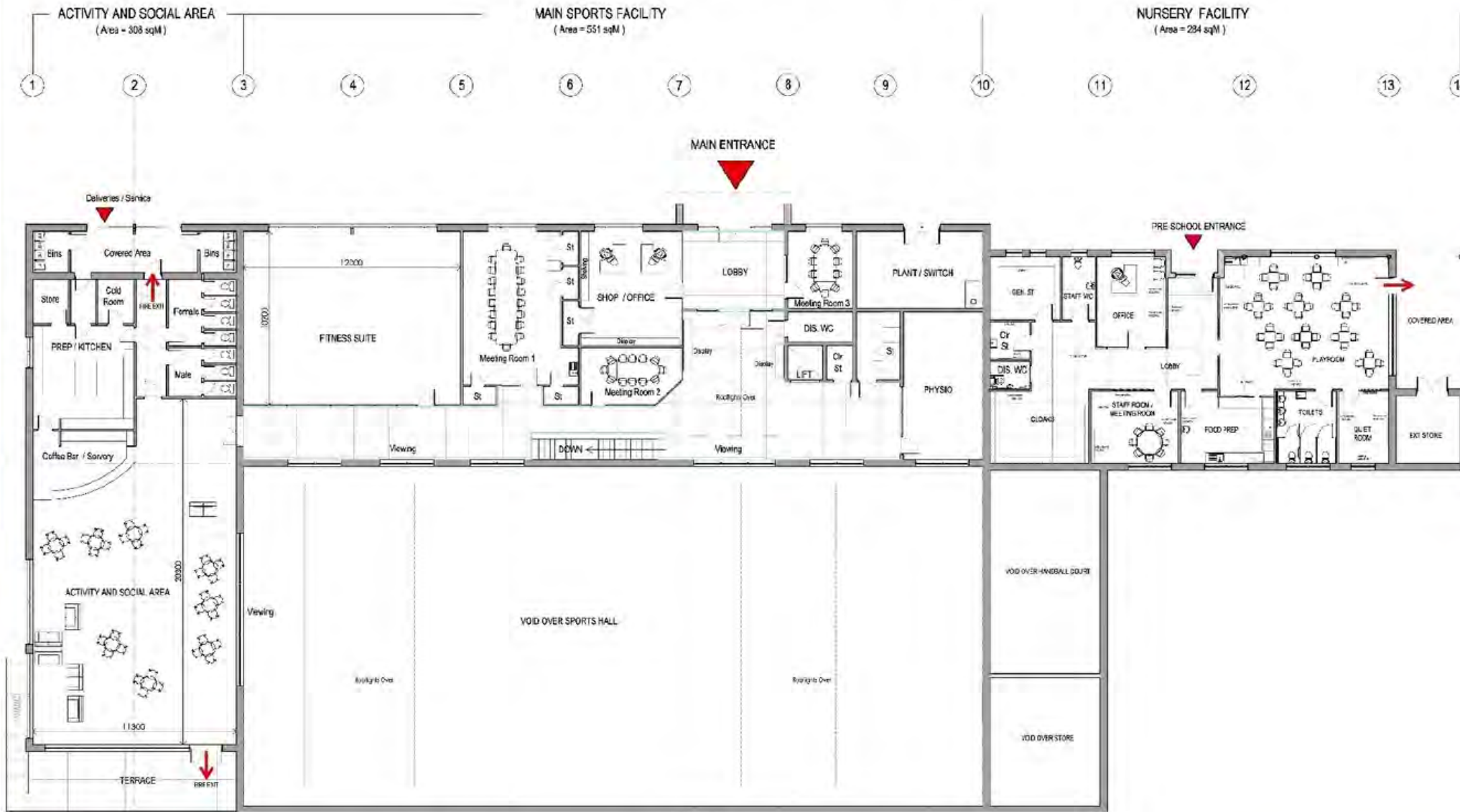
NURSERY FACILITY



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DESIGN PROPOSALS



UPPER FLOOR PLAN

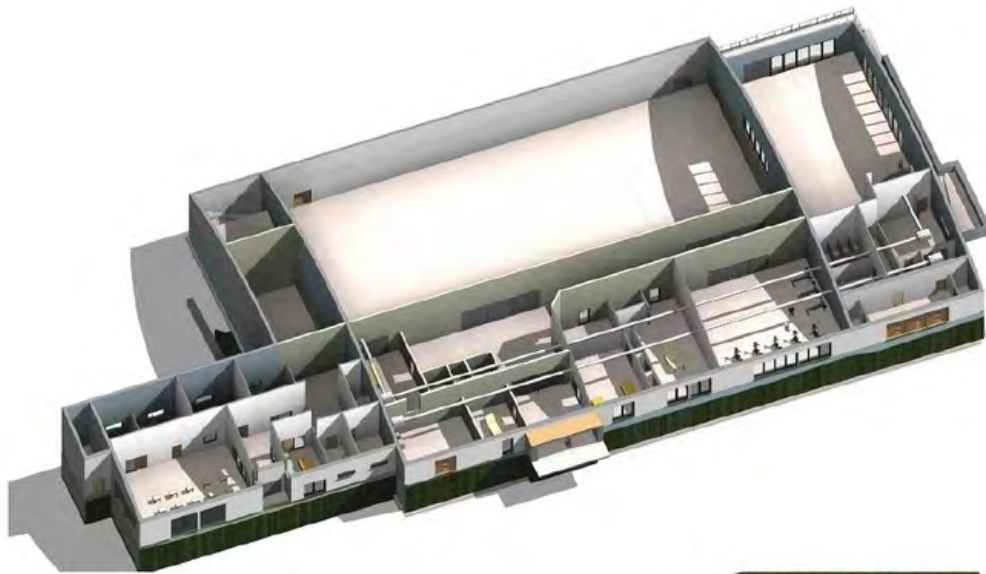
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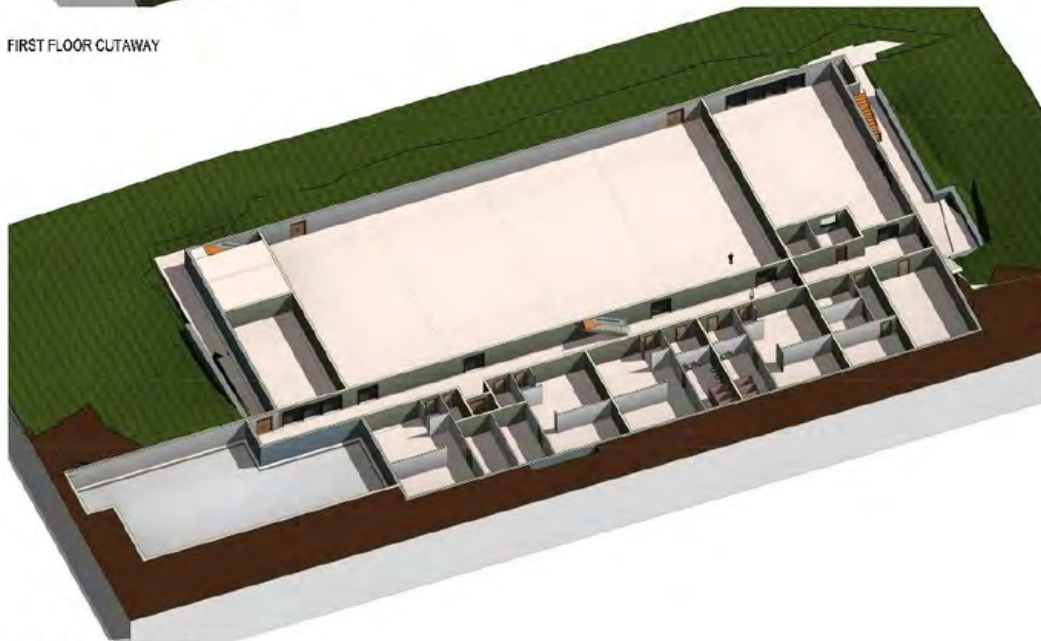
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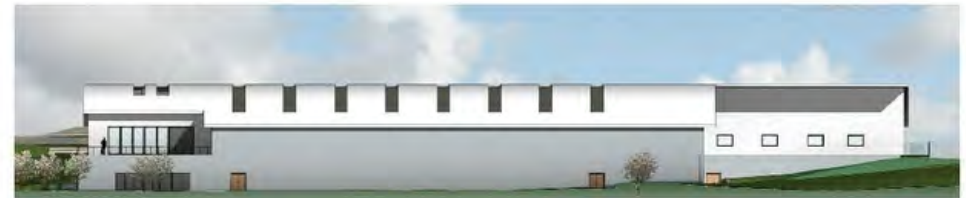
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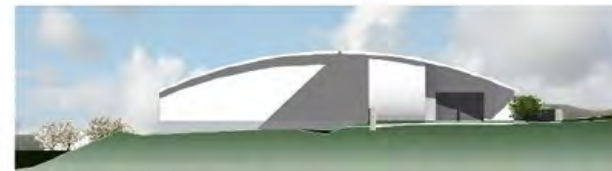
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WEST FACING ELEVATION



EAST FACING ELEVATION



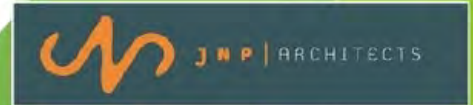
SOUTH FACING ELEVATION



NORTH FACING ELEVATION



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DESIGN PROPOSALS PHASING



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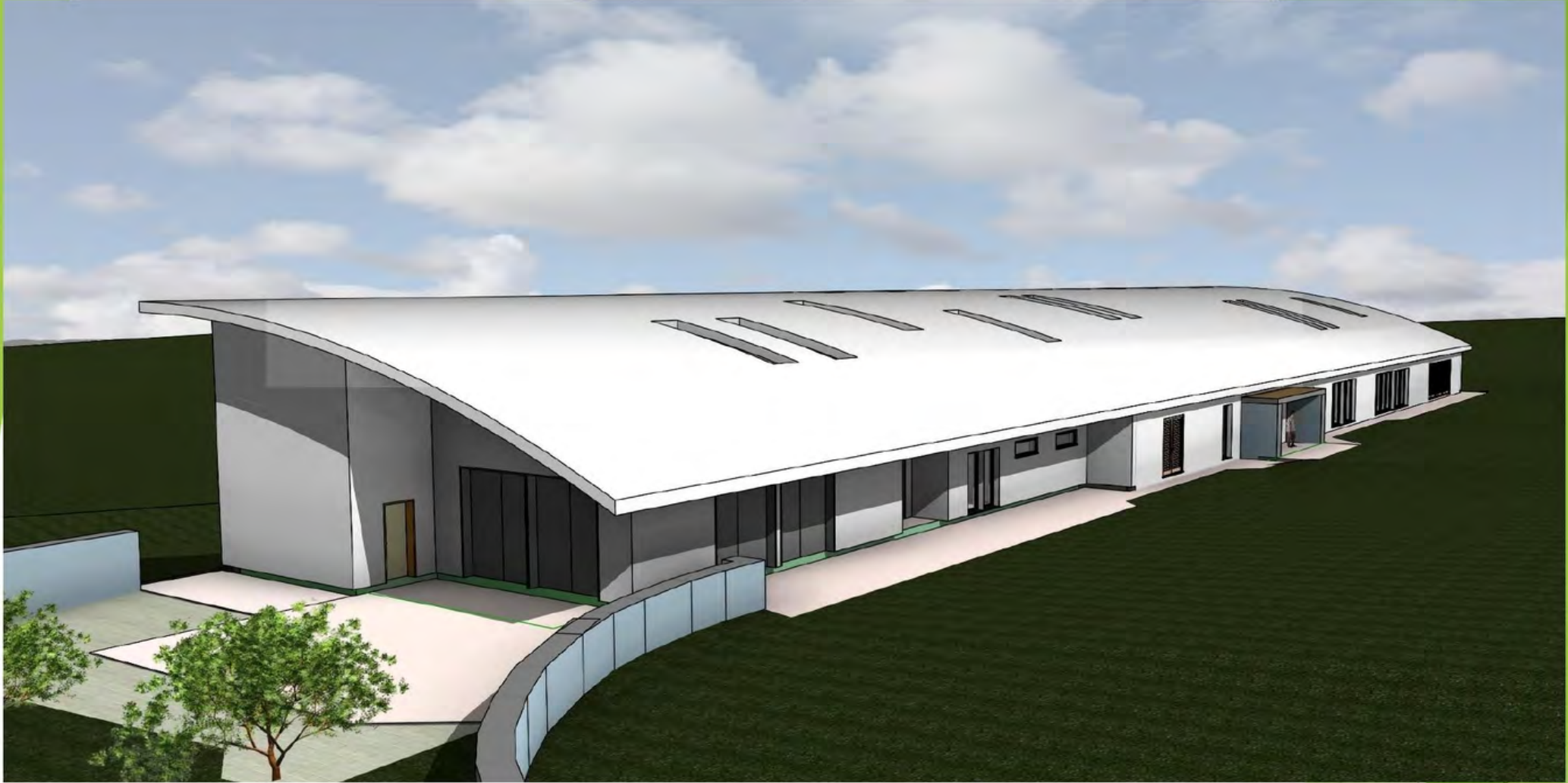


NORTH WEST PERSPECTIVE



**Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown**





SOUTH EAST PERSPECTIVE



**Proposed New Facilities
Clonduff Park, Hilltown**



NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 29 June 2017 at 2.00pm
in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Mr J Campbell, Independent Chairperson

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Brown
Councillor C Casey
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor M Murnin
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor J Trainor

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services
(Finance)
Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager
Mrs K Bingham, Head of Service, Transformation, Innovation
& Performance
Joe Parkes, Assistant Director Waste Management
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

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

AC/027/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor L Devlin
Ms D Carville Director of Corporate Services

AC/028/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

**AC/029/2017: START TIME
 - AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (2017 – 2018)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to continue with a 2pm commencement time for the Audit Committee Meeting for the 2017 – 2018 term.**

**AC/030/2017: ACTION SHEET
 MINUTES AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
 THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

The following issues were raised arising out of the Audit Committee Action Sheet – Thursday 27 April 2017:

Legacy Council – Recommendations from Internal Audit

Noted: Internal Audit recommendations for the Legacy Councils will continue to be monitored by the Audit Services Manager while Internal Audit will concentrate on those recommendations that relate to the new Council. (Remove from Action Sheet)

Internal Audit – Follow up Review

Noted: Internal Audit Follow up Review will be addressed at the meeting as part of Agenda Item 11.

Internal Audit re Big Screen Review

Noted: Internal Audit review regarding the Big Screen will be included in Agenda Item 19 as part of Internal Audit Progress Report.

(Draft) Internal Audit Plan 2017/2018

Noted: The Draft Internal Audit Plan 2017/18 will be tabled as part of Agenda Item 20, under the Revised Internal Audit Plan 2017-2018.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017.**

AC/031/2017: UPDATE
RE: FLEET MANAGEMENT

The Chairperson referred to the Report from Internal Audit regarding Fleet Management in which Fleet Management had been given a Limited Assurance rating. This report had been presented to the Audit Committee Meeting in April 2017.

Mr J Parkes Assistant Director (Waste Management) gave a verbal update to the Audit Committee regarding the issues of concern within Fleet Management and the measures which have since been implemented to address the concerns highlight by Internal Audit.

Noted: The Audit Committee were assured that all Internal Audit recommendations for Fleet Management were being implemented to the timetable agreed in the Internal Audit report presented to the Audit Committee Meeting in April 2017.

CORPORATE (OPEN SESSION)

AC/032/2017: DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/2017

Read: Draft statement of Accounts 2016/2017.
(Copy circulated at meeting)

The Chairperson advised that it was the role of the Audit Committee to note the Draft Statement of Accounts and Governance Statement which would then be forwarded to the Northern Ireland Audit Office for audit.

Noted: The Northern Ireland Audit Office will report back to the Audit Committee in September 2017 on NMDDC Draft Statement of Accounts following completion of their audit.

Mr K Montgomery Assistant Director Corporate Services presented the Draft Statement of Accounts 2016 – 17. He said some of the notes were not yet included as they were currently being drafted. He explained the reasons for changes in comparative figures.

The Chairperson commended all involved for their hard work in compiling the Draft Statement of Accounts for 2016-17.

AGREED: **It was agreed to note the NMDDC Draft Statement of Accounts 2016/2017 and Draft Governance Statement.**

AC/033/2017: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 by Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager regarding the Corporate Risk Register. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed as follows:**

Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager arrange to meet with newly appointed Member of the Audit Committee, Councillor G Hanna, to discuss the operation of the Audit Committee.

Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager to amend the Corporate Risk Register to reflect the position regarding the newly appointed Interim Director of Regulatory & Technical Services.

To note the Corporate Risk Register as per Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager.

AC/034/2017: PROMPT PAYMENTS

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager regarding Prompt Payments. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note that a report on Prompt Payments for the quarter ending 30 June 2017 will be reported to the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2017.

AC/035/2017: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-18

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager, regarding Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18. **(Copy circulated)**

Ms K Bingham presented the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18.

AC/036/2017: FRAUD AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager regarding the Fraud and Whistleblowing Policy. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne Audit Services Manager regarding the Fraud and Whistleblowing Policy.

AC/037/2017: DIRECT AWARD CONTRACT REGISTER

Read: Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance regarding Direct Award Contract Register. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed as follows:

To note Report from Mr K Montgomery Assistant Director Corporate Services regarding Direct Award Contract Register.

Relevant Official to check if any direct awards were grant related and if so, to confirm that Funders are satisfied with Direct Award Contract and to reflect so on Direct Award Contract Register.

Relevant Official to establish if Council have support contracts in place with suppliers for maintenance of equipment following purchase, where appropriate.

AC/038/2017: **UPDATE**
RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNAL AUDIT
RECOMMENDATIONS 2015-2016

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager regarding update re Implementation of Internal Audit recommendations 2015-2016. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson welcomed the progress made implementing Internal Audit recommendations from 2015-16, in particular in relation to Procurement.

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager regarding update re Implementation of Internal Audit recommendations 2015-2016.

It was also agreed that a Report on monitoring of the implementation of Internal Audit recommendations for Procurement, to remain as a standing item on the Audit Committee agenda.

CHAIRPERSON OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

AC/039/2017: **ANNUAL REPORT**
FROM CHAIRPERSON OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2016-17

Read: Report dated 29 June 2017 from Mr J Campbell, Chairperson of Audit Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Annual Report 2016/17 from the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Mr J Campbell.

It was also agreed the Annual Annual Report 2016/17 from the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Mr J Campbell, to be

tabled at the Council Meeting for information.

AC/040/2017: AUDIT COMMITTEE TIMETABLE – PROGRAMME OF WORK

Read: Audit Committee Timetable. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Audit Committee Timetable for information.

(3.10pm – Councillor P Brown joined the Meeting)

NIAO (OPEN SESSION)

AC/041/2017: NIAO – AUDIT STRATEGY

Read: Northern Ireland Audit Office Audit Strategy 2016-17.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note the addition of Risk Factor “Procurement and Contract Management, to the NIAO Audit Strategy 2016-17.

AC/042/2017: NIAO – AUDIT STRATEGY FOR THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT AUDIT

Read: Northern Ireland Audit Office Improvement Audit and Assessment 2017-18. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the NIAO Report Improvement Audits and Assessment of Councils in 2017-18 – an overview of the audit framework and approach, for information, and to note that an Audit Strategy, specifically for performance improvement for the Council, will be tabled at the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

CIRCULARS

**AC/043/2017: CIRCULAR LG 13/2017
DISTRICT COUNCIL (NORTHERN IRELAND)
RATE STATISTICS 2017/2018**

Read: Department for Communities District Council (NI) Rate Statistics 2017/2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note correspondence from Department for Communities District Council (NI) Rate Statistics 2017/2018.

**AC/044/2017: CIRCULAR – 2016/2017
TIMETABLE FOR WHOLE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS
– ALL NI BODIES**

Read: Department of Finance 2016/17 Timetables for Whole of Government Accounts – all NI Bodies. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed to note correspondence Department of Finance 2016/17 Timetables for Whole of Government Accounts – all NI Bodies.**

**AC/045/2017: ADDENDUM TO CIRCULAR LG 10/17
ACCOUNTS DIRECTION TO DISTRICT COUNCILS**

Read: Department for Communities Addendum to Circular LG 10/17 Accounts Direction to District Councils. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed to note correspondence from Department for Communities Addendum to Circular LG 10/17 Accounts Direction to District Councils.**

AUDIT SERVICES SECTION – ASM (CLOSED SESSION)

The following items are deemed restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the Meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

AC/046/2017: AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Read: Audit Progress Report from Internal Audit. **(Copy circulated)**

AC/047/2017: REVISED INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017 – 2019

Read: Revised Internal Audit Plan 2017-2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor**

Sharvin it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

When the Committee came out of Closed Session, the Chairperson reported the following:

Audit Progress Report

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Audit Progress Report from Internal Audit and that Internal Audit report back to Council as timely as possible regarding the Big Screen Review.

Revised Internal Audit Plan 2017-2019

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the revised Internal Audit Plan 2017-2019.

The Meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 August 2017.

Signed: **Mr L Hannaway**
Chief Executive

Signed: **Mr J Campbell**
Independent Chairperson

Report to:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	7 August 2017
Subject:	Transfer and Renewal of Licence and Authorisation of Officer to Attend Court
Reporting Officer:	Alison Robb Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)
Contact Officer:	Alison Robb Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)

Decision Required:	Resolution and approval as set out at 3.0 below.
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The Liquor Licence in respect of Down Arts Centre, Downpatrick is due to expire on 30 September 2017.
1.2	A Liquor Licence granted under The Licensing (NI) Order 1996 will be for the period of 5 years and the existing Licence is in the name of the legacy Down District Council.
1.3	At a hearing of Downpatrick Magistrate's Court on 10 August 2017 an application will be made for the transfer of the Licence from the legacy Council to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and for a renewal of the licence.
2.0	Key Issues:
2.1	The Council's Solicitor has advised that a Council resolution is required to make the transfer/renewal application from the legacy to new Council.
2.2	She has also requested Council approval for the Head of Legal Administration or any other person as required to attend the Hearing to give evidence as to why the Licence is being transferred and operational information about Down Arts Centre.

3.0	Recommendation:
3.1	Council pass a resolution for the transfer/renewal of the Liquor Licence for Down Arts Centre from Down District Council to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and approve the Head of Legal Administration or any other person as required to attend the Hearing in relation to same to give evidence as required.
4.0	Resource Implications:
4.1	None identified.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications:
5.1	None identified.



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 Communities & Strengthening Democracy**
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12th October 2017, La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh
HOST - TBC

SESSION ONE: OPENING POLITICAL PLATFORMS

830 - 930	Registration
930 - 935	Welcome to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council <i>Mayor & First Citizen, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</i>
935 - 955	Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government <i>Relevant Ministers - Invited</i>
955 - 1005	NILGA Response – Local Government <i>Alderman Arnold Hatch, NILGA President</i>
1005 - 1015	SOLACE Address <i>SOLACE Chair, Dr Theresa Donaldson</i>
1015 - 1035	Plenary Session / Q&A

1035 - 1100 Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors

SESSION TWO: SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES - SHAPING PLACES & DRIVING THE ECONOMY

1100 - 1115	Keynote Address: Department for Communities – Councils Front & Centre <i>Minister / Permanent Secretary - Invited</i>
1115 - 1140	Shaping Places: Corporate, Constituent Councillors for the 21st Century? <i>Professor Colin Copus, Local Governance Research Unit, De Montfort University</i> <i>Alderman Stephen Martin, Chair, NILGA Elected Member Training Group</i>
1140 - 1200	Driving the Economy: Growing an Effective Enterprise Landscape with Councils <i>Principal Sponsor's Address – (Invest NI) - Invited</i>
1200 - 1220	Plenary Session / Q&A

1220 - 1345 Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION THREE: STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY – People Centred Growth

1345 - 1405	Keynote Address: Municipalities – Equality, Enterprise & Infrastructure <i>Dr Greg Munro, General Secretary, Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)</i>
1405 - 1450	Embedding the LOCAL into Programmes for Government <i>A Case Study - EER Partner Region of Southern Denmark - Invited</i> <i>Interactive Session – (Stratagem NI) – To Be confirmed</i>
1450 - 1505	Plenary Session / Q&A
1505 - 1530	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION FOUR: NI FIT FOR THE FUTURE? THE LOCAL IMPACT OF GLOBAL ISSUES

1530 - 1610	Brexit Made Local, Brexit Made Real <i>Two Contrasting Analyses</i>
1610 - 1640	Transformation in (i) Business & (ii) Government – What's It All Mean Locally? <i>(i) Dr Ken Nelson, Inter Trade Ireland</i> <i>(ii) Mr Steve Thomas CBE, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)</i>
1640 – 1700	Motivational Address: A Manifesto for Community Wealth <i>Neil McInroy, Centre for Local Economic Studies</i>
1700	NILGA Conference Delegates Technology & Tourism Prize Draws Conference Close & Local Government Gala Awards Prelude



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5th June 2017

FOR DISTRIBUTION - DIARY DATE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER
12TH OCTOBER 2017
LA MON HOTEL, CASTLEREAGH

Dear Liam,

The 2017 NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Gala Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday 12th October 2017 in the La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh.

“Local Enterprise, Global Reach - Sustaining Communities, Strengthening Democracy and Developing the Future of Northern Ireland” is aimed at identifying the key role councils play in supporting communities, the NI economy and how this role needs to be developed into the future.

Councils and local economies are increasingly at the forefront of investment and enterprise in Northern Ireland. With the increased services, functions and responsibilities of the 11 councils, significant global opportunities are now available to transform the local government sector.

We very much welcome the attendance of councillors and officers from your council at the flagship local government conference and gala awards dinner. To support this we are offering an early bird discount offer...

BOOK 3 PLACES AT THE NILGA CONFERENCE & GALA AWARDS DINNER BY 30TH JUNE 2017 & GET 3 PLACES FREE...

(please see attached booking form)

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mark Maher, Communication and Engagement Officer at the NILGA office. We are looking forward to a great event!

Yours sincerely,

Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA

Enc. NILGA conference booking form, outline draft conference agenda & Local Government Awards application form.



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930 - 935	Welcome to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council <i>Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</i>	
935 - 955	Ministerial Keynote Address – A partnership approach to government <i>Ministers</i>	
955 - 1010	NILGA Welcome & Address <i>Alderman Arnold Hatch, NILGA President</i>	
1010 - 1020	SOLACE Address <i>SOLACE Chair, Dr Theresa Donaldson</i>	
1020 - 1035	Principal Sponsor's Address – Local Enterprise, Global Reach	
1035 - 1100	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors	
SESSION TWO - SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES - COUNCILS SHAPING PLACES & INSPIRING PEOPLE		
1100 - 1115	Keynote Address - Department for Communities – Putting the Programme for Government into Practice <i>Minister / Permanent Secretary</i>	
1115 - 1135	Community Planning Getting it Right – Inspired Outcomes Championing what's local – Creating a Sense of Place and Pride	
1135 - 1200	Innovative Investment Solutions, Locally Led Fresh Thinking, Real Outcomes – Local Partnerships & SIB Growing an Effective Enterprise Landscape – Invest NI	
1200 - 1220	Panel Debate	
1220 - 1345	Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors	
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1345 - 1405	Keynote Address Commonwealth Local Government Forum - Investment in Municipalities <i>Dr Greg Munro, General Secretary, CLGF</i>	
1405 - 1450	The Programme for Local Government in Northern Ireland Building Citizens and Communities into Government: EER Partner Region of Southern Denmark and Stratagem NI	
1450 - 1505	Panel Q & A	
1505 - 1530	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors	
SESSION FOUR - IS NI FIT FOR THE FUTURE? HOW GLOBAL ISSUES CAN ACHIEVE LOCALLY LED OUTCOMES		
1530 - 1555	Brexit Made Local, Brexit Made Real (Repatriation, Post Great Repeal Act, Funding, Devolution)	
1555 - 1625	Globalisation: Entrepreneurship in Business, Politics and Councils – How to rewire our Public Services <i>Dr Ken Nelson, Inter Trade Ireland, Mr Steve Thomas MBE, WLGA CEO</i>	
1625 - 1640	Plenary Session / Q & A	
1640 - 1655	Closing Challenge / Address - Brilliant Public Services through Councils VIP / Minister:	
1655 - 1700	Conference Close	
Conference Close & Local Government Gala Awards Prelude		



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12th OCTOBER 2017. LA MON HOTEL, CASTLEREAGH.
BOOKING FORM - *NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL***

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OFFER
BOOK 3 PLACES AT THE NILGA CONFERENCE & GALA AWARDS DINNER BY 30TH JUNE 2017 & GET 3 PLACES FREE...
(NAMES CAN BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE).

Please return booking forms by Friday 30TH June 2017 to: Sarah Little, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB or via email to s.little@nilga.org

All Day Delegate including Gala Awards Dinner (Per Person): £170 + VAT

Contact name of person responsible for bookings and payment: _____

Council: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

I would like to register for _____ places at the 2017 NILGA Conference & Exhibition as detailed.

Name	Phone	Email	Dietary/access requirements	
				£170 + VAT
				£170 + VAT
				£170 + VAT
				<i>FREE</i>
				<i>FREE</i>
				<i>FREE</i>
Additional places will be charged at the standard £170 + vat rate.				

Please invoice me at the address provided for (the total amount) £_____ quoting order no. _____ **OR** I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to NILGA.

***Please note that all council invoices will be issued one week after the event.
By signing the form I accept the terms and conditions as detailed below.***

Authorised Signature _____ **Please Print Name** _____

Accommodation: Please contact reservations at La Mon Hotel on 028 9044 8631 to arrange accommodation at preferential rates quoting NILGA. (£79.00 single B&B, £99.00 Double / Twin, B&B & £129.00 Triple B&B). Accommodation is offered on a first come, first served basis.

Terms and Conditions: **Cancellations** made after the 12th September 2017 will be liable for the full delegate fee. **Substitutions:** Substitutes will only be accepted if NILGA is informed in writing two weeks prior to the conference; otherwise the full price will be charged to delegates not on the official list.



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16th June 2017

*Amhóin / EOM
 G.
 Court*

Dear Sir/Madam

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

The Department has received an application from Conroy Gold and Natural Resources for mineral prospecting rights under section 11 of the above Act in respect of the lands in County Armagh outlined on the attached map. A brief on the company is enclosed for your information. Consideration is at present being given to the issue of 1 licence over this area for a period of 6 years in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within your Council's jurisdiction.

Under Section 11(3) of the Act, the Department is required to publish notice of its intention to grant prospecting facilities and to consider representations which are made by interested persons. Accordingly, I enclose a copy of the Press Notice which will appear in the following papers for 2 weeks, week beginning 19th June 2017:

Belfast Gazette Newry Reporter

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the map showing the area over which the application has been made displayed at your office until Friday 11th August 2017. An additional copy of the map is enclosed for your own use. Anyone seeking further information about the proposed licence should be referred to the Department.

In accordance with subsections 4(b) and 5(b) of section 11 of the Act, the Department is required to take into account any representations which are made to it by your council by 11th August before coming to a decision. I should be glad, therefore, to receive, within the specified period, any comments which your Council may wish to make. You

may assume that your representation will be passed to the company unless we let you know to the contrary.

Grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter via e-mail to minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



Dawn Montgomery
Minerals Branch

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- ② EDeutr } Attention
for Canal
- ③ Emerald - Info



Department for the
Economy
www.economy-ni.gov.uk

Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969

In exercise of its powers under Section 11 of the above Act the Department for the Economy proposes to grant a prospecting licence in County Armagh.

The Local Government Districts and Wards are listed below. Individual Townlands and a map showing the areas affected are available to view on the DfE website www.economy-ni.gov.uk and may be inspected at the addresses below from Monday 19th June to Friday 11th August.

Any person may make representations to the Department about the proposed licence during this period.

Wards in area to be licensed

Armagh City, Banbridge And Craigavon LGD Newry Mourne And Down LGD

- Markethill
- Seagahan
- Camlough
- Crossmaglen
- Mullaghbane
- Newtownhamilton
- Whitecross

Map inspections are available in the following -

Department For The Economy, Minerals And Petroleum Branch,
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

Armagh City, Banbridge And Craigavon Borough Council,
Craigavon Civic And Conference Centre, PO Box 66, Lakeview Road,
Craigavon, Co. Armagh, BT64 1AL

Newry Mourne And Down, District Council Offices, O'Hagan House,
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Company Profile - Conroy Gold and Natural Resources plc

Conroy Gold and Natural Resources plc was incorporated in April 1995 and listed in 2000 on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange. The primary objective of the Company is to discover and bring into production gold deposits in Ireland and Finland.

The senior management of the Company have a track record of success in exploration, including the discovery of the Galmoy zinc ore deposits in Co Kilkenny and the Pogo gold orebody in Alaska and appreciate the long term nature and measured approach required for successful exploration. Both the Galmoy and Pogo orebodies were brought into production as major mines.

The Company's gold exploration programme is focused on a major geological structure in Ireland known as the Longford-Down Massif in which the Company has identified a series of gold targets stretching across Counties Armagh, Monaghan and Cavan.

In July 2008 the Company announced a JORC – compliant resource estimate of over 1 million ounces of gold on 20 per cent of one of its targets- Clontibret in Co Monaghan.

Adjacent to Clontibret, in similar geology, in Co Armagh, an extensive soil sampling has led to the discovery of a major target in the Clay Lake area. Bedrock gold in the target area was later confirmed by trenching and drilling.

The Company is also exploring for base metals on some of its licence areas in Ireland.

Conroy Diamonds and Gold is also actively exploring for gold in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in Finland.

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Ward: MARKETHILL
BALLINTATE
CRUNAGH
LISDRUMCHOR LOWER
LURGYROSS
DRUMCROW
CLADY MORE
AGHINCURK
CLADY BEG
BALLYLANE
MAYTONE
LISDRUMCHOR UPPER

Ward: SEAGAHAN
TULLYGLUSH
ARMAGHBRAGUE
CORTAMLAT
CLADY MORE
AGHINCURK
AUGHNAGURGAN
BALLINTEMPLE
CLADY BEG
BALLYLANE
TULLYVALLAN
CORKLEY
CORRAN

Ward: CAMLOUGH
CARRICKNAGAVNA
DORSY (MACDONALD) OR CARRICKROVADDY
DORSY (HEARTY)
BELLEEK
CAVANAKILL
TULLYOGALLAGHAN
AUGHANDUFF
LURGANA
CARROWMANNAN
CARNACALLY
CARRICKGALLOGLY
UMMERINVORE
OUTLECKAN
DRUMNAHONEY

Ward: CROSSMAGLEN
LISCALGAT
ANNAGHGAD
BALLYNACARRY
SHEETRIM
ANNAGHMARE
DRUMLOUGHUR
SHEILAND
DRUMBALLY
LISSARAW
TULLYARD
COOLDERRY
CREGGAN BANE GLEBE
CAPPAGH
DRUMGOSE
LOUGHROSS
TEER
CREEVEKEERAN
TEER ISLAND
LISAMRY
CROSSMAGLEN
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CLARBANE
 CREENKILL
 MOYBANE
 CLARANAGH
 RATHKEELAN
 CARRICKAMONE
 MONOG
 URCHER
 CORNAHOVE
 DRUMMUCK
 DRUMBOY
 GLASDRUMMANAGHY
 CARRAN
 MONAGUILLAGH
 CULLAVILLE
 KILTYBANE LISLEITRIM
 DRUMMUCKAVALL
 CLONALIG
 CLOGHOGE
 CORLISS

Ward: MULLAGHBANE
 CARRICKNAGAVNA
 LISCALGAT
 CREGGAN DUFF
 DRUMBALLY
 CORNOONAGH
 UMMERACAM (JOHNSTON)
 COOLDERRY
 CREGGAN BANE GLEBE
 UMMERACAM (BALL) SOUTH
 TULLYOGALLAGHAN
 TULLYMACREEVE
 AUGHANDUFF
 DORSY (CAVAN OHANLON) OR ROXBOROUGH
 CARNALLY
 UMMERACAM (BALL) NORTH
 TULLYNAVALL
 CLARANAGH
 GLASDRUMMAN
 CASHEL
 CARROWMANNAN
 LURGANCULLENBOY
 URCHER
 FREEDUFF
 CARNACALLY
 CARRIVE
 LEGMOYLIN
 TULLYDONNELL (GAGE)
 CARRIGANS
 UMMERINVORE
 MOUNTHILL
 CLOGHOGE
 TULLYDONNELL (OCALLAGHAN)
 DORSY

Ward: NEWTOWNHAMILTON
 TULLYVALLAN (HAMILTON) WEST
 DORSY (MACDONALD) OR CARRICKROVADY
 CREGGAN DUFF
 ARMAGHBRAGUE
 DORSY (HEARTY)
 SHEETRIM
 ANNAGHMARE
 DRUMLOUGHER
 UMMERACAM (JOHNSTON)

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 GREENKILL
 TULLYNAVALL
 SKERRIFF (TICHBURN)
 AUGHNAGURGAN
 BALLINTEMPLE
 SKERRIFF (TRUEMAN)
 BALLYNAREA
 LURGANCULLENBOY
 KNOCKAVANNON
 CLADY BEG
 URCHER
 BALLYLANE
 FREEDUFF
 DORSY (MULLAGHGLASS)
 TULLYVALLAN (TIPPING) EAST
 LISDRUMCHOR UPPER
 TULLYVALLAN (HAMILTON) EAST
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 TULLYVALLAN (TIPPING) WEST
 FINISKIN
 KILTYBANE LISLEITRIM
 CLOGHOGE
 ALTNAMACKAN
 CULLYHANNA LITTLE
 DORSY

Ward: WHITECROSS
 BALLINTATE
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Common Exploration Methods.

The following list contains the most common methods which a company with a mineral prospecting licence in Northern Ireland might use to carry out a mineral prospecting programme. The aim of the license holder is to detect subsurface ore-bodies of economic value by identifying anomalous traces of surface mineralisation, through the use of geochemical and/or geophysical prospecting methods. Methods used will vary depending on the different stages of the exploration. Brief descriptions of the methods are presented for information.

DESK STUDY

An initial period of data review, collation and analysis is usually carried out. All available historic and public data which are freely available or available for licence are collated and studied for potential information on target areas. This initial period is used to highlight areas of interest to the company, if no specific target has already been identified. Desk studies have no environmental impact.

In Northern Ireland, GSNI holds historic prospecting information and archive material which are available under licence along with the regional Tellus datasets. Stream sediment, stream water, soil geochemistry, airborne electromagnetic, airborne magnetic and airborne radiometric geophysical data sets are available.

Geology maps are also used as information sources.

FIELD BASED DATA ACQUISITION

Field Mapping

Additional geological field mapping is used to augment the information presented on geological maps. Rock types, geological structures, rock at surface locations and other notable features are recorded by walk-over surveys, normally by one or two people. Rocks may be sampled with a geological hammer to reveal fresh rock faces for clearer identification. Samples may be collected for laboratory analysis. Sample size may vary depending on analysis, but chips/fist-sized lumps to larger amounts may be collected (especially when looking for precious and base metals). This technique is generally considered low impact, but where necessary restrictions on land access will be imposed to protect areas with environmental designations.

Field Prospecting

Very similar to field mapping, but mineralisation and associated changes in host-rock (alteration) is specifically being sought. Rock units identified in the

mapping process are studied and sampled. The same seasonal restrictions will be applied where necessary.

Geochemistry Methods.

The main aim of carrying out geochemical sampling is to identify areas where there appears to be an anomalous amount of the target mineral being sought, or of minerals which are known to be associated with the target. Large areas can be covered at an initial stage by a regional sampling programme which would then be followed up by a more localised survey over anomalous areas. In all instances where geochemical surveying is proposed, the locations of the samples are supplied to the Geological Survey prior to the survey being carried out. If any of the locations are within a designated area or considered likely to have a detrimental impact on a designated area, restrictions may be placed on the timing of the activity or permission to carry out the activity can be refused.

1. Soil sampling.

Carried out by individual or teams of people. Samples of a few hundred grams up to 5 – 10kg are collected using hand held auger for the small samples and spade for the larger ones. Auger method is low impact and the ground can be left with no visible signs of disturbance. Larger samples are collected from a dug pit.

Surveys are usually carried out over a rectangular grid which will vary in density depending on the confidence of the target location, or along a transect. The area covered could be very large for regional work or down to less than a few km² for detailed/follow-up surveys.



Soil sample collected with a hand auger



Soil sample collection

2. Stream sediment sampling

Samples are collected from 1st and/or 2nd order streamsⁱ as near the middle of the stream as possible. Approximately 50 grams of material is normally taken but larger samples may be required dependant on method used and target. Where heavy metalⁱⁱ mineralisation is being targeted, samples are collected as close to the bedrock as possible. This may require digging down through the overlying material. The sediment is wet sieved through mesh screens to the required size and put in paper sample bags for drying. Sample density is low (1 per Km² or less) for regional surveys, increasing in density for reconnaissance and follow-up studies.



Sediment sample collection

Site selection for stream sediment sampling has the potential to be disruptive. Access is required to the stream bed and the sediment must be disturbed to collect the samples. However sampling is very short term and generally only carried out in low order streams. Sampling is not permitted in streams where it is considered that it will have a significant detrimental effect on protected species.

3. Water sampling.
Less commonly used. Approximately 100ml of stream water is collected in plastic bottles with three or four bottles per site.
4. Panning.
The concentrated heavy mineral residue from a stream sediment sample is panned (in a plastic, steel or wooden shallow dish) using water from the stream where the sediment sample is collected.



Stream sediment panning

The size of the concentrate sample may vary in size from a few grams to one or two hundred grams.

5. Deep overburdenⁱⁱⁱ sampling.

A petrol driven hand held device is used to dig deeper (up to a few metres) into the overburden (the soil and gravel deposits which sit on the rocks underneath) where spade digging and hand auguring will not get to the bedrock to collect soil samples.



Pionjar deep overburden sampling device

Generally operated by a small team walking to sites this process can be noisy and cause surface disruption at the site.

Geophysical Methods

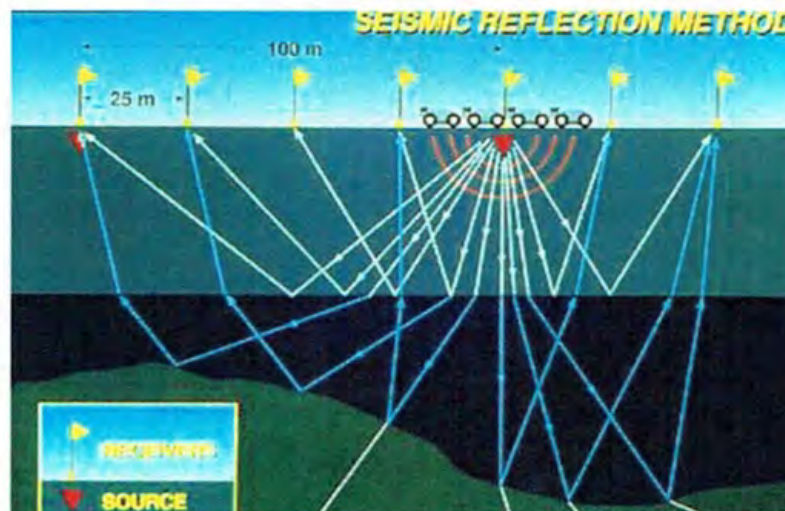
1. Magnetics
2. Electromagnetic Methods including VLF^{iv}
3. Gravity
4. Radiometrics^v

Magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric and gravity methods can all be carried out rapidly by teams of one or two people as a walk over survey using hand-held instruments.

Two probe resistivity survey equipment

7. Seismic

Seismic surveys record energy waves reflected from different rock layers in the earth. An input energy source is required. This may be from a series of controlled explosions creating a single frequency source or from a vibrating source onboard a truck (Vibroseis) which sweeps a range of frequencies. Long lines of cables with recording devices (geophones) are laid out and a series of energy bursts are provided either through explosions or vibration.



Schematic of seismic reflection survey theory



Vibroseis Survey at Larne

In the case of explosions, these will be set off in sequence at a series of surveyed locations. The charges are set at depth and cause little disturbance outside the immediate vicinity. A Vibroseis truck will drive along a road stopping at surveyed location marks and vibrate at each



One example of hand held magnetometer equipment

The measurements are recorded without the need to disturb the ground other than by foot fall. In some cases a grid may be marked out with pegs driven into the ground. These are used as survey points at which measurements are taken.

5. Induced Polarisation.
6. Resistivity.

Both these methods require passing an electrical current into the earth through ground electrodes, pushed into the soils, laid out along a single line traverse. The process is carried out by hand, electrodes are metallic, thin and up to 30cm long. Little other ground disturbance is required other than foot fall and possibly survey pegs marking out line positions. However these methods may use high currents, which can cause a potential risk to livestock.



location. The energy which is reflected from the underground rock formations is recorded as ground movements at the surface by the geophones. In land surveys carried out in Northern Ireland, lines of geophones have been laid along road verges, rather than in straight lines across fields. Where water is in the way, the lines of geophones can be anchored to the bed of the water body.

Seismic surveying is more common in petroleum exploration.

Drilling

Mineral exploration drilling operations require a drill rig to carry out the process, which aims to recover cores of rock from depths of up to 1000m. Typically drill holes will be of the order of less than 200m (for reconnaissance drilling, though specific targets may be deeper) with rock core collected and placed in prefabricated core boxes. The drill core comprises cylinders of solid rock with a diameter normally in the range 5-10 cm. A drill rig will typically have a footprint of less than 10 x 10 metres and a height of 4 metres, though some rigs, which can acquire greater depths, will occupy a larger area. Associated with the rig are a stable drill platform (wooden boards used to level the operating area and storage area) fuel stores, drill fluid management systems, equipment stores etc.

All rigs require some sort of lubrication at the drill bit with water being most commonly used. The water is circulated from the surface to flush the area of the drill bit and carry the pulverised rocks and chips back to the surface. Settling sumps may be used to improve the water for re-use or reintroduction to the local water system.



Exploration drill rig

In environmentally sensitive areas, or close to them, it is possible for all drill fluids to be captured in a closed system with no discharge to the local environment. Closed drill systems are used in some areas of Northern Ireland. Exploration drilling operations will generally be over a matter of days or weeks, depending on the type of rock being drilled (harder rock takes longer to drill through) and the target depth of the hole. Where permitted, operations may take place over extended time periods, occasionally up to 24 hours a day.

Additional emissions from rigs include noise and fumes. Exploration drilling for metallic and industrial minerals does not use hydraulic fracturing as a technique.



Trenching

Mineral exploration trenching is carried out by mechanical excavator with a back hoe, with the aim of exposing a section of mineralised bedrock. Trenches can be over 100 metres long and a few metres wide. Depth is controlled by the depth of the overburden in the area being worked. A geologist would require access to the trench in order to log and sample the soil and bedrock profile exposed. Such activities are governed by Health and Safety regulations.

AIRBORNE SURVEYS

Magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric and gravity measurements can all be made from an aircraft. The lower the flight height of the aircraft, the stronger the signal. Data are collected along parallel flight lines with the aircraft maintaining as level an altitude as possible.



Tellus survey plane at rural survey height

In Northern Ireland the Civil Aviation Authority authorised the Tellus survey to fly at 56m in rural areas, rising to 250m over population centres. Planes can operate at any time of the year provided flying conditions are suitable. Airborne surveys are inevitably associated with short lived noise disturbance that may affect humans, livestock and wildlife.

MARINE ACQUISITION

Marine Seismic Surveying

This is similar to land base seismic but uses a series of airgun explosions as the energy source and floating hydrophones as the recording device.

Operations can be carried out from one vessel setting the charges and towing the hydrophone stringers, or two separate vessels, one towing the energy source and the other the recording devices.

ⁱ A first order stream is a stream which does not have any other streams feeding into it. When two first order streams come together they form a second order stream.

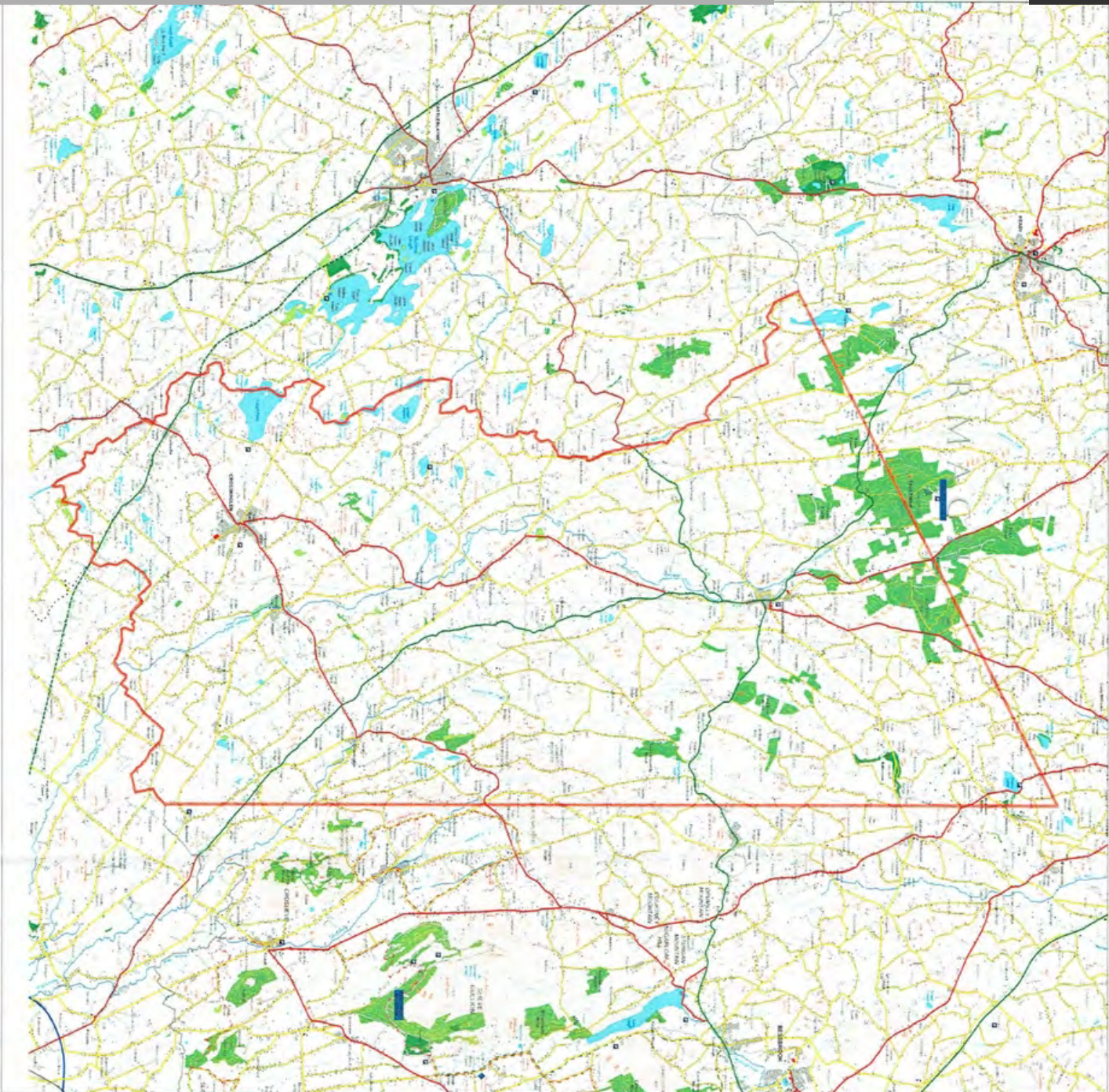
ⁱⁱ The term heavy metal is used to loosely define a subset of elements which exhibit metallic properties.

ⁱⁱⁱ Overburden is the rock or soil overlying the underground target.

^{iv} Very Low Frequency electromagnetic radiation.

^v Radiometrics surveys target the naturally occurring radioactive elements found in rocks. The gamma radiation resulting from the decay of the elements is recorded.

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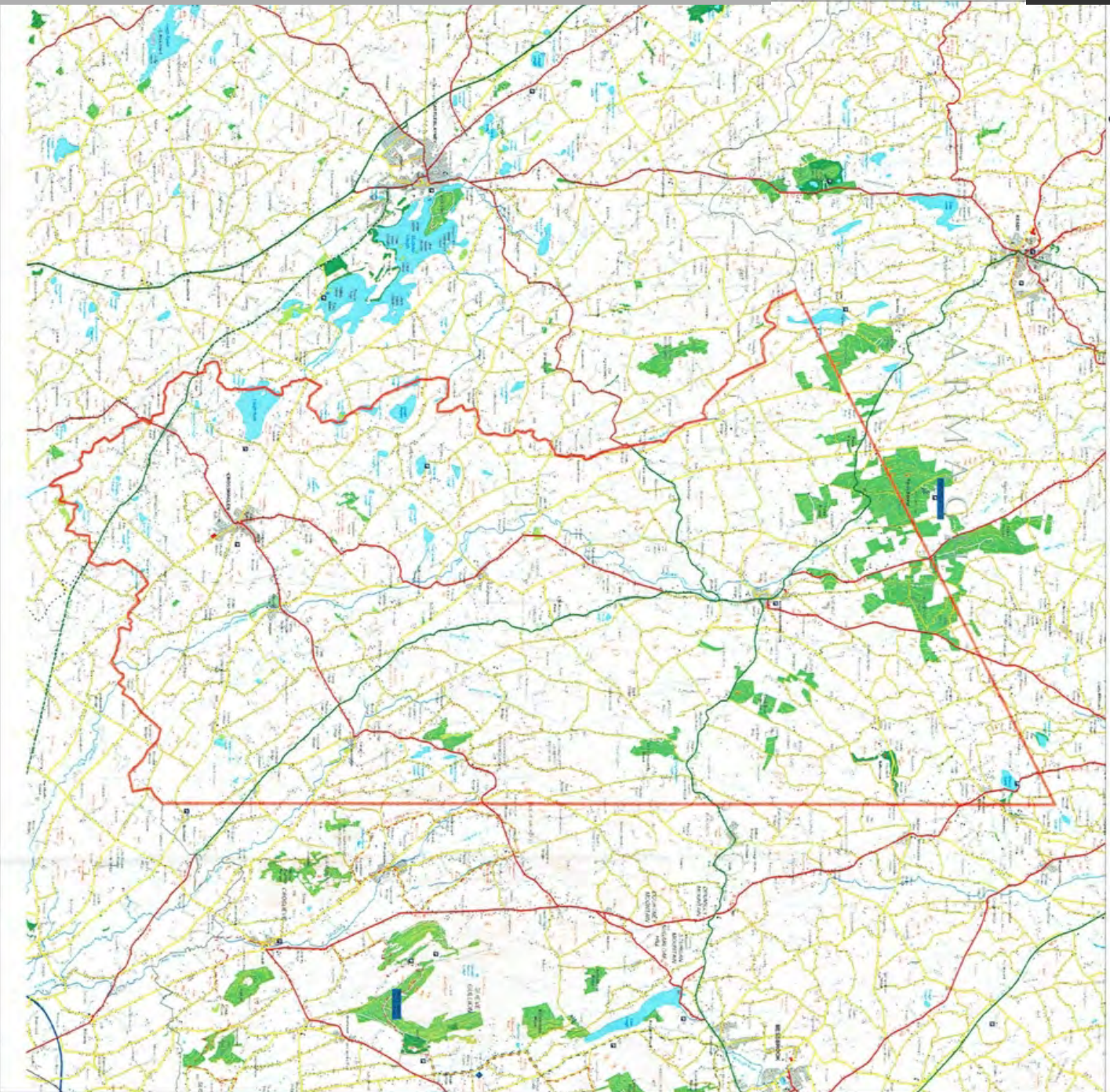
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Dear Sir/Madam

Forkhill Post Office®
29 Main Street, Forkhill, Newry, BT35 9SQ

Local Public Consultation Decision

I'm writing to confirm that we will be proceeding with our proposal to move the above Post Office branch to Fairgreen Stores, 78 Main Street, Forkhill, Newry, BT35 9SH, where it will operate as one of our new local style Post Office branches.

We didn't receive any feedback from customers or local representatives about the proposed move during the local public consultation period, however I have carried out a final review of the original proposal. I am confident that the new branch is suitably located and will continue to meet the needs of the local community.

I'm delighted that this branch is part of the modernisation of our Post Office network, offering Post Office services that will meet customer needs whilst helping to provide future sustainability for the branch. Currently we have over 3,700 local branches offering Post Office services in this new way and customer and operator feedback has been very encouraging.

We recognise that the Post Office plays an important part in the lives of customers and we want to make our services as accessible as possible. Access will be level with a wide door at the entrance. Inside the shop, the new branch will be in line with Post Office specifications, making sure there is sufficient space for the new style local Post Office to operate alongside the retail offer. We will be working closely with the new operator on the internal layout and some fixtures and fittings will be re-aligned or removed to make sure there is clear access into the premises. Aisles and the queuing area will be kept free from obstructions and adequate room will be provided for customers and a wheelchair to move around the shop and access Post Office services.

The new local style Post Office will operate from a security screened counter. The change also means that the Post Office hours are aligned to the store so customers will benefit from significantly longer opening hours, including Wednesday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday opening and longer opening times throughout the week, so they have more flexibility and can use our services seven days a week and at times that suit them better.

Details of the new service are provided at the end of this letter together with a product list, which lets you know which services will be available at your new branch.

Posters will now be displayed in branch to let customers know about this decision. We're currently making the final arrangements for the move and further posters will be provided in branch soon to let customers know the actual date the move will take place.

You can also find a copy of this letter on our website at postofficeviews.co.uk. When entering the website you will be asked to enter the code for this branch: 16171399

This change to the Post Office network is being carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice for changes to the network, as agreed with the independent statutory consumer watchdog. A full copy of the Code of Practice is available on our website at www.postofficeviews.co.uk, or by contacting us at the address provided at the end of this letter.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

Yours faithfully

Annete Thomas

Annete Thomas
Regional Network Manager

How to contact us:

- 📧 postofficeviews.co.uk
- ✉ comments@postoffice.co.uk
- ☎ Customer Helpline: 03452 66 01 15
Textphone: 03457 22 33 55
- ✉ FREEPOST Your Comments

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Forkhill Post Office information sheet															
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Distance	300 metres away from the current branch, along varied terrain.														
Products & Services	The majority of Post Office products and services will still be available.														
Accessibility & accessibility works	<p>Access and facilities The new premises will have a wide door and level access. Internally, there will be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.</p> <p>Parking Forecourt parking is available at the new premises.</p>														
Retail	Convenience store														
Date of Relocation	To be confirmed in branch														

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Mail	
First & Second Class mail	✓
Stamps, stamp books (1 st class 6 & 12 only, 2 nd class 12 only)	✓
Special stamps (Christmas issue only) & postage labels	✓
Signed For	✓
Special Delivery	✓
Home shopping returns	✓
Inland small, medium & large parcels	✓
Express & contract parcels	✓
British Forces Mail (BFPO)	✓
International letters & postcards (inc. signed for & Airsure)	✓
International parcels up to 2kg & printed papers up to 5kg	✓
Parcelforce Worldwide International parcels	✓
Articles for the blind (inland & international)	✓
Royal Mail redirection service	✓
Local Collect	✓
Drop & Go	✓
Withdrawals, deposits and payments	
Post Office Card Account	✓
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Moneygram	✓
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Transcash (without barcode)	✓
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