



May 4th, 2018

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

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## **10.0 Correspondence received from NICCY re: Children's Funeral Fund**

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## **11.0 Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors**

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## **12.0 Conference: agendaNI Infrastructure Investment - Delivering 21st Century Infrastructure**

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Baby Grand, Belfast

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## *Notices of Motion*

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## **13.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Casey and Kimmins**

This Council acknowledges that there are grave concerns about the Boundary Commission's decision to scrap their own Provisional Proposals of September 2016 in favour of Revised Proposals published in January 2018, which are far removed from their provisional proposals but which are remarkably similar to the DUP proposals as submitted to the Commission in the course of the public consultation periods of 2016 and 2017.

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

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

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

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

## **15.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Harvey**

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

## **16.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Clarke**

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

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

## **17.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Macauley**

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

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

# Invitees

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**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018**

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/049/2018	Apologies & Chairperson's Remarks	Letter of congratulations to be sent to Kilkeel Hockey Club	S Kieran		
C/055/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2018	<b><u>ERT/048/2018 – SLAs Tourism 2018/19</u></b> It was agreed that Mrs Ward would speak with officer involved and revert to the Member with an update on whether a meeting had taken place regarding pony trekking in Murlough Nature Reserve.  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward		
C/056/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee 15 March 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville		
C/057/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee 22 March 2018	<b><u>AHC/059/2018 – Financial Assistance Update</u></b> Mr Lipsett to ask officers to detail out the options and bring a report back to AHC Committee.  <b><u>AHC/067/2018 – SLA between Council and SANDSA</u></b> Mr Lipsett to ensure synopsis on the work of SANDSA is circulated to Members to encourage local groups to get involved.  <b><u>AHC/064/2018 – Request to invite Expressions of Interest for the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry and Land to the rear of Bessbrook Community Centre</u></b> Mr Lipsett to ask officers to revert to the Member with an update.  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Actioned  Actioned  Actioned	
C/058/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee 21 March 2018	<b><u>RTS/030/2018 – Street Trading Designation at Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor</u></b> Mrs Ward advised she would raise the issue with	R Moore		

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<p>officers involved and revert back to the Member.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p>			
C/059/2018	Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure re: Stream Street, Downpatrick – Proposed One Way Traffic Order	It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Department for Infrastructure asking what level of consultation took place with local residents and businesses on the issue of a one-way system in Stream Street, Downpatrick.	D Services	<b>Actioned</b>	
C/061/2018	Correspondence received from Co-Operation Ireland re: Conference – Rural Society in Transition	It was agreed that Councillor Byrne attend the conference and any other interested Councillor to inform Democratic Services as soon as possible.	D Services	<b>Councillors Andrews, Burgess, Byrne, Casey, Curran, Harvey and McAteer booked to attend conference</b>	
C/062/2018	Correspondence received from NILGA re: Driving Government Locally Summit	It was agreed that any interested Councillor who wished to attend the summit could do so.	D Services	<b>Councillors Andrews, Burgess, Casey, Curran, Harvey and Hyland booked to attend</b>	
C/063/2018	Correspondence received from Permanent Secretary Pengelly re: Notice of Motion on Suicide Prevention Centres	It was agreed that a letter be sent to Derry and Strabane District Council asking whether their pilot scheme had delivered what had been hoped for and whether it had cut suicide rates in the District, with a view to engaging a pilot within our own District, if it had proved successful.	D Services	<b>Letter sent 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b>	
C/064/2018	File Note of Meeting held with Peter May on 9 March 2018	It was agreed to write to TransportNI with the list of issues in order that they can be responded to when the officials from TransportNI attend Council at the end of May.	D Services	<b>E-mailed issues to TransportNI for response at the Council Meeting at end of May</b>	



Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/065/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Savage	It was agreed to recognise the growing housing crisis in Newry city and in towns and villages across the District and agree that every citizen has the right to a home. It agreed to make social and affordable housing a priority within the Local Development Plan and pledged to work with Government Departments, the NIHE, Housing Associations, Confederation of Community Groups, the business community, construction sector, Newry BID, local charities, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop short, medium and long term social and affordable housing solutions for our city and district. It was also agreed to include writing to ask at what stage the housing allocation review was currently.	D Services	<b>Letters sent 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b>	
C/065/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Reilly, Taylor, Walker, Macauley, Craig, Hanna, Burgess and Harvey	It was agreed that Council make no decision on the naming of McCreesh Park until the process, agreed by full Council in December 2017 had concluded.			
C/066/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Sharvin	It was agreed to refer the motion to the ERT Committee for consideration and report	M Ward	<b>Referred to ERT Committee and Councillor Sharvin to be invited for discussion on the matter</b>	
C/067/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown	It was agreed to acknowledge the importance of St John's Lighthouse, Killough and its key role in local maritime heritage and is opposed to any attempts to remove and replace the historic rotating beam from the lighthouse and replace with a less effective LED beam which can have a negative impact on marine epifaunal communities. The original beam should be retained and Council will take any action within its power to protect the beam in the interest of tourism in the area. It will also write to Clare County Council to fact find regarding their management of Loop Head Lighthouse in Co	D Services	<b>Letters sent 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		Clare. It was also agreed to write to Tourism NI to seek support for this tourism asset and Commissioner for Irish Lights to ask to retain the light.			

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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

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

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism  
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services  
 Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy  
 Ms V Keegan, Head of Marketing  
 Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**C/049/2018****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Kimmins, McAteer and Ó Muirí.

- The Chairperson advised March had been an extremely busy month for Council with the International Women's Day Event in Canal Court on 8<sup>th</sup> March that had

seen 400 women attending from the ages of 19-93. This was followed by a trip to Cannes, and St Patrick's Day with opening and closing concerts in Down Cathedral and Newry Town Hall and a host of events in between. She stated she and the Chief Executive had just returned from America from a trip with members of Warrenpoint Comhaltas. She commended the young people on the trip whose behaviour was impeccable and said they were a credit to the District and their families.

- The Chairperson congratulated Kilkeel Hockey Club on winning the premier league for the first time in their history.
- The Chairperson reminded Members that she and Councillor Clarke were holding a Family Fun Day in Castlewellan Forest Park on 12<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for MYMY and would be looking for representatives from the various Parties to take a dip in the lake.

#### **C/050/2018            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **C/051/2018            ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2018**

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

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

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

#### **C/052/2018            MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2018**

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

#### **C/047/2018 – Notice of Motion received from Councillor Tinnelly**

Councillor Hyland asked whether a letter had been sent to request a full inquiry into clerical abuse, who it had been sent to and whether a reply had been forthcoming as yet.

Mr Hannaway advised the letter had been sent to the Secretary of State and no reply had been forthcoming as yet, however a reminder letter had been sent.

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

**C/053/2018                    MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2018**

Read:                            Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 February 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 26 February 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hearty.**

**C/054/2018                    MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2018**

Read:                            Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 March 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 26 March 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/055/2018                    MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2018**

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

**ERT/046/2018 – Tourism Marketing Plan 2018/19**

Councillor Craig asked how the Council was comparing to other Councils in terms of tourism.

Mrs Ward advised the NISRA statistics had not been published as yet, however she would share same when available.

**ERT/048/2018 – SLA's Tourism 2018/19**

Councillor Devlin asked whether there was any update on the meeting due to take place with National Trust regarding pony trekking in Murlough Nature Reserve.

Mrs Ward advised she would speak with the officer involved and revert to the Member with an update on whether the meeting had taken place.

**ERT/049/2018 – South Armagh Outdoor Recreation Plan**

Councillor McMurray asked whether officers had investigated other areas for rock climbing potential, such as Moorhill/ Chapel Road Quarry.

Mrs Ward advised other areas were being investigated as part of the Assets Management Strategy, however the plan for South Armagh was funded through Ring of Gullion.

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

**C/056/2018                                    MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2018**

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

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

**C/057/2018                                    MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2018**

Read:    Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 22 March 2018 (copy circulated)

**AHC/056/2018 – Ballynahinch Olympic, Kilmore Playing Fields**

Councillor Murnin asked whether it would be more prudent to request Ballynahinch Olympic to erect a permanent fence on the site at Kilmore Playing Fields which would then become an asset for Council when they relocate.

Mr Lipsett advised this could be looked at so long as it would not affect any further development at the site.

**AHC/059/2018 – Financial Assistance Update**

Councillor Doran stated officers had been asked to bring back potential further options for Financial Assistance as a lot of groups would not receive funding. He proposed that options be brought back to Committee in order that a broader range of groups could get funding. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane and agreed.

Mr Lipsett advised he would ask officers to detail out the options and bring a report back to AHC Committee.

Councillor Byrne asked that as the financial assistance call was oversubscribed, would it be possible for unsuccessful groups to be signposted to the latest Tourism funding call through ERT as there may be scope for some of the projects to fit into this funding.

**AHC/067/2018 – SLA between Council and SANDSA**

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised a synopsis had been requested to be circulated to Members so they could encourage local groups to get involved, however this had not been provided as yet.

Mr Lipsett advised he would ask that this be circulated.

**AHC/064/2018 – Request to Invite Expressions of Interest for the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry and Land to the rear of Bessbook Community Centre**

Councillor Harte asked for an update on this matter.

Mr Lipsett advised he would find out if there was an update and revert to the Member on the matter.

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

**C/058/2018                                      MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2018**

Read:    Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2018 (copy circulated)

**RTS/037/2018 – Waste Management Scale of Charges 2018-19**

Councillor Reilly said employees from the legacy Down District Council area had contacted him advising they were being paid less than their counterparts in Newry and Mourne legacy area and that the practice of task and finish was still taking place on the Newry side of the District. He stated that this was unacceptable after 4 years and the bin service was totally unreliable. He also queried why the Building Control fees were on a par with those in the South East of England, and how this was assessed.

Mr Moore advised the rollout of Neighbourhood Services should begin to alleviate some of the issues that Councillor Reilly raised with regard to waste services, and this would begin this month.

Mrs Ward advised that Building Control fees were set at Stormont and there had not been a review of these in 15 or more years. She stated she was happy to discuss this matter in more detail with the Member following the meeting if required.

**RTS/029/2018 – Action Sheet of RTS Committee Meeting held on 21 February 2018**

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried whether the review report would be brought back to RTS Committee or straight to the Audit Committee.

Mr Hannaway advised the timeframe would be brought back to the RTS Committee, with any issues over governance that required further investigation then being referred to the Audit Committee.

**RTS/030/2018 – Street Trading Designation at Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor**

Councillor Carr raised an issue regarding a mobile chip shop that was permanently in place from one end of the week to the other in Warrenpoint. He asked that officers speak to local Councillors when designating street trading places.

Mrs Ward advised she would raise the issue with the officer involved and revert back to the Member.

### **RTS/031/2018 – Road Closures for Special Events**

Councillor Devlin welcomed the decision taken on this matter and said she appreciated this would cause a budget deficit, however road races make huge contributions to the community and local economy. She stated it was a shame that the legislation still stated notices must be done in print format as that placed a burden on various charities and the requirement should be amended to include social media. She urged that groups apply for these road closures with plenty of notice.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/059/2018**                                **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE RE: STREAM STREET, DOWNPATRICK – PROPOSED ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER**

**Read:**                                        Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure, dated 22 March 2018, regarding Stream Street, Downpatrick – Proposed One Way Traffic Order (copy circulated).

Councillor Trainor asked that a letter be sent to DfI to ascertain the level of consultation with local residents and businesses in the area that had been undertaken to reach the conclusion that was forthcoming.

**AGREED:**                                **It was agreed that a letter be sent to Department for Infrastructure asking what level of consultation took place with local residents and businesses on the issue of a one-way system in Stream Street.**

**C/060/2018**                                **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ULSTER BANK RE: CLOSURE OF KILLYLEAGH BRANCH**

**Read:**                                        Correspondence received from Ulster Bank, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Closure of Ulster Bank branch in Killyleagh (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                                **The correspondence received from Ulster Bank was noted.**



**C/061/2018**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CO-OPERATION IRELAND RE: CONFERENCE – RURAL SOCIETY IN TRANSITION: PLANNING FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY RURAL POTENTIALS AND CHALLENGES**

Read:                            Correspondence received from Co-operation Ireland regarding Rural Society in Transition conference (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne expressed an interest in attending this conference.

**AGREED:**                    **It was agreed that Councillor Byrne attend the conference, and any other interested Councillor who wished to attend, to inform Democratic Services as soon as possible.**

**C/062/2018**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NILGA RE: DRIVING GOVERNMENT LOCALLY SUMMIT**

Read:                            Correspondence received from NILGA, regarding Driving Government Locally Summit (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                    **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hyland that any interested Councillor who wished to attend this summit could do so.**

**C/063/2018**                    **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM PERMANENT SECRETARY PENGELLY RE: NOTICE OF MOTION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTRES**

Read:                            Correspondence received from Permanent Secretary Pengelly, dated 30 March 2018, regarding Notice of Motion on Suicide Prevention Centres (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                    **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Trainor that a letter be sent to Derry and Strabane District Council asking whether their pilot scheme had delivered what had been hoped for and whether it had cut suicide rates in the District, with a view to engaging a pilot within our own District, if it had proved successful.**

**FOR NOTING**

**C/064/2018**                    **FILE NOTE OF MEETING HELD WITH PETER MAY ON 9 MARCH 2018**

Read:                            File Note of Meeting held with Peter May on 9 March 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright on a point of accuracy stated there should be a fourth action point to read:

- Permanent Secretary suggested that Council had Section 76 Powers that allowed the Council to levy developers on the foot of infrastructure for their particular housing estate. The Chief Executive undertook to bring forward proposals to Council to enable Council to use these powers to levy developers to undertake this work.

The Chief Executive advised that was correct and he was working with planners at present to put together a policy paper on that basis.

Members welcomed the meeting that had taken place, however raised the following issues which the Chief Executive advised could be put in writing to TransportNI prior to their meeting Council at the end of May:

- Was there an issue with the Newry office as the roads on the Eastern side of the District seem to be in better condition than those in the Mourne DEA?
- Were there any discussions with regard to Narrow Water Bridge at the meeting?
- Was there any timeframe in place for meeting with landowners and stakeholders in relation to Eastern Distributor Road?
- Responses were not forthcoming from the divisional office.
- Was there still an appetite to deliver on the Ballynahinch By-Pass as the figure for the road seems to have increased exponentially since the beginning?

Mr Hannaway advised the Narrow Water Bridge had not been discussed but reference was made to in the Ireland 2040 Strategic document. He stated that there was no timeframe as yet, but was hoping the engagement on Eastern Distributor Road would begin before summer break.

**AGREED:**                    **It was agreed to write to TransportNI with the list of issues above in order that they can be responded to when the officials from TransportNI attend Council at the end of May.**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**C/065/2018                    NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR SAVAGE**

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

**"This Council recognises the growing housing crisis in Newry City and in towns and villages across the district and agrees that every citizen has the right to a home. Agrees to make social and affordable housing a priority within the Local Development Plan and pledges to work with Government Departments, the NIHE, Housing Associations, Confederation of Community Groups, the business community, construction sector, Newry Bid, local**

**charities, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop short, medium and long term social and affordable housing solutions for our city and district."**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Savage stated that it was a basic human right to have a home and at present within Newry there needed to be 7000 units provided just to stand still. He stated the population over 75 was growing and, along with this, there was one of the youngest populations in Western Europe. He said many young people in their late twenties and early thirties were having to continue to live with parents due to a lack of social and affordable housing. Councillor Savage went on to say the time had come for a more creative approach to map out a strategy to address the lack of housing and hoped Members would support his motion.

Councillor Devlin seconded the motion stating the housing issue in Newcastle was dire also.

Members spoke unanimously in support of the motion and Councillor Clarke proposed an amendment to the motion to include writing to ask at what stage the housing allocation review was currently.

Councillor Savage accepted the amendment and welcomed the unanimous support.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Devlin to recognise the growing housing crisis in Newry city and in towns and villages across the District and agree that every citizen has the right to a home. It agreed to make social and affordable housing a priority within the Local Development Plan and pledged to work with Government Departments, the NIHE, Housing Associations, Confederation of Community Groups, the business community, construction sector, Newry BID, local charities, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop short, medium and long term social and affordable housing solutions for our city and district.**

**It was also agreed to include writing to ask at what stage the housing allocation review was currently.**

**C/065/2018**

**NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS REILLY, TAYLOR, WALKER, MACAULEY, CRAIG, HANNA, BURGESS AND HARVEY**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillors Reilly, Taylor, Walker, Macauley, Craig, Hanna, Burgess and Harvey:

**"That this Council removes the name Raymond McCreesh from the Newry, Mourne and Down Council play facility presently of that name."**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Reilly stated the Unionist Councillors did so reluctantly as they had hoped to resolve the issue in a way that would have suited all sides, with everyone being respected, including the victims of terror. However as it was now 9 April 2018 and the Council had not been able to resolve the issue, the eight Unionist Councillors were bringing this motion to take cognisance of Court hearings. He stated that, despite allegations within the local media, there was no intention to heighten tension or trample on anyone's rights, including the people who lived in the Ballybot area. However the rights, feelings and sensitivities of all sides needed to be taken on board.

Councillor Reilly said there were other murals to Mr McCreesh, recognising him within his own community. However this matter involved a facility for families that was run and financed by this Local Government authority and therefore was profoundly wrong. He said the feelings and sensitivities of the Worton and Kingsmills families did not seem to count. The notice of motion had therefore been brought as it was not going to be possible to resolve the matter elsewhere, and it was now time when it must be resolved as people had been very patient in trying to resolve this in an amicable way.

Councillor Taylor seconded the motion stating there had been a great deal of patience shown by the Unionist representatives, but there was no clear resolution in sight and his thoughts were with innocent victims who continued to experience pain and hurt. He stated he was exasperated with the process as there did not seem to be any willingness to deal with the issue which had directly impacted upon community relations and issues of respect and equality of opportunity for those who did not feel welcome to use the facility. He said the matter was a continuing running sore on the reputation of the Council.

Councillor Walker said he concurred with the comments of Councillors Reilly and Taylor. He said his plea to all Councillors in the Chamber was to put right a great wrong, and said they now had an opportunity to do so. He said this was not about Unionists getting one over but about doing what was right for victims. He referred to banners in the park which he said were offensive and asked if they had yet been removed. He said those who abstained on this matter were supporting the continued naming of the play park and they should instead show respect for their Unionist neighbours.

Councillor Craig said the opportunity now existed to put the Council on the right side of equality legislation and to promote good relations, whilst avoiding a court action. It also gave the chance to say to Mrs Worton that her hurt was felt and that we no longer wished to continue this hurt.

Councillor McMurray said he supported the Motion as it was consistent with his Party's policy on naming public spaces. He said he understood the narratives of both sides in this matter.

Councillor Ruane proposed an amendment to the motion to read:

**“That this Council makes no decision until the process agreed by full Council in December 2017 has concluded.”**

This was seconded by Councillor Stokes who stated the process, as agreed in December 2017, was nearing completion and it was very important to see it through to its conclusion.

Councillor Tinnelly said it was important to remember that many people had been hurt on all sides of the community and many narratives currently existed. He said there was a need to work to see a satisfactory resolution to this issue and just as unionists honour the dead at the cenotaph, nationalists were profoundly affected by the deaths of the hunger strikers, therefore, the residents in Patrick Street wished to retain the name of the park for that reason.

The Chairperson asked Councillor Reilly if he accepted the amendment.

Councillor Reilly stated he would not accept the amendment as the deadline of 29th March had passed and the High Court had stated that following tonight's meeting, Mrs Worton had 30 days to bring the matter back to Court if it had not been resolved. He called for a recorded vote.

Mr Hannaway provided some clarification on Councillor Reilly's comments about the outcome of the December High Court judgement in respect of the Judicial Review taken by Mrs Worton. He referred in particular to paragraphs 9 and 17 which confirmed the Council had resolved to review the use and management of the land, in line with Council's strategic-wide review of play areas and the practical effect of this was to retain the play area in question or retain another similar facility which had been accorded a much higher play value, with the Council aspiring to make a final decision at its monthly Meeting on 9th April 2018.

Mr Hannaway further advised that within paragraph 17 of the Judgement, it stated that the Judicial Review application could be reapplied for and reinstated not later than four weeks following Council's impending fresh decision.

The Chairperson did then put the amendment to a recorded vote (attached), the results of which were as follows;

FOR:	24
AGAINST:	10
ABSTENTIONS:	3

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Stokes that Council make no decision on the naming of McCreesh Park until the process, agreed by full Council in December 2017 had concluded.

**Councillors Burgess, Craig, Hanna, Harvey, Macauley, Reilly, Taylor and Walker left the chamber at this stage – 7.46pm**

**C/067/2018**                    **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR SHARVIN**

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

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

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

**C/068/2018**                    **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR BROWN**

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

**"This Council acknowledges the importance of St John's Lighthouse, Killough, and its key role in local maritime heritage. It opposes any attempts to remove and replace the historic rotating beam from the lighthouse and replace it with a less effective LED beam which can have a negative impact on marine epifaunal communities. The original beam should be retained and the Council will take any action within its power to protect the beam in the interests of tourism in the area. It will also write to Clare County Council to fact find regarding their management of Loop Head Lighthouse in Co. Clare."**

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Brown stated the reason for the proposed removal of the lighthouse was due to CIL, Commissioner of Irish Lighthouses stating the mercury bed on which is turned was a health hazard, which has been disproved. He stated it was the only light of its type in Ireland and with the right marketing strategy could become a catalyst for tourism within the area.

Councillor Sharvin seconded the motion stating the lighthouse was a huge tourism asset to the area and asked for an amendment to the motion to include writing to Tourism NI to seek support for this tourism asset and Commissioner for Irish Lights asking to retain the light.

Members spoke unanimously in support of the motion.

Councillor Brown accepted the amendment and thanked those Members in the chamber for their support.

**AGREED:**                                    **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to acknowledge the**

**importance of St John’s Lighthouse, Killough and its key role in local maritime heritage and it opposes any attempts to remove and replace the historic rotating beam from the lighthouse and replace it with a less effective LED beam which can have a negative impact on marine epifaunal communities. The original beam should be retained and Council will take any action within its power to protect the beam in the interest of tourism in the area. It will also write to Clare County Council to fact find regarding their management of Loop Head Lighthouse in Co Clare.**

**It was also agreed to write to Tourism NI to seek support for this tourism asset and Commissioner for Irish Lights to ask to retain the light.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.01pm.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

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

DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Amendment to Notice of Motion: "That this Council makes no decision until the process agreed by full Council in December 2017 has concluded."

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews			X	
N Bailie				X
P Brown		X		
R Burgess		X		
P Byrne	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey	X			
W Clarke	X			
G Craig		X		
D Curran	X			
L Devlin	X			
S Doran	X			
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna		X		
V Harte	X			
H Harvey		X		
T Hearty	X			
R Howell	X			
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins				X
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran	X			
J Macauley		X		
D McAteer				X
O McMahan	X			
A McMurray		X		
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin	X			
B O Muiri				X
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly		X		
J Rice	X			
M Ruane	X			
M Savage	X			
G Sharvin			X	
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor		X		
JJ Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor			X	
B Walker		X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District  
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor P Byrne

**In Attendance: (Committee Members)**

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

**Officials**

**in Attendance:**

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

**Also in Attendance:**

Ms C Guinness, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority  
Mr K Grant, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority  
Mr S McIlvenny, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority  
Mr P McTernan, SLR Consulting



# Warrenpoint Harbour Authority Masterplan 2018-43

April 2018



global **environmental** and **advisory** solutions

# Presentation Structure

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  - Strategic Planning Issues
5. Masterplan Objectives
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7. Questions



Stan McIlvenny OBE, Chairman WHA  
Clare Guinness, CEO, WHA  
Kieran Grant, CFO, WHA  
Paul McTernan, SLR Consulting

## 2. Existing operations

Warrenpoint Harbour is Northern Ireland's second busiest Port.

WHA is a Trust Port- operating on a commercial basis to manage maintain and improve the Harbour. The ultimate responsibility of the Board is to safeguard the asset and hand it on in the same or better condition to succeeding generations.

The Port must exercise its functions with regard to nature conservation and environmental considerations acting in its capacity as conservator of the Lough.

The largest cargo by volume is Seatruck's RO-RO traffic with a scheduled service from Heysham. The Port also handles containers and bulk and general cargo of grain, timber, steel and cement.



It is estimated by the Harbour Authority that up to

**40%**

of throughput begins or ends its journey in the Republic of Ireland.



# Imports





# Exports



# 3. Regional Economic Engine

The Port handled

**3.48 million**

tonnes of cargo in 2016 increasing to

**3.56 million**

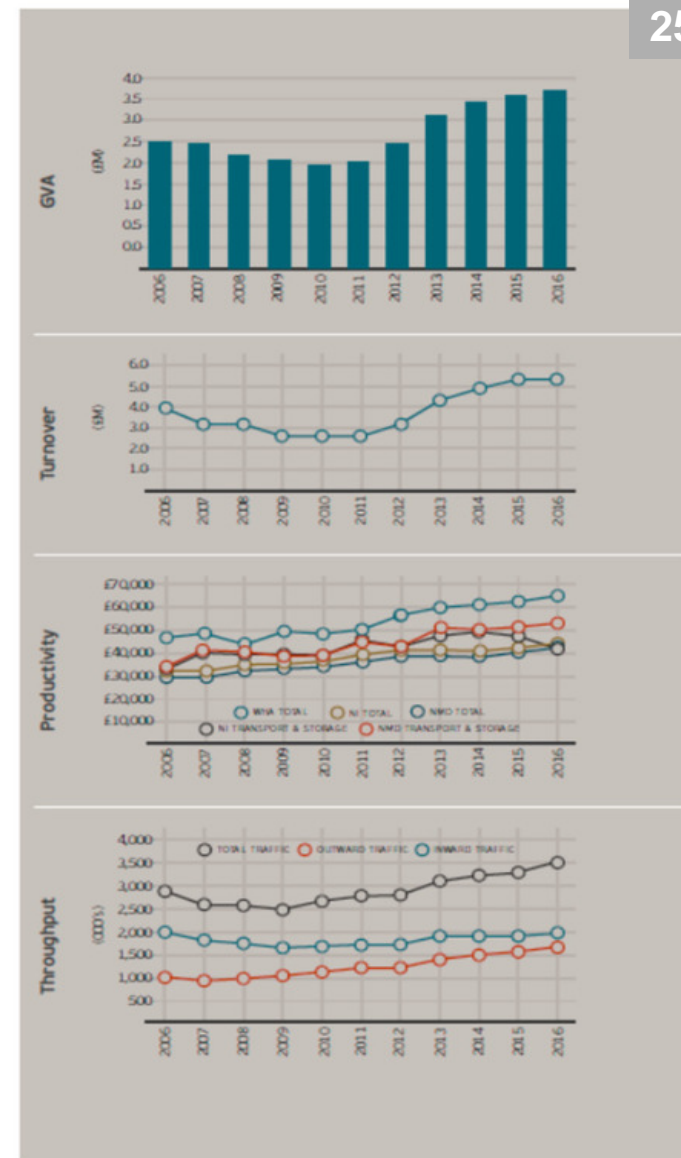
tonnes in 2017

The total throughput value of this cargo was

**£6.2 billion**

Drawing economic activity to coastal and rural communities.

Each worker contributes £57,325 worth of productivity, with total earnings of £1.74million and a total company Gross Value Added (GVA) of £3.7million.





**WARRENPOINT  
PORT**

# Economic Contribution

X 2.5  
Jobs  
Multiplier

X 2.10  
Income  
Multiplier

67  
Number of  
employees

200  
Jobs  
supported

994  
Number of  
vessels



# 4. The Masterplan Process

## Why a masterplan?

- Sets out the Port's strategic planning for the medium to long term
- Informs stakeholders as to how the port expects to grow.
- Assists NMDDC and Dept of Infrastructure in their plans and strategies for the future

The Port Masterplan is a non statutory document. It is available for public consultation until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018.



# The Consultation Process



The Port Masterplan is available for public consultation until Friday 18th May 2018.

- Adverts - Newry Democrat and Newry Reporter on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April.
- Display in public libraries in Newry and Warrenpoint
- Published online on the Ports website: [www.warrenpointport.com](http://www.warrenpointport.com)
- Exhibition at The Town Dock House in Warrenpoint on 2nd and 3rd of May 2018.

Stakeholder briefings will be ongoing in April and May

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### The Existing Port

The Port of Warrenpoint offers unique access to the two largest domestic and commercial markets in Ireland.



# Trade Forecasts

The trade forecasts remain positive:

RO-RO (Roll on , roll off) freight. Traffic is expected to increase 55% in the Central Case and 80% in the High Case by 2040. A maximum of 8 hectares of additional storage land is required to accommodate this growth.

Lift on – Lift off (LO-LO) is restricted by channel length and the location of the turning circle at Warrenpoint. Traffic growth in this sector is forecast to increase by a lower 25% by 2040. This growth can be accommodated within the existing dockside capacity at the Port.



# Trade assumptions

- Macro-economic environment in Ireland is reasonably positive:
  - Economies gradually recovering from the financial crisis, leading to port market growth
  - Economies likely to remain highly integrated with that of Great Britain
  - Main uncertainty relates to the impact of Brexit on aggregate demand after 2019
- WHA is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest port in NI & 4<sup>th</sup> largest in Ireland, but operates in a competitive market which is increasingly dominated by the deeper water ports of Dublin and Belfast
- WPA's unique selling point – its central position on the border with the Republic – may be eroded by the results of Brexit after 2019
- Port's major customer has a strong business model & is seeking a new 10 year agreement; Peel Ports investing in new berth at partner port
- Others customers requesting more storage space.
- WHA had a record year in 2017
- Key trading issues:
  - Connectivity
  - A diversified portfolio of cargoes & customers
  - Cost-effective tariff to attract customers in the port hinterland
  - Maximising the utilisation of its existing assets

# Operational Review

Sea access

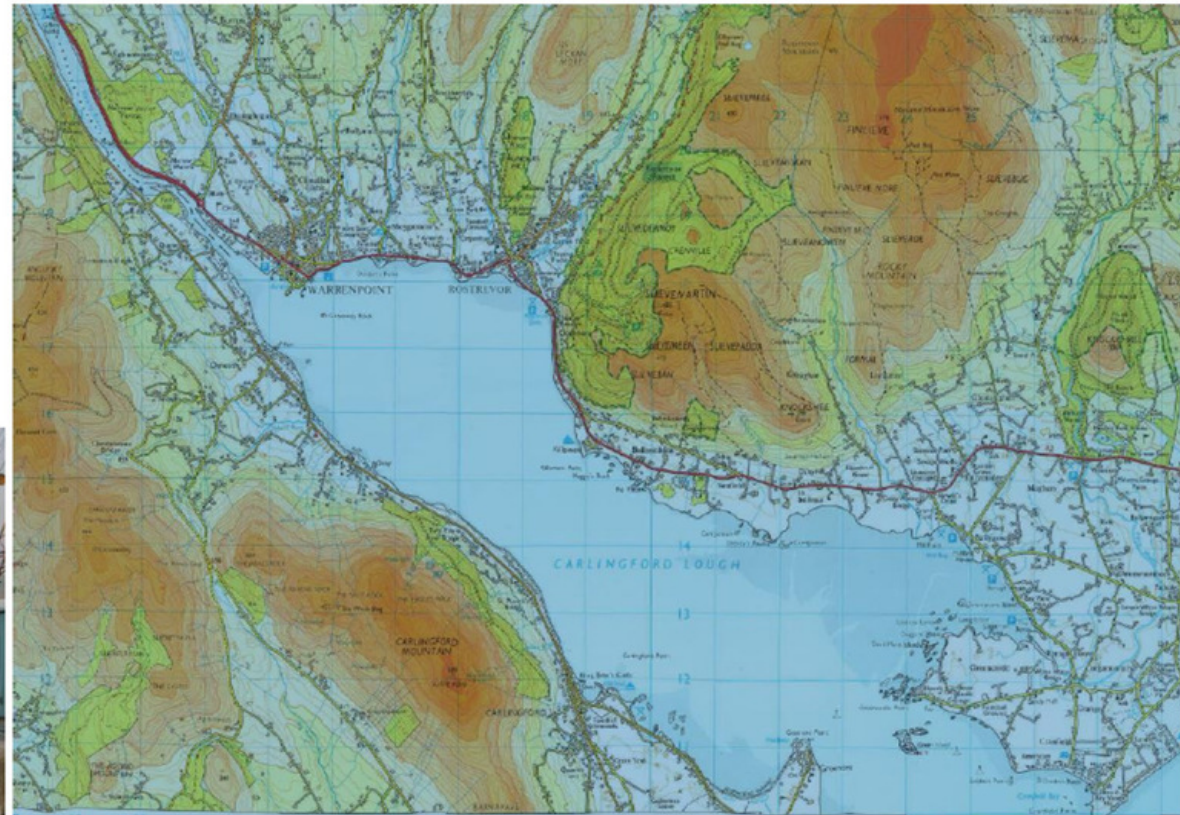
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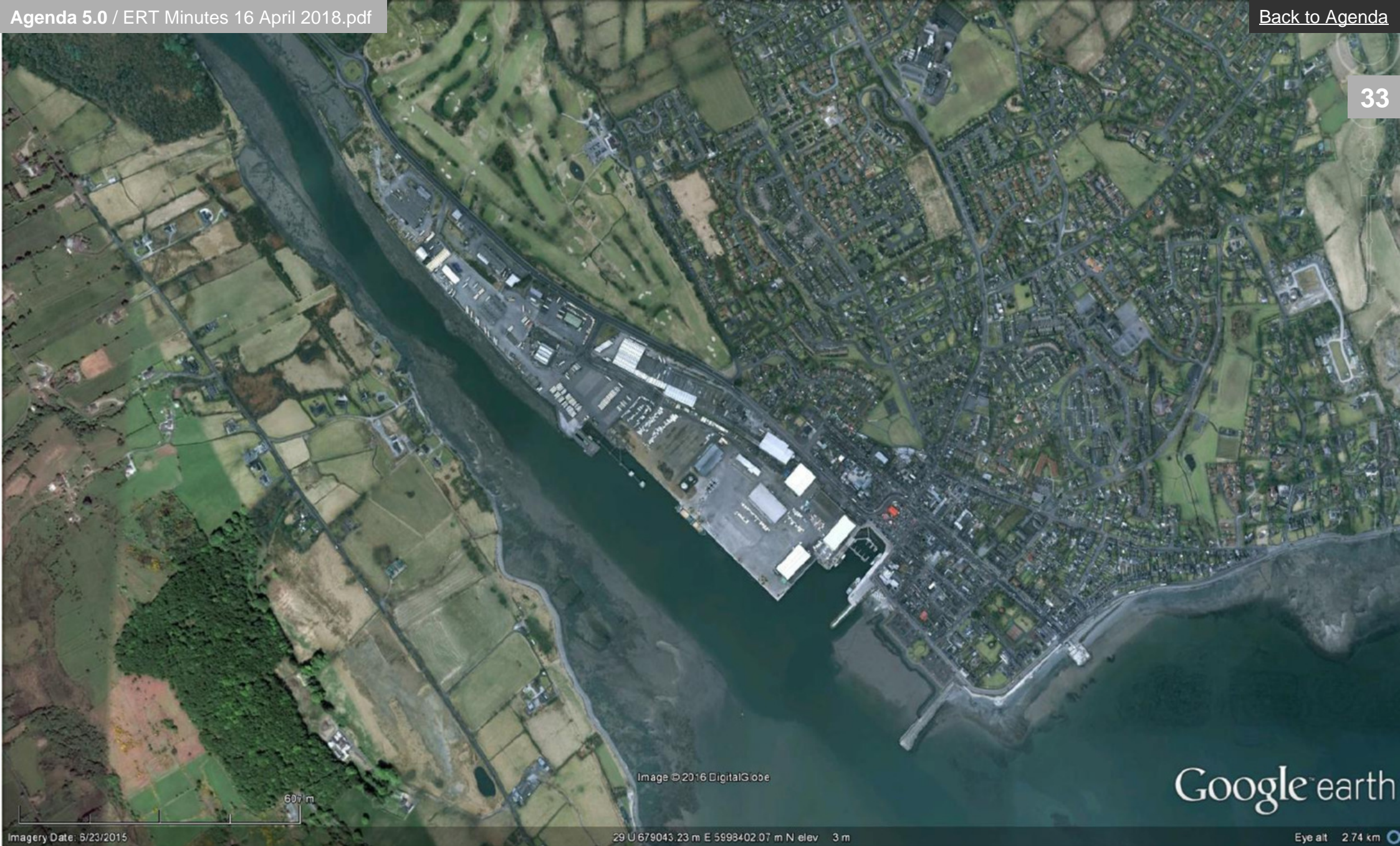
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Storage areas

Cargo handling equipment

Administration and maintenance





Google earth

# Strategic Planning Issues...

- Resilience in the face of Brexit
- Access to the cross border hinterland- the Southern Relief Road and improved dredging regime
- Growth of a diversified portfolio of cargoes & customers
- Cost-effective tariff to attract customers
- Maximising the utilisation of existing assets within a constrained estate
- Continuous improvement, Investment and modernisation in systems and port infrastructure





# 5. Masterplan Objectives

1. Improve Transportation and circulation to and within the Port
2. Improve Port capacity, operations and facilities
3. Grow a diverse customer base
4. Develop and improve linkages with the town
5. Develop a long term strategy for expansion

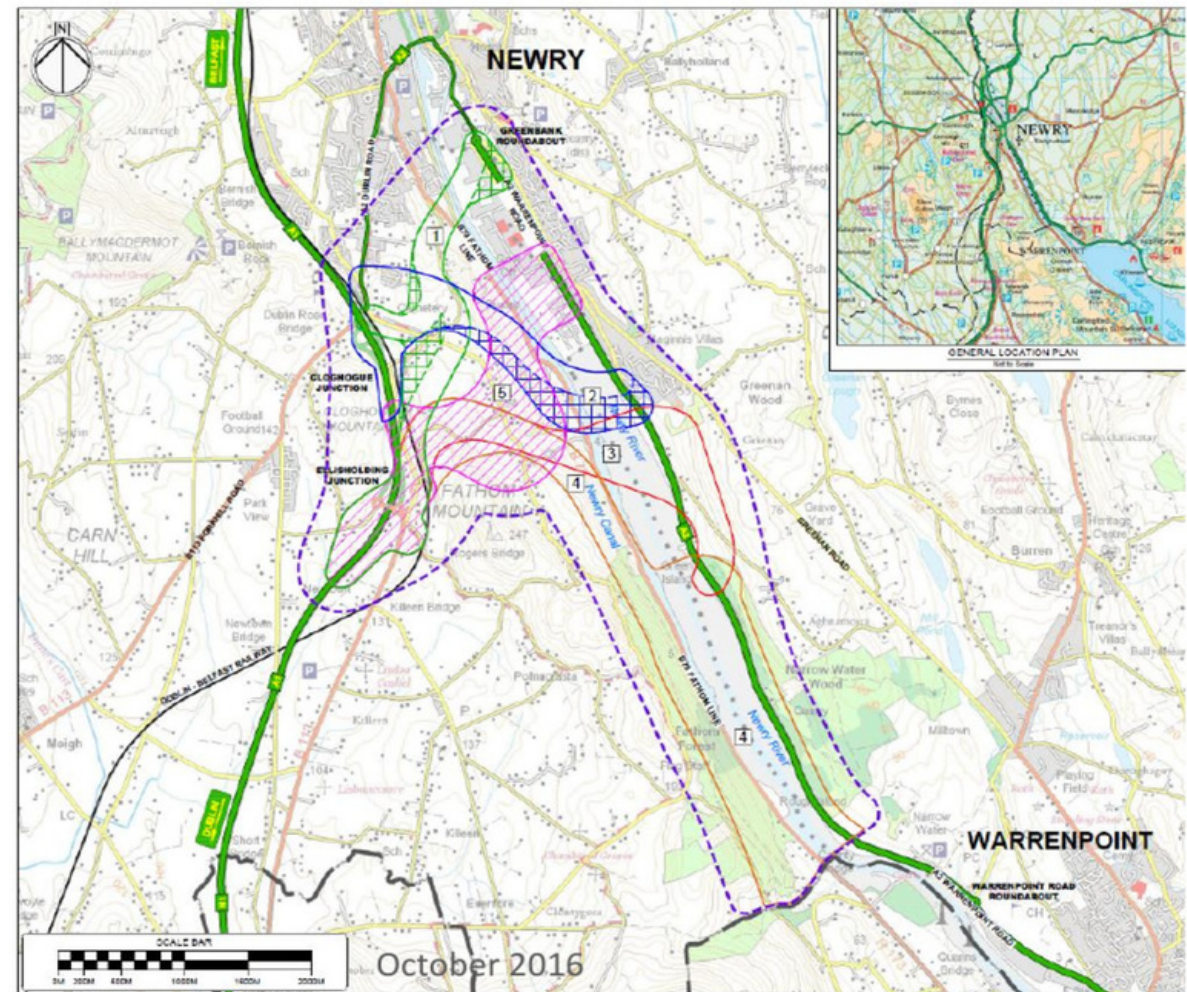
For each core objective, a series of priority projects have been identified....



# Objective 1 – Improve Transportation and Circulation to and within the Port

## Priority Projects

- Secure delivery of the Southern Relief Road to broaden regional strategic access
- Improve the road layout within the Port's operational area
- Traffic calming on the A2
- Develop new entrance and Port administration building

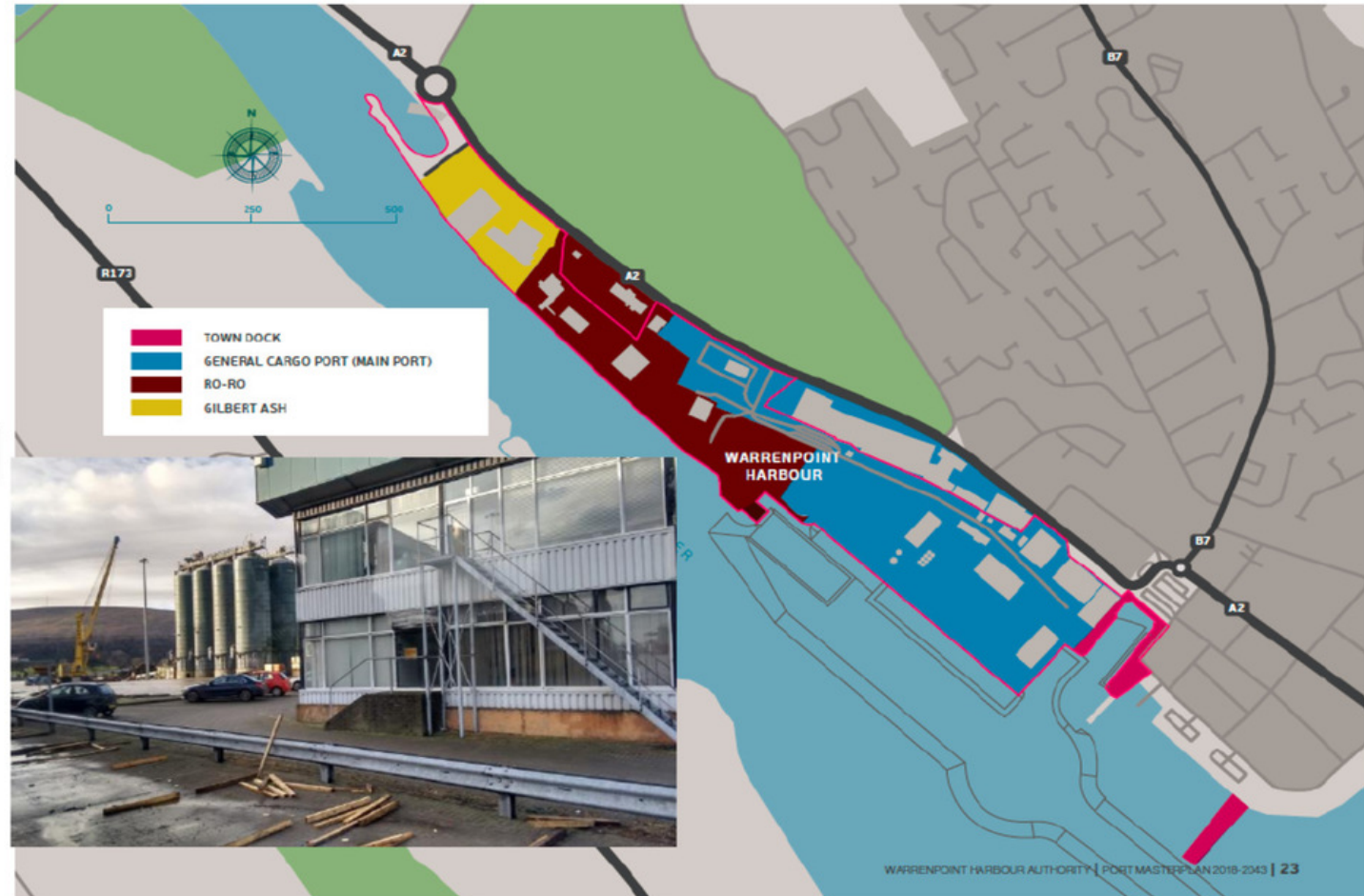


# Objective 2- Improve Port Capacity, Operations and Facilities

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## Priority Projects

- Rationalise and increase storage within the Port's operational area, specifically addressing RO-RO storage capacity
- Increase the efficiency of the Port's operational area through land acquisition of select parcels of private land within the Port zone (this will inform revised internal road layout under Objective 1)
- Provide off-site storage, logistics and space for non-core Port activities



# Objective 3- Grow a Diverse Customer Base

## Priority Projects

- Enhance marine access through improved maintenance dredging regime
- Liaise with key customers to define anchor projects e.g. securing additional storage space for Seatruck
- Improve WHA management systems
- Together with staff and employees consider potential changes to existing working practices to improve customer service

One of the strengths of Warrenpoint's current business model is its diverse customer base. Maintaining diversity is key to sustaining the Port's business over the short, medium and long term allowing WHA to withstand downturns in the economic cycle as well as unanticipated economic shocks and issues arising from political decisions such as Brexit.



# Objective 4 - Develop and Improve linkages with the Town

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## Priority Projects

- Relocate the Port's administration offices to the Town Dock delivering a major regeneration boost to the Town Square
- Create openings in the wall and railings to allow public access from the Town Square to the water's edge at the marina
- Provide gated security on the gangways to protect access to the pontoons
- Provide additional marina berths
- Develop the gatehouse building for offices or commercial use fronting the Town Square

- A good neighbour -
- A responsible conservator of the Lough and environment -
- A regeneration agent working in partnership with the community to grow tourism and leisure use.

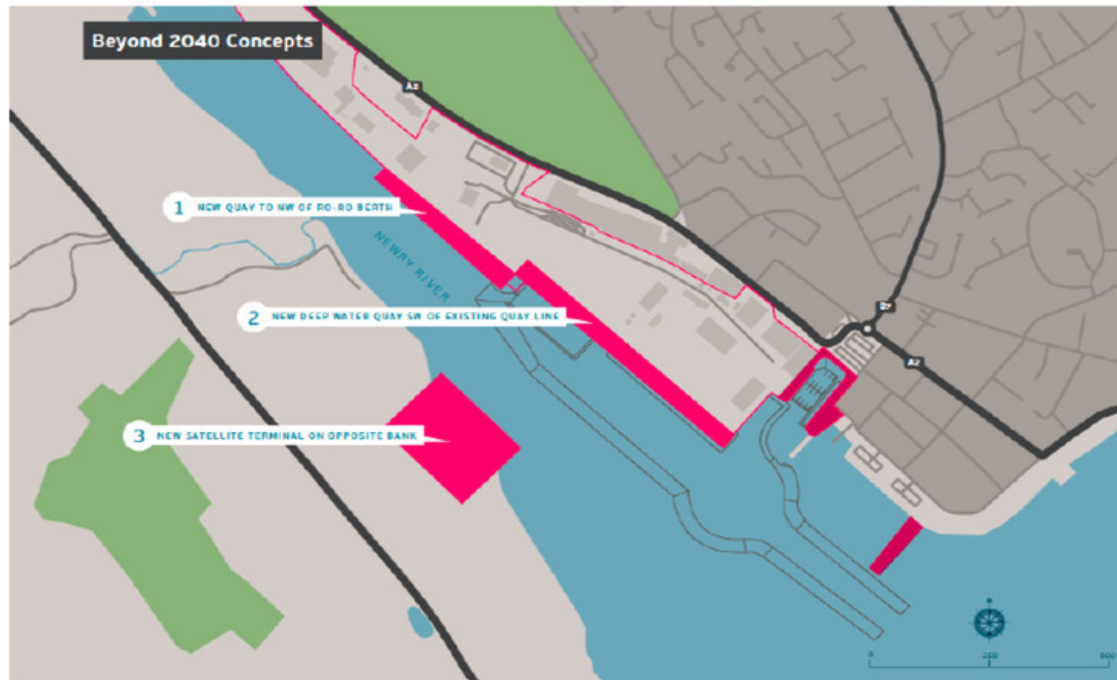


# Objective 5 - Develop a long term strategy for expansion

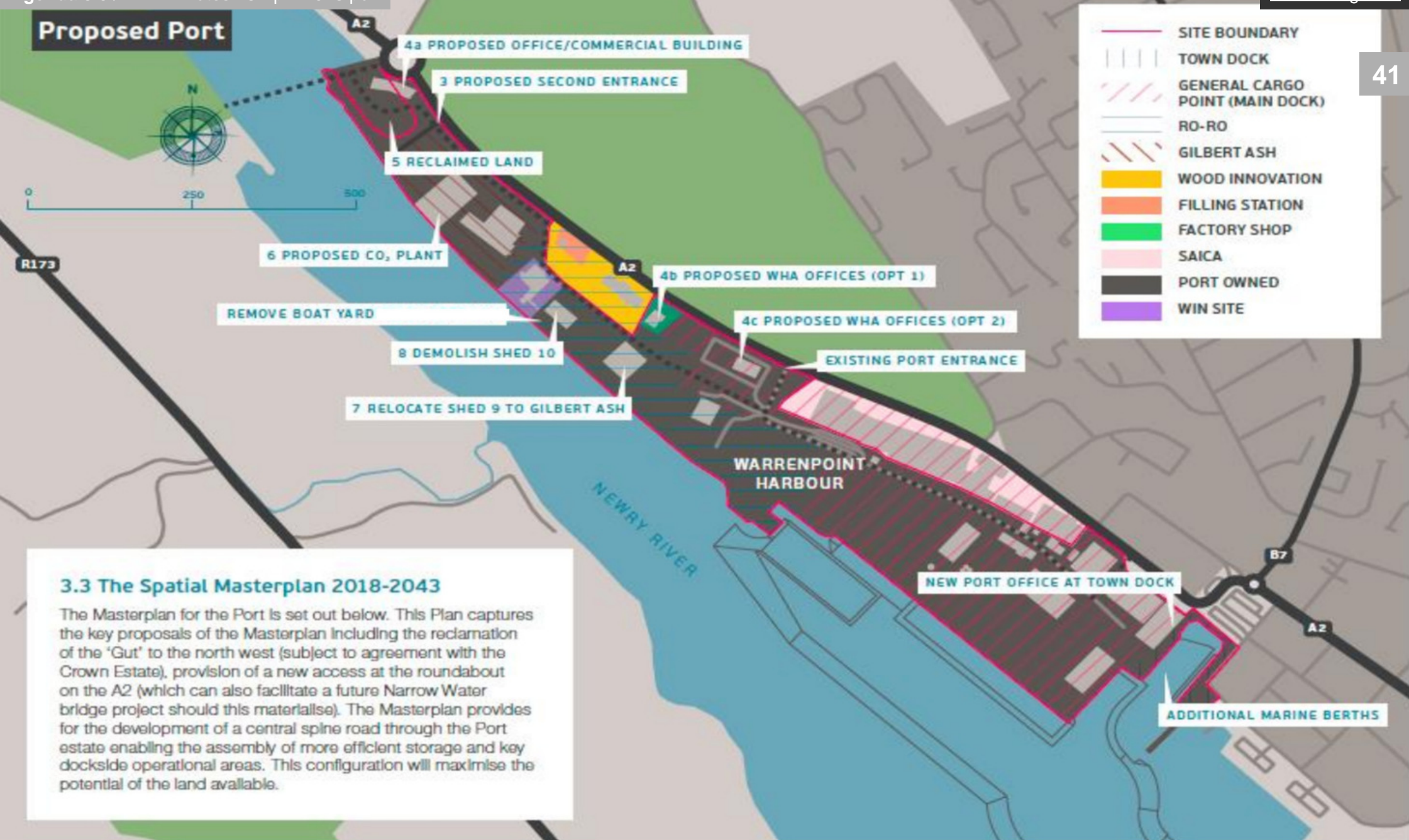
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## Priority Projects

- Rationalise existing operations to maximise on site storage
- Consolidate the Port Estate through acquisition of small, privately-owned, non-conforming uses with the Port operational zone
- Examine the assembly of a remote storage and distribution facility with easy access to the A1/N1 road network



1. New quay to north-west of the existing RO-RO berth
2. New deep water quay south-west of existing quay line
3. New satellite terminal on opposite bank.



### 3.3 The Spatial Masterplan 2018-2043

The Masterplan for the Port is set out below. This Plan captures the key proposals of the Masterplan including the reclamation of the 'Gut' to the north west (subject to agreement with the Crown Estate), provision of a new access at the roundabout on the A2 (which can also facilitate a future Narrow Water bridge project should this materialise). The Masterplan provides for the development of a central spine road through the Port estate enabling the assembly of more efficient storage and key dockside operational areas. This configuration will maximise the potential of the land available.

# Key Deliverables for Growth

- **Immediate assistance to fund Capex**
  - Replace aged equipment
  - Improve operational efficiency and asset quality
- **Southern Relief Road – a relief road and an economic road**
  - Elimination of a bottle neck
  - Open up Eastern side of Newry, attract investment
  - Improve supply chain & connectivity
  - Improve quality of life (less carbon, less congestion)
- **Potential revision to Dredging Licence**
  - Marine & environmental experts engaged
  - Preserve and improve marine access
  - Reduce costs
- **Support Warrenpoint Marina**
  - Pledge marine assets to facilitate Marina development





# Priorities for the next 24 months

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- **Capex**
- **Regenerate Town Dock**  
Renovate disused building to house port offices and allow public access to town dock area.
- **Extensive site clearance**  
To include demolishing redundant buildings, realigning the roadway and site preparations for new port customers.
- **Optimise port footprint & income for Growth**  
Investigate potential land reclamation, prioritising port land use for port users and review / improve revenue streams.
- **Complete investigations re In-Lough Placement**  
May require public consultation





# Port & Brexit

## Port Position

- Support “frictionless” trade
- Ensure trade continues to flow and grow
- Support improved connectivity of port to boost economic growth and help counteract potential downside
- Off site checks and clearances due to space restriction

## What can we do?

- Create more space
- Obligated to provide offices for various officials
- Additional warehousing for checks
- New IT & Systems and enhanced data collation to facilitate “digital” solution such as remote checks, clearances and collection of duties

## Overall Aim

**Responsibility of WHA is to manage, maintain and improve the port for the future – regardless of Brexit.**



# Conclusions

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- Masterplan implementation will have benefits regionally as port is key link in supply chain of an Island economy.
- Locally there will also be benefits such as the improvements in port/town interface post Town Dock regeneration.
- Some challenges ahead. Success of In Lough Placement is critical as is delivery of SSR.
- Appreciate the Council's support. Require ongoing support to deal with Brexit and leverage the port asset as best we can for all stakeholders.
- Build on the existing strong relationship with NMDD and continue to work collaboratively for the socio-economic development of the region.

# Warrenpoint Port Masterplan 2018-43



## Questions & Discussion

In advance of official committee business, the Chairperson said he wished to recognise several local businesses which had recently secured major contracts. MJM Group had been appointed to undertake a multi-million refit of the Azamara Pursuit cruise ship and local Newry sports analytics company STATSports had secured a £1bn deal with the US Soccer Federation. Additionally, CTS Projects Ltd received the 'Plumbing and Heating Contractor of the Year' award at the 2018 NI Plumbing and Heating Awards and Kukoon Rugs received the 'Best In-house Team' award at the recent DANI Awards.

The Chairperson also wished to commend the Tourism Section and in particular Michelle Boyle for the very successful Tourism Industry Day that was held in the Canal Court on 9 April 2018.

**ERT/055/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

No apologies were received.

**ERT/056/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hanna declared he sat on the Board of the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**ERT/057/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**ERT/058/2018: PRESENTATION BY WARRENPOINT HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from Warrenpoint Harbour Authority and invited them to deliver their presentation on the Warrenpoint Port Masterplan 2018 - 2043. **(Copy attached)**

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

- The on-going Brexit uncertainty had raised a lot of concerns for local businesses
- Ports were strategic economic assets worldwide and in the event of a hard border, WHA would compete for more trade and business.
- Although cruise ships were not mentioned in the Masterplan presentation, WHA had been involved in attempting to attract cruise businesses to Warrenpoint.
- WHA would be open to introducing Roll on / Roll off passenger ferries, however, assessments conducted didn't find any support for this from main shipping lines.
- Liaison with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was very important to ensure the visual impact of the area to tourists was not compromised.
- The proposed dredging process would need to be open and transparent
- A newly installed dust compression system would minimise potential effects on local residents
- An extensive tree planting process with indigenous trees and fencing was to be undertaken
- Modular offices to be moved to the periphery of the site thereby increasing the port's capacity and addressing any safety concerns
- Proposals had been prepared for a one way system incorporating traffic calming measures on the A2 and development of a new entrance and port administration building
- The Southern Relief Road around Newry was vital to the regions' economic success
- Sites for potential storage units had been explored locally from Newry to Rostrevor but it would be logistically better to have storage located off main motorways – A1 and N1.
- The Port Masterplan was available for public consultation until Friday 18 May 2018
- An exhibition would take place in The Dock House in Warrenpoint on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

## **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

### **ERT/059/2018: ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19**

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Business Plan 2018/19.  
**(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Hearty raised the issue of the NISRA statistics which highlighted the deprivation in the Slieve Gullion area, Ms Ward advised this was an issue that affected other areas in the district and she said a comment could be added to the

Business Plan 2018/19 regarding general deprivation in the district.

Councillor McAteer referred to the proposed implementation of street cafes and expressed concern for partially sighted and blind people. He asked that RNIB be consulted before this would be implemented. Ms Ward advised that this section of the Business Plan would be considered by the RTS directorate but said his concern would be noted.

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

- 1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to: The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19)**
- 2. To note the section of the Business plan which refers to Building Control and Regulation and Planning. This section of the Business plan will be approved at the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.**
- 3. A comment regarding the deprivation in the district to be added to the ERT Business Plan**
- 4. To note the concerns for partially sighted and blind people with regard to the proposed implementation of street cafes**

**ERT/060/2018: CHAMBRE HOUSE**

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Slieve Gullion Forest Park '5 Star Destination'. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to:**

- 1. Procure an Interpretation Consultant.**
- 2. Meet all mandatory requirements for 'Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Rural Tourism Scheme' application.**
- 3. Submit a full application to DAERA based on Option 3b.**
- 4. If successful, deliver project as set out in the application and the Letter of Offer.**

**ERT/061/2018: SKILLS FORUM UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Skills

**Forum. (Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. Council adopt the report**
- 2. Officials work with Social Research Centre to develop an online survey to capture the views of a wider cross section of industry and education and complete this exercise by end May 2018**
- 3. Further meeting of the Forum be convened mid-June before school term ends to consider the combined response and agree next steps**
- 4. Council include as part of the Innovation Event in September an engagement/skill fair whereby students from across the region can learn more of the job career opportunities that exist in the District through the range of employers across Sectors.**

**ERT/062/2018: RDP VILLAGE PLANS**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Village Plan: Implementation. **(Copy circulated).**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the following recommendations:

- 1. In order to meet pre application eligibility, to appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that are required to develop projects through design and costing stages and secure any required statutory approvals**
- 2. In order to comply with pre application eligibility requirement, to undertake procurement for the identification of preferred bidders, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works**
- 3. To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans**
- 4. To appoint Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services and contractors following acceptance of a Letter of Offer for implementation of the Village Renewal initiatives**



**ERT/063/2018    BREXIT FORUM REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Brexit Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to approve a visit by the Brexit Forum members to Dublin to meet with business representatives and to approve the hosting of a "Town Hall" Brexit event in Newry in partnership with Queens University.**

**ERT/064/2018:    DEVELOPING THE BELFAST – DUBLIN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Translink – Better Connecting Dublin and Belfast Enterprise Development Plan 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Stokes said seating availability at busy times was a problem when travelling between Newry and Dublin and suggested an improved bus service between Newry and Dublin airport be explored.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Stokes the following was agreed to**

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the request by Translink for them to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service.**

**ERT/065/2018    WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding NI Women's Enterprise Challenge. **(Copy circulated).**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed that Council approve**

participation in 'The NI Woman in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,162 in Year 1. Following an assessment of Year 1 outputs and impact a decision to progress in subsequent years will be brought to this Committee for further consideration.

**ERT/066/2018**    **ESF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Read:                    Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding European Social Fund (ESF) applications. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**            **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the payment of £10,000 for each of the four European Social Fund projects assessed (total £40,000) in the financial year 2018/19. This to be reviewed after year 1.**

**ERT/067/2018:**    **RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE**

Read:                    Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. Recommendation that Council approves the report which highlights potential solutions for rural broadband;**
- 2. Work with local communities and engage suppliers to ensure uptake of Gigabit Voucher Scheme regarding Community Owned Network models;**
- 3. Continue to signpost businesses and residents to future broadband initiatives and explore future funding such as Local Full Fibre Network Wave 3 (Summer 2018) to implement potential service models;**

**ERT/068/2018:**    **GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME**

Read:                    Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Gigabit Voucher Scheme Launch. (Copy circulated)

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

1. That the Gigabit Voucher Scheme is promoted in areas of poor connectivity across NMD Council area as identified by the RDP Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report. Officers should engage with suppliers and rural communities to encourage multiple voucher applications to pool the value, which can then help meet the installation cost charged by the supplier.
2. The following marketing campaign is recommenced in order to promote the Gigabit Voucher Scheme:
  - Hosting a series of community information seminars to encourage uptake;
  - District wide newspaper campaign consisting of advert and a press release inviting businesses & residents to explore and complete the application process;
  - Social Media campaign promoting scheme through NMDBusiness & NMDCouncil profiles aligning to hashtag: #GigabitVoucher;
  - Promotion through NMD Business e-zine;
  - Information to be placed on Council websites,; <http://www.newrymournedown.org> and DigitalNMD website: [www.digitalnmd.org](http://www.digitalnmd.org)
  - Leaflet drop to local businesses and enterprise agencies, chambers, colleges, partner organisations etc;
  - Emails / Information packs sent to elected members regarding the scheme, that could be circulated to businesses.

## **TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS**

### **ERT/069/2018 ARTS AND CULTURE MARKETING PLAN**

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Development of a Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran the following was agreed:  
Approval to tender for the services of a marketing

**agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns to drive the growth of the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes, for a period of 1 year with the option of renewal for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance.**

**ERT/070/2018 DownTime Festival Delivery**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April from Andy Patterson, Assistant Tourism, Culture and Events regarding DownTime Festival Delivery (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to consider and approve the recommendation to put an SLA in place with Down Community Arts to deliver key aspects of the DownTime Festival in Downpatrick (14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/071/2018: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding Belfast Region City Deal: Update. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note update on progress to date under the City Deal work streams, and the next steps in the development of a City Deal proposition.**

**ERT/072/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

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

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

**ERT/073/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Castlewellaan Forest Park

Task and Finish Project Board. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the contents of the report**

**ERT/074/2018: SLLP UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of the report**

**ERT/075/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET**

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

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

**ERT/076/2018: MASTERPLANS UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Master Plans: Progress Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

**ERT/077/2018: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMMNE 2018/19**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourism Events Programme – 2018/19. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

**ERT/078/2018: TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND**

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourism Partnership Marketing – Financial Assistance Call. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of the report

**ERT/079/2018: REPORT OF JOINT LOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – NOV 2017**

Read: Report of Joint Louth Committee Meeting – November 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**ERT/080/2018: LETTER FROM DfC RE SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST**

Read: Letter from DfC re Special Architectural or Historic Interest. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer 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).

**ERT/081/2018: SLIEVE GULLION COURTYARD – LEASE OF WALLED GARDEN AND SHED**

**Read:** Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Lease of Walled Garden and Workshop. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to enter into a lease for one year subject to annual review on the basis of agreeing the terms of the lease and appropriate valuation.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor P Byrne**  
**Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

In the Chair: Councillor T Hearty

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

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews              Councillor G Stokes

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
 Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy  
 Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates & Project Management  
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning & Performance  
 Mr G McBride, Head of Administration & Customer Services  
 Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/047/2018              APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Murnin, Ó Muirí and Savage.

**SPR/048/2018              DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**SPR/049/2018              ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2018**

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

**Agreed:                      On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 15 March 2018 be noted.**



**CORPORATE SERVICES****SPR/050/2018      CEO & CORPORATE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN**

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning & Performance, dated 12 April 2018, regarding CEO & Corporate Services Business Plan (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne welcomed the improvement and availability of Elected Member training and asked whether a procurement manual and training on procurement would be forthcoming before the end of Council term.

Mr Hannaway advised the Elected Member Working Group had a plan for training and procurement could be placed on the agenda for progressing this training going forward.

Councillor Sharvin queried whether Council would be ready to comply with GDPR when it was implemented on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Carville stated an external expert had been appointed to undertake a data audit in preparation for 25<sup>th</sup> May however, Council would not be 100% compliant on that date which the ICO had recognised.

Councillor Enright stated there was nothing within the business plan going forward with regard to raising revenue for the Council as a whole.

Mrs Carville advised this was not included as a specific target as it was cross-cutting across different directorates. She stated work would be undertaken this year and the Efficiencies Working Group would be kept updated with the progress.

**AGREED:**                                    **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, the contents of the report were noted and the Chief Executive's Office and Corporate Services Annual Reviews 2017-18 and Business Plans 2018-19 were agreed.**

**CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY****SPR/051/2018      REPORT ON DRAFT EQUALITY ACTION MEASURES PLAN 2018-2020**

Read: Report from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy and Ms S Rice, Corporate Policy & Equality Officer, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Draft Equality Action Measures Plan 2018-2020 (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne queried the method of monitoring used to ensure section 75 groupings were consulted with and also asked whether there was a tangible example of a policy that needed equality screened so that he could see the process undertaken.

Mrs Mackin advised the list of consultees was regularly monitored and updated, particularly in terms of hard-to-reach groupings. She undertook to revert to the Member on the process of equality screened policies.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon, to approve the draft Equality Action Measures Plan 2018-2020, followed by ratification at the 8 May 2018 monthly meeting of Council to allow the initiation of public consultation on the proposed action plan.

**SPR/052/2018**      **REPORT ON SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY-MARCH 2018**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy and Ms S Rice, Corporate Policy & Equality Officer, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for Period January-March 2018 (copy circulated).

**NOTED:** It was agreed to note the contents of the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period January-March 2018

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**SPR/053/2018**      **TO APPOINT TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NILGA LOCAL PLANNING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

**Read:** Information on NILGA Local Planning Programme for Elected Members (copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for 2018/19 be appointed to participate in the NILGA Local Planning Programme for Elected Members.

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

**SPR/054/2018**      **STRATEGIC PROJECT WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET & ALBERT BASIN PARK TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from

the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Strategic Project Working Group Action Sheet & Albert Basin Park Terms of Reference (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to approve the contents of Strategic Projects Working Group action sheet, included removal of items marked from the action sheet, and with regard to the Albert Basin Park terms of reference, agreed to approve the draft Terms of Reference presented for Member agreement with the paragraph on Membership being amended to read:

- All Newry DEA Councillors and a representative from the Unionist grouping.
- 3 representatives from Newry 2020
- 1 representative from Newry Chamber of Commerce
- 1 representative from Drumalane Community Centre
- Other groups and associations as and when required, e.g. urban sports groups and the Maritime Association.

**SPR/055/2018      STAFFING IN DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Staffing in Democratic Services (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Walker, to approve the recommendations contained in paras. 3.1 and 3.2 of the Officer's report regarding staffing levels within the Democratic Services team.

**SPR/056/2018**      **RENEWAL OF COUNCIL INSURANCE**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Insurance Renewal 2018-19 (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to approve the renewal of the Council's insurance cover premiums for the year 2018-2019 at the cost detailed in para. 3.1 of the Officer's report (with officers to revert to Members in respect of any matters raised which were not answered during the meeting)

**SPR/057/2018**      **SETTLEMENT OF CIVIL CLAIM**

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

person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Settlement of Civil Claim (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Carr, to settle a civil claim brought against the Council in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed in para. 3.1 of the Officer's Report.

**SPR/058/2018**      **REPORT ON COMPLAINTS STATISTICS**

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

**Read:** Report from Mr G McBride, Head of Administration and Customer Services, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Report on Complaints Statistics (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the contents of Officer's Report on complaint statistics for the months of December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018.

**FOR NOTING**

**SPR/059/2018**      **NEWRY BID DEBT COLLECTION OFFICER**

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

**Read:** Report from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Newry BID Debt Collection Officer (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the content of Officer's Report relating to the Newry BID Debt Collection Officer (with the officer to follow up on matters raised by Members during discussion).

**SPR/060/2018**      **DISPOSAL OF LAND WHERE DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED**

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

**Read:** Report from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, dated 12 April 2018, regarding Disposal of Land where Departmental Approval is Required (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the content of the Officer's Report relating to disposal of

**Council land when, under legislation, Departmental approval is required and to invite Departmental representatives to meet with Council to discuss the matter.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.22pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 May 2018.

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

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

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2018

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 23 April 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Walker

**In attendance:** (Councillors)

Councillor Brown	Councillor Doran
Councillor Enright	Councillor Fitzpatrick
Councillor Howell	Councillor Kimmins
Councillor Loughran	Councillor McMurray
Councillor Ó Muirí	Councillor Quinn
Councillor Taylor	Councillor Trainor

**Officials in attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing  
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr A Herron, Playboard NI**AHC/075/2018      APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews and Harte and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement.

The Chairperson congratulated Laura McGrath who replaced Ryan Flynn as the Macmillan Move More Co-ordinator. He also congratulated Ryan who

**AHC/076/2018:      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Howell declared an interest in AHC/081/2018 – Financial Assistance Update as she was involved with a group who had applied for funding.

Councillor Quinn declared an interest in AHC/085/2018 – Mourne Home to Hospital.



**AHC/077/2018**      **ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2018**

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

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

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/078/2018:**      **DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 23 April 2018 regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

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

- **Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2018**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 2 February 2018**
- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 23 March 2018**

**It was agreed to take item 7 on the agenda at this stage**

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/079/2018:**      **NEWRY PLAY PARKS – CONSOLIDATION REPORT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr C Haughey, dated 23 April 2018 regarding Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report (copy circulated).

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Alan Herron to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation to the Committee.

Mr Herron provided some background stating the Council's Play Strategy aimed to maximise funding to provide high value play areas that offer greater variety and improved play experiences and recommended the consolidation of fixed play within an area with one high play value site developed subject to community consultation. (copy of presentation appended)

The Chairperson thanked Mr Herron for his presentation and invited questions from Members:

Councillor Kimmins asked whether it was possible to explore other sites in the area as

mentioned by consultees.

Mr Herron advised the potential of another 200 houses in the area could meet the needs for additional play facilities and may be something for Council to consider.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that all options were investigated for the provision of play facilities in order to ensure what was finally agreed met the needs of the whole community. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

Councillor Trainor stated he felt the wider community's needs had not been met and with the new housing development there would be more demand for play facilities.

Mr Herron stated with a private developer in the area, there would be an expectation that they should contribute in order to meet the play and leisure needs of the community.

Councillor Trainor proposed an amendment to the proposal stating if the play facilities were consolidated into a new area, the other two sites in question could be sold off to help fund the new one while operating the park with the best play score in the interim.

Councillor Kimmins stated she felt it was too early in the process to make suggestions on what to do with the other parks therefore would not accept the amendment.

Councillors Walker and Taylor stated they could not support any proposal or recommendations within the report, as the concerns regarding the naming of the playpark remain, therefore would be abstaining from any vote.

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

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>2</b>

**The proposal was CARRIED**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve the findings of the consultation process and to investigate all options for siting play facilities to ensure what was agreed met the needs of the whole community.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/080/2018:** **NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES**

**Read:** Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement; Ms A Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager and Mr S McKeivitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report/Minutes (copy circulated).

**Noted:**                    **The Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran.**

**Councillor Trainor left the chamber at this stage – 6.26pm**

**Having previously declared an interest in the next item, Councillor Howell left the meeting at this stage – 6.27pm**

**AHC/081/2018:        FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Read:**                Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 23 April 2018 regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

Councillor Kimmins queried whether additional funding could be found to enable all groups that have passed to get at least 50% funding.

Mr Lipsett advised to do so would cost an additional £58,237.20 and he would not have the budget to meet this additional cost. He suggested he could investigate the potential of getting budget from elsewhere across the Council and would then provide an update at the Council meeting in May.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that officers investigate ways of getting additional budget from across the Council to provide all groups with 50% of funding. This was seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.

Mr Lipsett asked for clarification as to whether Members wished to award 50% to all funding themes or just those that were over-subscribed.

Councillor Brown suggested officers use a more measured approach to judge applications against a scoring matrix as to how the funding was allocated which may mean some groups getting higher or lower percentage of the award.

Members discussed the issue and stated that approach would make it more difficult for officers to award and 50% across the board for all groups would be more fair and equitable.

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

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>1</b>

**The proposal was CARRIED.**

**Agreed:**                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to allow officers to investigate methods of sourcing additional budget from across the Council in order to provide all groups across the board with 50% of funding and an update to be provided at**

the May Council meeting.

Councillor Howell re-entered the meeting at this stage – 6.40pm.

### LEISURE AND SPORTS

#### **AHC/082/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FC PAVILION – LEASE AMENDMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr D Morgan, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 23 April 2018 regarding Castlewellan FC Pavilion – Lease Amendment (copy circulated)

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Howell to:

- Approve the building and placement of a new changing facility on the land leased by Castlewellan FC on the Bann Road in order for them to develop and build new changing rooms on the Dublin Road side of the facility;
- The written approval then added to the current lease as an appendix document.

#### **AHC/083/2018: NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE**

**Read:** Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Newry Sports Centre (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Brown, to accept the officer's recommendation that requests to rent or lease part of the former Newry Sports Centre should be refused.

#### **AHC/084/2018: COMMUNITY TRAILS SLA WITH ORNI**

**Read:** Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Community Trails SLA with ORNI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, to approve the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2018-19 financial year at the total cost of £72,600.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Councillor Quinn left the meeting at this stage having previously declared an interest in the next item – 6.49pm.

**AHC/085/2018: MOURNE HOME TO HOSPITAL**

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Mourne Home to Hospital (copy circulated)

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to agree to support Mourne Home to Hospital scheme for year 2018-19.**

Councillor Quinn re-entered the meeting at this stage – 6.54pm.

**AHC/086/2018: REQUEST FROM KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL FOR ECO SCHOOLS POST SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION FOR PERIOD 2018-19**

Read: Report from Mr P McShane, Environmental Co-ordinator, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Post Support Contribution for period 2018-19 (copy circulated).

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, to approve the contribution of £1500 for the period 2018-19 for the Eco Schools Post Support Contribution.**

**AHC/087/2018: ENFORCEMENT OF PROPOSED BAN ON MICRO-BEADS IN COSMETICS**

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Enforcement of Proposed Ban on Micro-beads in Cosmetics (copy circulated).

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Brown, to authorise Environmental Health Officers to enforce the ban on micro-beads when the legislation becomes operable.**

**AHC/088/2018: SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Read: Report from Ms A Rennick, Investing for Health Officer, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Suicide Prevention (copy circulated).

Members spoke unanimously in support of the officer's recommendation with Councillor Brown asking that LifeChangeChangesLives organisation based in Downpatrick also be invited to the meeting in May and that a 6pm start time be considered.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to send names of Councillors from each Party as soon as possible for the proposed meeting to**

be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

It was also agreed that LifeChangeChangesLives be invited and a 6pm start time be considered.

**AHC/089/2018: FUNDING REQUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE NI**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Funding Request for Sustainable NI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howell, to approve funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2018-19.

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/090/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE**

**Read:** Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Social Investment Fund Update. (copy circulated).

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

**FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**AHC/091/2018: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STANDING FORUM**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum (copy circulated).

**Noted:** The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum report was noted.

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

**AHC/092/2018 WOMEN'S AID ARMAGHDOWN**

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

**information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

**Read:** Report from Ms A Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Women's Aid Armaghdown (copy circulated).

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

**Agreed:** **When in closed session, the following was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins:**

- **Council act as the sponsor for the Women's Aid Armaghdown purchase of 5 Downshire Place, Newry.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.04pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Tuesday 8 May 2017.

**Signed:** Councillor W Walker  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	8 May 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Justyna McCabe, Programmes Manager

<b>Decisions required:</b>	
<b><i>Consider and agree to the recommendation from the Active and Healthy Communities Committee that all successful applicants in the January 2018 call for financial assistance should be funded at 50%.</i></b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background:</b>
1.1	<p>The Call for Financial Assistance opened on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and closed on 4pm, Friday 16 February 2018 with 450 applications received under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active and Healthy Communities - Sports Development</li> <li>• Active and Healthy Communities - Community Engagement</li> <li>• Major/ Minor Events and Festivals</li> <li>• Summer Schemes</li> <li>• Irish Language</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues:</b>
2.1	<p>The amount of funding requested was considerably higher than the available budget in Sports Development, Community Engagement, Major Minor Events and Festivals and Summer Schemes.</p> <p>It was agreed at the Active and Health Communities Committee that officers should review the successful applications to fund all of these at 50% of the funding applied for whether or not the funding theme was oversubscribed. Accordingly the table attached at Appendix A shows the impact of the decision in financial terms for the groups involved and the Council's budget which will be overspent by £27,429.</p> <p>It should be noted that the report to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee included the Tourism Events and Arts and Culture themes, which had previously been agreed through the Economic, Regeneration and Tourism Committee. These themes have therefore been removed from this report.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations:</b>
3.1	<p><b><i>To consider and agree to:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Active and Healthy Communities Committee's recommended option of funding all successful applicants at 50% of the funding applied for.</li> </ul>



<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications:</b>
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The decision will result in an overspend on the Financial Assistance budgets for the 2018-19 financial year of £27,429.</li> <li>• The 2018-19 budget anticipated a reduction in rates support grant in line with the anticipated budget reductions of the Department for Communities at that time. We have since been advised of our confirmed rates support grant allocation for 2018-19 and the reduction is not as great as anticipated. Therefore, the above amount of £27,429 can be met from within the 2018-19 resources due to additional funds being allocated via Rates Support Grant.</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications:</b>
5.1	There is an inclusion of equality and good relations within the applications and the process is underpinned by Equality and Good Relations principles.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
6.1	Appendix 1: Financial table

## Appendix 1:

**Revised Financial Assistance Option - 50% awarded to all successful applicants**

Theme	Applications received	Successful applications	Budget	Amount to be granted to successful applications (50% of amount requested)	Additional funds required to be able to provide 50% funding to all successful applicants
Irish Language	22	14	£33,963.00	£16,981.50	
Major Minor	91	67	£77,350.00	£63,807.50	
Sports Development	94	72	£40,727.00	£68,434.00	
Summer Schemes	71	61	£16,227.00	£30,500.00	
Community Engagement	109	88	£47,227.00	£63,200.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>£215,494.00</b>	<b>£242,923.00</b>	<b>£27,429.00</b>

**NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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RTS/M

**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry****Chairperson:** Councillor J Trainor

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

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)  
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Mr L Dinsmore, Assistant Director (Acting) Neighbourhood Services (Waste)  
 Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations  
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer  
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance  
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**RTS/044/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

An apology was received from Councillor V Harte.

**RTS/045/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"**

There were no declarations of "Conflicts of Interest."

**RTS/046/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018. ***(Circulated)***.

**Matters arising – RTS/037/2018 – Waste Management Scale of Charges 2018-2019**

Councillor Taylor said he had been approached by the owner of a Caravan Park who had expressed concerns that proposed charges for bin collections had the potential to significantly increase the amount they would have to pay – in 2017 the collection charges were £2,170 but under the suggested prices this could potentially rise to £37,000.

In response Mr Dinsmore said he had met with Caravan Operators and he still had to meet with a Group in the former legacy Down Area. He said this was a work in progress and the changes were a result of having to charge for both collection and disposal of refuse.

Mr Dinsmore advised a report would be brought back to a future RTS Meeting on this issue.

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

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

#### **RTS/047/2018: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2018-2019**

**Read:** Report from Mr Roland Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services dated 18 April 2018 re: Neighbourhood Services Business Plan 2018/19. *(Circulated)*

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to recommend that the Committee adopt the proposed Neighbourhood Services Business Plan as detailed in Appendix 2 circulated at the meeting.**

#### **RTS/048/2018: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Roland Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services dated 18 April 2018 re: Neighbourhood Services Transformation Project. *(Circulated)*. The report noted the RTS Committee previously agreed to the "Neighbourhood Services Proposal" in January 2018. This proposal was the high-level vision for the new Directorate. Officers had identified the need to develop a detailed Neighbourhood Services Transformation Project which would clearly articulate what the new service would look like and what projects would be required to affect this transformation.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend: -**

- **Officers continue to undertake research into benchmarking and best practice for the Neighbourhood Services Proposal.**
- **A workshop be arranged before the end of June 2018 for all Elected Members to help shape the vision and requirements for the new service.**
- **Members note the indicative delivery framework in Appendix 1 as the proposed approach to the Neighbourhood Services Transformation.**

#### **RTS/049/2018: ERT BUSINESS PLAN**

**Read:** Report from Ms Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism dated 18 April 2018 regarding ERT Business Plan 2018-2018. *(Circulated)*.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the contents of the Report and to agree to The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19) and to approve the section of the Business Plan which referred to Neighbourhood Services Supporting Actions 2018-2019 (7.0).

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

**RTS/050/2018: REPORT RE: STREET TRADING DESIGNATION AT MARY STREET/THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

**Read:** Report from Mr Fintan Quinn, Head of Services for Licensing and Enforcement dated 18 April 2018 regarding Street Trading designation at Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed that taking into consideration that there was available trading days at the existing designated area in The Square and both traders were willing to share the pitch, the recommendation was to refuse the request to designate Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor for Street Trading.

(Councillor Rice joined the meeting – 6.15 pm).

**RTS/051/2018: PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF HEIGHT RESTRICTION BARRIERS AT DOWNS ROAD AND GLEN RIVER CAR PARKS IN NEWCASTLE**

**Read:** Report from Mr Gary McCurry, Duty Manager, Off Street Parking Function dated 18 April 2018 regarding proposed installation of height restriction barriers at Downs Road and Glen River Car Parks in Newcastle. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Macauley, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval to install bespoke concept design Height Restriction Barriers, incorporating a silhouette of the Mountains of Mourne, at Downs Road and Glen River car parks (a total of 3 height restriction barriers) and the associated spend and also to authorise the reconfiguration of Donard car park to facilitate dedicated motor home parking.

It was noted that the bespoke barriers were more expensive than the basic barrier but the proposal was made on the basis of maintaining and enhancing the seafront location of the car parks which were in an area of outstanding natural beauty and also to reflect the huge investment of the legacy Down Council in upgrading the promenade.

**AGREED:** It was also agreed that authority be delegated to officers to procure the most suitable bespoke height restriction barriers.

**AGREED:** It was agreed that officers continue to review the allocation of 6 dedicated motor home bays in Donard Park to ensure this was sufficient to meet demand.

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

**RTS/052/2018:** **MARCH 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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

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

Mr McKay said Planning staff had been involved in a Judicial Review over the last number of months in relation to a decision taken by the Planning Committee to grant approval for a social housing scheme in Crossgar. He advised the Judge had reached a judgement and had confirmed the Council's decision to grant planning permission.

**RTS/053/2018:** **RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018**

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

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

**RTS/054/2018:** **CURRENT APPEALS – MARCH 2018**

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

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

**RTS/055/2018:** **REGISTER OF CONTACTS 14 JANUARY – MARCH 2018**

**Read:** Register of Contact 14 January – March 2018. *(Circulated)*

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

**RTS/056/2018:** **RESIDENTS' CONCERNS – REGEN WASTE FACILITY AT CARNBANE, NEWRY**

Councillor Casey and Councillor Taylor advised that following a request from residents, a cross party delegation of Councillors had met with residents from the Carnbane area, Newry, to discuss their concerns regarding the possible impact on their health as a result of the operation of the nearby Regen Recycling Facility. The residents had asked for the Council's support for their request that an Independent Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out on the operation of the facility.

Councillors Craig, Tinnelly and Stokes spoke in support of the comments made and said the concerns and issues raised by residents needed to be addressed.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was unanimously agreed that a Cross Party delegation of Councillors, who had already met with the

residents, meet again to include representatives from the Council's Environmental Health Department and the Planning Enforcement Team; representatives from NIEA and local residents to discuss issues of concern regarding the operation of the Regen Recycling facility at Carnbane.

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

**RTS/057/2018: CAPITAL PROJECT, PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 18 April 2018 regarding Capital Project, Public Conveniences. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the endorsement of the action plan as outlined below:-**

- **In order to move this project forward, and a number of other FM&M capital projects, it was proposed to establish a Project Team using existing resources within the Department, with agreement of Human Resources Department. The Project Teams role would be formed initially for the duration of this financial year with a review of this taking place as part of the overall review of the Neighbourhood Services (NS) Directorate.**
- **All existing Danfo PC's would be inspected by Danfo Contractor to identify issues with each unit which require remedial action and that these actions be addressed prior to the summer season.**
- **A review be carried out in relation to cleaning frequency and extent of cleaning carried out on the Danfo PC's and changes required to keep these units to an acceptable standard be agreed and implemented.**
- **Requests for new or relocation of PC facilities be considered first by the cross Directorate Study Group (to be established) with recommendations coming back to the RTS Committee for consideration.**
- **At the request of Councillor Clarke it was also agreed that a printed record be kept on the wall of each public convenience showing when they were cleaned.**

Councillor Clarke said it was important that the Project Team meet with representatives from Autism and Dementia Groups to get their feedback on equipment they would like incorporated into any new or upgraded PC facilities to ensure they were user friendly.

In response to a query from Councillor Macauley regarding an update on the toilets in Killeel following their recent vandalism, Mr Scullion said a meeting was held with local Councillors regarding this facility and officers would be looking at ways of improving out of hours security.

**RTS/058/2018: CAPITAL PROJECTS, FM&M DEPARTMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 18 April 2018 regarding Capital Project, FM&M Department. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend approval to proceed to tender for the projects listed in Appendix A (see below). It was agreed the award of tender would follow, subject to award within the agreed budget provided for each of the capital projects listed:-**

**Appendix A: Facilities Management & Maintenance Capital Projects 2018 to 2022**

Project	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £
Bus Shelters	45,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Dechomet Graveyard – Pathway*	25,000	-	-	-
Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery Extension	125,000	-	-	-
Warrenpoint Graveyard Extension	125,000	-	-	-
Provision of Navigational Aids	20,000	20,000	10,000	-
Public Convenience Upgrades	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
Re-aligning Pathway at Mourne Esplanade Kilkeel	50,000	-	-	-
Replacement of Emergency Lights at Greenbank Depot	40,000	-	-	-
Provision of Secondary Glazing - Downshire Civic Centre	18,000	-	-	-
Refurbishment of Depot Kilkeel & Grounds Depot Rostrevor	20,000	-	-	-
Upgrading CCTV/Fire Alarms/Burglar Alarms – Various sites	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Replacement of Safety Tiles in Play Parks	100,000	-	-	-
Replacement of Christmas Illuminations	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Heater Boiler Replacement	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Provision of Heating in Downshire Civic Centre	-	100,000	-	-
Provision of gas heating at Buscoil an luir**	110,000	-	-	-



## Notes

\*Indications are that budget of £25,000 will be insufficient for scheme proposed. Separate report to be provided.

\*\*Tender issued.

**RTS/059/2018: PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE OPTION OF PLANTING CHRISTMAS TREES**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 18 April 2018 regarding proposal to provide to local Communities an environmentally sustainable option of planting Christmas trees. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to recommend seeking agreement with local communities identified within the Report to the planting of a Christmas tree at an agreed location in the community where it could be shown that the site was suitable.**

**AGREED:** **It was also agreed that Officers investigate suitable site(s) within all the District Electoral Areas where sustainable trees could be planted for this season, including locations put forward by Members at the meeting – Kilcoo, Clough, Killyleagh.**

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

**RTS/060/2018: ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES 2017-2022**

**Read:** Report from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director of Waste (Acting) dated 18 April 2018 regarding acquisition of vehicles 2017-2022. *(Circulated)*. The report outlined the following:

- Vehicles be replaced 2017-2022, in accordance with the target replacement schedule as circulated at Appendix No. 1.
- Replacement of existing vehicles to be subject to the completion of a Capital Appraisal Form, detailing the Business Case for the replacement of such vehicle authorised by the Fleet Manager, Assistant Director and Director.
- Vehicles listed at Appendix No. 2 as circulated, to be replaced in accordance with their planned replacement year. Exception may arise, in instances where Fleet Manager may recommend early replacement of any vehicle, due say to accidental damage and such consideration should be provided for during replacement decisions. Similarly a vehicle may be retained longer than scheduled but always in the best interest of the condition of the Fleet.
- Any vehicles, which were additional to the existing fleet, would require a detailed Business Case to be raised by the user Department subject to separate approval by Council at Rates Estimates.

- A Progress Report to be considered by Committee on a six-monthly cycle, with first Report due August 2018.

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

**RTS/061/2018:** **REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION BY JENNY WILLIAMS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HABITAT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director of Waste (Acting) dated 18 April 2018 regarding request for presentation by Jenny Williams, Chief Executive, Habitat. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that Habitat NI be invited to May RTS Committee to make a presentation on their organisation and plans in the District.**

**It was also agreed that officers undertake "an Expression of Interest" process to implement a re-use scheme with appropriate partner(s) within the Council District and that a proposal to be submitted to Council, June 2018.**

**RTS/062/2018:** **PROGRESS REPORT WITH RESPECT TO COMPLETION OF HOUSEHOLD CIVIC AMENITY SITE AT DOWNPATRICK**

**Read:** Report from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Acting Assistant Director Waste Management dated 18 April 2018 regarding progress Report with respect to completion of household Civic Amenity Site at Downpatrick. *(Circulated)*.

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

- **RPS, Consulting Engineers to be appointed to prepare Bill of Quantities for NEC 3 Contract, Option B Contract, with associated Budget Planning and Final Report at cost of £6439.00.**
- **Existing Lease to be extended at Cloonagh Road for a further period of 6 months, to ensure a CAS site continues to be available during the construction phase for the new site, with option for month to month extensions if required.**
- **Regular Project Progress Reports as to progress to be communicated to Committee during the Construction Phase.**

**RTS/063/2018:****FLEET POLICY****Read:**

Report from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Acting Assistant Director, Waste Management dated 18 April 2018 regarding the Fleet Policy. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**

**On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend: -**

- **The Fleet Policy as submitted be endorsed by RTS Committee and thereafter by the Council.**
- **The Fleet Policy be implemented and amended as necessary to operationalize the Policy and be reviewed at the end of a six-month period and thereafter every 4 years, to ensure it remained reflective of legislative developments.**

In response to comments from Councillor Andrews, Mr Dinsmore said he would give consideration to suggestions that there should be additional training to improve skills and perhaps an awards scheme to give drivers an incentive to compete to improve their driving skills.

**RTS/064/2018:****FILLING OF VACANT POSTS IN REFUSE AND CLEANSING****Read:**

Report from Mr Liam Dinsmore, Acting Assistant Director, Waste Management, dated 18 April 2018 re: filling of vacant posts in Refuse and Cleansing. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:**

**It was unanimously agreed to note the report and that to ensure the completion of the process it was required that Human Resources and Refuse Management work closely so that all posts could be filled on a permanent basis, within target timelines.**

**It was hoped to achieve full staffing by the end of June 2018.**

**FOR NOTING****RTS/065/2018:****ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2018****Read:**

Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated 219 March 2018. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**

**It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 29 March 2018.**

**AGREED:**

**At the request of Councillor Rune, it was agreed officers contact Arc21 to ensure their records were updated to reflect that Councillor W Clarke was the Council representative on Arc21 (replacement for**

**Councillor S Burns) and that he should be receiving invitations to future meetings.**

**RTS/066/2018:**

**ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN 29 MARCH 2018**

**Read:**

Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Monthly Bulletin 29 March 2018. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**

**It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Bulletin dated 29 March 2018.**

**RTS/067/2018:**

**HISTORIC ACTION SHEET**

**Read:**

Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**

**It was agreed to note the historic Action Sheet.**

Councillor Andrews referred to the historic issue of old furniture at Council recycling sites and said he was looking forward to seeing the final recommendations in relation to this matter.

**The Chairperson advised that item Nos, 24, 25, 26 and 27 were exempt items under paragraph 3 of of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

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

**When the Committee came out of closed session on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Stokes, the Chairman reported the following had been agreed in relation to the 4 items which had been discussed in closed session:-**

**RTS/068/2018:**

**PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS**

**Read:**

Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 18 April 2018 regarding Report re: proposal to purchase Christmas illuminations. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:**

**The Chairman reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Ruane, to approve the recommendations detailed in para 3.1 of the Officer's report and that all items be fully checked and verified by appropriate Council staff before being purchased. The proposal had been put to a vote by way of a show of hands-**

**FOR: 11  
AGAINST: NIL**

**ABSTENTIONS: 2**

**RTS/069/2018: REPORT RE: PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A CONCRETE PATHWAY TO DECHOMET CEMETERY, MONEYSLANE**

**Read:** Report from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 18 April 2018 regarding proposal to provide a concrete pathway to Dechomet Cemetery, Moneyslane. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **The Chairman reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Macauley, to approve the recommendations detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's report with a further condition agreed by the Committee to put a cap on the final budget for the contract.**

**RTS/070/2018: BIO WASTE CONTRACT**

**Read:** Report from Mr Roland Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services dated 18 April 2018 regarding Bio Waste Contract. *(Circulated)*

**AGREED:** **The Chairman reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig, to approve the recommendations detailed in para 3.0 of the Officer's report.**

**RTS/071/2018: REVIEW OF "GLASS IN BLUE BIN PROCESS"**

**Read:** Report from Mr Gerard Byrne, Audit Services Manager, re: review of "glass in blue bin process". *(Circulated)*

(Councillor Taylor left the meeting – 8.10 pm).

**AGREED:** **The Chairman reported it had been agreed to note the review of "Glass in Blue Bin Process" by the Audit Services Manager.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

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

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



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25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you of your Councillor's attendance at the Housing Council and Committee Meetings between the period April 2017 and March 2018.

The Housing Council held 11 meetings.  
Your representative Charlie Casey was recorded as present at 10 of these meetings.

The Housing Council Committee held 6 meetings.  
Your representative was recorded as present at 4 of these meetings.

Yours sincerely,

PP Jenna Barry

Kelly Cameron  
Secretary  
NI Housing Council

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04 May 2018

Dear Chair Mulgrew

The office of NI Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) was established by legislation in 2003 to 'safeguard and promote the rights and best interests of children and young people in Northern Ireland'. I was appointed in March 2015 by the then First and Deputy First Ministers, Peter Robinson and Martin McGuinness.

The legislation specifically requires me as Commissioner to ensure that children and young people have their voices heard and their rights and best interests taken into consideration when decisions are made which will affect them. I can also issue advice and guidance to government and statutory authorities when deemed necessary.

I am also required to take into account the role that parents play in the lives of their children. It is with this in mind that I am writing regarding developments in England and Wales concerning the Children's Funeral Fund.

Under the scheme, parents will no longer have to meet the full council costs of burials or cremations of their children and these will be met instead by government funding. In the absence of an Executive in NI I am asking your council to consider providing such a fund for the bereaved families in the Newry, Mourne & Down Council area. In 2016 sadly 21 children passed away in your area which places the cost of funding their burial or cremation in the low thousands.

Such an initiative will ensure that no bereaved parent in your community will have to worry about how they will pay for their child's burial or have to resort to take out loans. Whilst parent in receipt of universal credit and other benefits may seek assistance the

completion of a 26 page application form for Funeral Payment from the Social Fund is often too difficult for them during this awful time.

When in discussions with some council representatives it has been asserted to me that Northern Ireland's Equality Legislation (ie Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998) prevents public authorities taking action which would positively impact many of the groups protected under Section 75 over another. This is not the case. Section 75 requires more than the avoidance of adverse impact and that a proactive approach be taken to ensure the promotion of equality of opportunity. In many cases, Section 75 will require positive action is taken by designated public authorities to ensure equality of opportunity, eg. in the case of children who do not have access to an income. This can be demonstrated by already existing council initiatives including reduced entry fees to facilities such as leisure centres for children.

Indeed the Equality Commission's Guidance for Public Authorities on Implementing Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 states that:

*"The promotion of equality of opportunity entails more than the elimination of discrimination. It **requires** proactive measures to be taken to facilitate the promotion of equality of opportunity between the categories identified in Section 75 (1). The equality duty should not deter a public authority from taking action to address disadvantage among particular sections of society – indeed such action may be an appropriate response to addressing inequalities."*<sup>1</sup> (our emphasis).

I really hope that your council is able to provide this support to parents during the most difficult time of their lives and in a small way alleviate some of the stress.

Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Koulla Yiasouma  
Commissioner for Children and Young People

cc: Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

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<sup>1</sup> Pg 24, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, A Guide for Public Authorities, Northern Ireland Equality Commission, 2010.



# Agenda

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# National Association of Councillors, Executive Meeting/General Management Meeting

21/5/2018

10:30

Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London

**Meeting called by:**  
Cllr Marie Garrity,  
Chair

**Note taker:** Stephen  
Akers Belcher

**Attendees:**  
NAC Delegates

## Agenda topics

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| 1. Chairman's Welcome   | Cllr Marie Garrity       |
| 2. Apologies for Absence  |                          |
| 3. Minutes of meeting held 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018          | General Secretary        |
| 4. Matter's Arising   |                          |
| 5. General Secretaries Report                                     | Brian Nelson             |
| 6. DATA Protection 2018   |                          |
| 7. Standards for Councillors                                      |                          |
| 8. NAC In-house Training Course Delivery                          | “ “                      |
| 9. NAC AGM in Chester Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25th                  |                          |
| 10. Conference Program 2018                                       | “ “                      |
| 11. Regional Reports, England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland | Regional Representatives |
| 12. Financial Statement   | Ken Wyatt                |
| 13. Any Other Urgent Business                                     |                          |

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1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Mr Hannaway,

### Infrastructure Investment Conference 2018

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June • Baby Grand*

**Secure your place now!**

Infrastructure investment in Northern Ireland has been reduced from the levels seen in the 2000s. Progress needs to be made right across the spectrum to ensure future infrastructure is fit for purpose. **This important conference will examine the key elements required to successfully deliver the next generation of infrastructure in Northern Ireland.**

2018 is the Northern Ireland Year of Infrastructure which aims to bring together those involved in delivering infrastructure investment in Northern Ireland to discuss the way forward. The conference programme will examine the future outlook of investment, lessons from visiting speakers and sectoral updates on current infrastructure projects.

Key issues to be examined include:

- ✓ **Priorities** for future infrastructure investment
- ✓ Sectoral updates: **Health, transport, water**
- ✓ The challenge of funding **utility** infrastructure investment
- ✓ Effective **procurement** to improve project delivery
- ✓ Investment in **education** infrastructure
- ✓ **Health care** infrastructure, services and technology
- ✓ Focus on the **North West**
- ✓ **Future outlook** and delivering the next generation of infrastructure
- ✓ Working with the **construction industry**

To ensure you don't miss out, reserve a place(s) by emailing [registration@agendaNi.com](mailto:registration@agendaNi.com), calling 028 9261 9933 or online at [www.agendaNi.com/events](http://www.agendaNi.com/events).

Yours sincerely,



Fiona McCarthy  
Conference Manager