



September 30th, 2016

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 3rd October 2016** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

Agenda

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Cllr Craig

Cllr Kimmins

2 Declarations of Interest

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Notices of Motion

**14 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown re
Resettlement of Refugee Children**

'This Council welcomes the UK governments creation of a resettlement scheme to bring unaccompanied refugee children from Europe to safety in the UK. We express our disappointment however that no children have yet been brought to the uk under this scheme. We call upon the NI Executive to carry out a feasibility study as to how to fund and develop the regional infrastructure necessary to provide sanctuary to refugee children within this province and volunteers Newry, Mourne and Down Council's support in making this happen.'

**15 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Trainor regarding
Sellafield**

“That this Council notes with great concern the panorama documentary which has exposed the safety features at Sellafield including the improper storage of radioactive materials and the loss of equipment and papers; recognises that this is the latest in a litany of hazards since Sellafield was established; calls on the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry to undertake a review of all security procedures to ensure they are fit to protect the public; and further calls on the Northern Ireland Executive to take immediate action to ensure Northern Ireland is safe from any risks posed by the Sellafield, initially by seeking immediate meetings with both the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, and the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry.”

Invitees

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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
|-------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|--|
| C/154/2016 | Apologies & Chairperson's Remarks | Letter of Condolence to be sent to family of Mr Gerald Lively. | S Kieran | Letter sent | Y |
| C/156/2016 | Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 1 August 2016 | Councillors who attend conferences on behalf of Council to present a short report at subsequent Council meeting. | Councillors | Councillors advised | Y |
| C/157/2016 | Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 August 2016 | C/152/2016 – Sealing Document Minute to be amended to read: 2. Priority Agreement and Financial Contribution with Newry Olympic Hockey Club. | S Taggart | Minute amended | Y |
| C/158/2016 | Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 August 2016 | Letter to be sent in support of the North South Interconnector project to the Planning Appeals Commission and Department for Infrastructure with the views of Members regarding underground cabling as a preference to overhead cabling. | S Taggart | Letter sent 19/09/16 | N awaiting reply |
| C/160/2016 | Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2016 | SPR/177/2016 – Saintfield Community Centre Project All 5 Rowallane Councillors, plus a Sinn Fein Councillor to sit on the Saintfield Community Centre Project Development Trust. | E Curtis | Actioned | Y |
| C/161/2016 | Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2016 | Officers to liaise with Lisburn & Castlereagh Council officials to investigate how the Autism friendly times within their swimming pool was being operated. | R Moore | Officers to research and evaluate options and report back. | Y (will be referred through AHC Committee) |
| C/163/2016 | Statutory Performance Indicators & Standards 2015-16 | Updated self-assessment of Council performance in relation to Statutory Performance Indicators & Standards for 2015-16 approved. | J McBride | Updated report approved. | Y |
| C/164/2016 | Correspondence from Department for Communities regarding Widening the Definition of Carer in respect of Dependants' Carers' Allowance | Letter to be sent to Department for Communities stating Council welcomed the proposed change to the allowance and seeking clarification on the proposed date of commencement. | S Taggart | Letter sent 19/09/16 and Council advised commencement date is 1 April 2016 | Y |

| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
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| C/165/2016 | Correspondence received from Minister for Health re: Notice of Motion on Mental Health & Wellbeing | Clarification to be sought from Minister regarding a wider Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy being developed. | S Taggart | Letter sent 19/09/16 | N (reply outstanding) |
| C/168/2016 | Sealing Documents | It was agreed to sign and seal all documents listed. | S Taggart | Signed & Sealed | Y |
| C/169/2016 | Notice of Motion received from Councillor W Clarke | <p>It was agreed to adopt the motion that “the Council is proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Councillors in Newry, Mourne and Down, condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally and will not allow hate to become acceptable.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.</p> <p>The Council will reassure all people living in Newry, Mourne and Down that they are valued members of our community.”</p> | Director of Strategic Planning and Resources to allocate to relevant senior Officers within SPR Directorate | Noted | Y |
| C/170/2016 | Notice of Motion received from Councillor Walker | Letter to be written to Minister for Communities informing him of Council's opposition to the threatened closure of the Ballynahinch and Newcastle Social Security Offices, asking him to review the proposed closures and requesting an urgent cross-party meeting. | S Taggart | Letter sent 19/09/16 | N (reply outstanding) |
| C/171/2016 | Notice of Motion received from Councillor P Clarke | It was agreed to refer the motion to the Equality & Good Relations Reference Group for discussion, with Councillor P Clarke being invited to attend the Reference Group meeting when the matter was being discussed. | C Moffett | To be tabled at next available Equality & Good Relations Reference Group | Y (will be progressed through Equality & Good Relations Reference Group) |

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 5 September 2016 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

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

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| Councillor N Bailie | Councillor P Brown |
| Councillor R Burgess | Councillor S Burns |
| Councillor P Byrne | Councillor M Carr |
| Councillor C Casey | Councillor P Clarke |
| Councillor W Clarke | Councillor G Craig |
| Councillor S Doran | Councillor S Ennis |
| Councillor C Enright | Councillor G Hanna |
| Councillor V Harte | Councillor H Harvey |
| Councillor T Hearty | Councillor D Hyland |
| Councillor L Kimmins | Councillor M Larkin |
| Councillor K Loughran | Councillor J Macauley |
| Councillor K McAteer | Councillor R Mulgrew |
| Councillor M Murnin | Councillor P Ó'Gríbin |
| Councillor B O'Múiri | Councillor H Reilly |
| Councillor G Sharvin | Councillor G Stokes |
| Councillor D Taylor | Councillor JJ Tinnelly |
| Councillor J Trainor | Councillor B Walker |

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation and Performance
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

C/154/2016

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Curran, Devlin, D McAteer and Quinn.

- The Chairperson offered the Council's condolences to the family

- of Mr Gerard Lively who tragically passed away recently.
- The Chairperson congratulated the organisers of the recent Newry Pride festival which unfortunately was marred by the vicious attack on a group of the organising members. She condemned the attack on behalf of the Council and wished those involved a very speedy recovery.
- The Chairperson congratulated the Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism and the Council's Events team for the fantastic festivals that were held over the summer.
- The Chairperson extended her congratulations to Kerry O'Flaherty who represented Ireland at the recent Olympic Games in Rio.
- The Chairperson congratulated Sean Ryan from Warrenpoint who at aged 9 had won the Irish Junior Open Series which was Ireland's biggest junior golf tournament.
- The Chairperson also sent her congratulations to Conor Wallace and his coach Owen Murphy who recently assisted Conor McGregor in America.
- Councillor Hyland echoed the Chairperson's comments regarding the Newry Pride attacks and stated the premises used by the organisers had been water damaged and asked whether Council could assist the group in any way. The Chairperson stated she would be meeting with the group to offer her assistance, if possible.

C/155/2016

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive declared an interest in item RTS/119/2016: request from Lislea Community Association on the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting, declaring that family members were part of the Lislea Community Association.

C/156/2016

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2016

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 1 August 2016 (copy circulated)

C/152/2016 – Northern Ireland Economic Conference

Councillor Craig proposed that Council put in place a procedure whereby Councillors attending conferences, nominated by the Council, should present a short report at a subsequent Council meeting to brief other Members.

This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

AGREED:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Councillors who were

nominated to attend conferences should present a short report at a subsequent Council meeting to brief other Members.

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 1 August 2016 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/157/2016 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2016

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 August 2016 (copy circulated)

C/152/2016 – Sealing Document

Mrs McParland advised the minute needed to be amended to read:
2. Priority Agreement and Financial Contribution with Newry Olympic Hockey Club.

AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, subject to the above amendment.

C/158/2016 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2016

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 August 2016 (copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised a letter had been received from SONI asking that Council write a letter of support for the North South Interconnector project to the Planning Appeals Commission and the Department for Infrastructure.

Councillor W Clarke asked that cognisance be taken of the view of Members that the cabling should be underground as opposed to overhead.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hyland that Council write a letter of support for the North South Interconnector project to the Planning Appeals Commission and the Department for Infrastructure, with the views of Members regarding underground cabling as opposed to overhead being highlighted.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/159/2016 **MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2016**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2016 (copy circulated)

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

C/160/2016 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2016**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2016 (copy circulated)

SPR/177/2016 – Saintfield Community Centre Project

Councillor Ruane proposed that the membership of the Development Trust for the Saintfield Community Centre Project be extended to 3 Elected Members to include Sinn Fein as the largest party in Council. This was seconded by Councillor W Clarke.

Councillor Walker stated that Rowallane DEA area issues should be dealt with by Rowallane DEA Councillors and proposed an amendment that, if Sinn Fein were to be allocated a place, all 5 Rowallane Councillors should then subsequently be given a place on the Development Trust. This was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Mr Curtis urged caution to Members stating a Development Trust would usually be relatively small, made up of 6-8 members and by adding a further 4 Councillors onto the Trust, it could result in an unmanageable 20+ people.

Following the officer's advice, Councillors Walker and Hanna withdrew their amendment stating the minute should remain as it stood with Councillors Andrews and Harvey taking the places on the Development Trust.

Councillor Brown proposed an amendment that all 5 Rowallane Councillors, plus a Sinn Fein Councillor, should sit on the Development Trust.

Councillors Ruane and W Clarke withdrew their motion and Councillor Ruane seconded Councillor Brown's amendment which then became the substantive motion.

The Chairperson put the substantive motion proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Ruane to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 20
AGAINST: 16
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The substantive motion was CARRIED.

Copy of recorded vote attached.

Councillor Reilly stated a precedent had been set and given that there was no Unionist representative in the Crotlieve area, did that now mean that Unionists could become part of projects within that area.

Councillor Ruane stated when the Crotlieve DEA was set up, the DEA Officer was instructed to ensure Unionist representation was sought and the first person recruited to the DEA was a representative of the Unionist community.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ruane that all 5 Rowallane Councillors, plus a Sinn Fein Councillor should sit on the Saintfield Community Centre Project Development Trust.

AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Burgess, subject to the amendment to Minute SPR/177/2016.

C/161/2016 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2016

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2016 (copy circulated)

Councillor Kimmins advised she had been contacted by Autism families in the area who had been made aware that Lisburn swimming pool had Autism friendly time once or twice a month and asked that officers liaise with officials from Lisburn to find out how this was being operated.

AGREED: It was agreed that officers liaise with officials from Lisburn to investigate how the Autism friendly times within their swimming pool was being operated.

Councillor Casey stated the Respect project in Newry was doing excellent work and asked whether Council could help them with advice etc.

The Chairperson advised she had already agreed to meet with representatives of the Respect project.

AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Múiri, seconded by Councillor Brown.

The Chief Executive left the chamber at this stage, having previously declared an interest – 6.35pm

C/162/2016 MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2016

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2016 (copy circulated)

AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.

The Chief Executive returned to the chamber at this stage, following a request from Councillor Burns – 6.37pm

RTS/128/2016 – ARC21 Steering Group Meeting

Councillor Burns queried whether Council would be at risk of any legal action following Newtownabbey Council's decision not to vote on whether to stay in the appeals process.

The Chief Executive advised Council had taken a position on the issue and had followed the process through to completion as advised by the Council's Legal Advisors. He stated he would seek advice on the issue.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

C/163/2016 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS & STANDARDS 2015-16

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation & Performance dated 5 September 2016 regarding Statutory Performance Indicators & Standards for 2015-16 – Updated Self-Assessment (Copy circulated).

Mr McBride advised the original scorecard was considered by the SPR at its meeting on 11 August 2016 and an updated self-assessment of

Council performance in relation to the Statutory Performance Indicators and Standards for 2015-16 was attached.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Murnin to approve the updated self-assessment of Council performance in relation to the Statutory Performance Indicators and Standards for 2015-16, arising from the publication of additional performance information.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONSULTATION

C/164/2016 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING WIDENING THE DEFINITION OF CARER IN RESPECT OF DEPENDANTS' CARERS' ALLOWANCE

Read: Correspondence dated 26 August 2016 from Department for Communities stating it was proposed to widen the definition of carer in respect of Dependants' Carers' Allowance to "A carer is defined as a responsible person over 16 years old who does not normally live with the Councillor as part of that household; and is not a parent/guardian of the dependent child." Any views on this revision should be submitted by 13 September 2016. They stated the Department believed this proposed revision supported the policy intent of this allowance, which was to enable participation, in public life; in particular trying to encourage those with caring responsibilities to engage in public service. (copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to reply stating Council welcomed the proposed change to this allowance and requesting clarification on the proposed date of commencement.

C/165/2016 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER FOR HEALTH RE: NOTICE OF MOTION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Read: Correspondence dated 17 August 2016 from Minister for Health regarding Notice of Motion on Mental Health and Wellbeing and advising that one of her key priorities as Minister was mental health. She further advised that an evaluation of the Bamford Action Plan was nearly complete and would be put to the Executive in the autumn, outlining gaps and needs in mental health and informing the way forward. The Minister also advised that the new draft suicide prevention strategy Protect Life 2 was at an advanced stage of development. (copy circulated)

Councillor P Clarke welcomed the response from the Minister and the confirmation that the evaluation of the Bamford Action Plan was nearly completed. He stated he was pleased to hear that a new draft suicide prevention strategy was at an advanced stage. He asked that clarification be sought on a wider Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy as that was what his initial Notice of Motion was seeking.

The Chairperson informed Members that a Suicide Public Awareness session would be held in the Newcastle Centre on Thursday 8th September 2016.

Councillor Mulgrew advised local young men who were feeling isolated had recently attended a day organised by Council Officer, Aisling Rennick, all of whom had a great day and greatly appreciated this event.

AGREED: **It was agreed that clarification be sought from the Minister regarding a wider Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy being developed.**

FOR NOTING

C/166/2016 **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF WARRENPOINT HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

Read: Correspondence received from Minister for Infrastructure dated 24 August 2016 stating that following the resignation of one Council member, Councillor Glyn Hanna had been appointed to the Board of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority. Copy circulated).

NOTED: **The correspondence was noted.**

C/167/2016 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM NI COURTS AND TRIBUNALS SERVICE RE: SINGLE JURISDICTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Correspondence received from NI Courts and Tribunals Service dated 22 August 2016 giving details of new arrangements for the jurisdiction of County Courts and Magistrates Courts and advising of the establishment of three new Administrative Court Divisions. They gave details of the introduction of a Single Jurisdiction and the current consultation on the listing direction to operate within a single jurisdiction. (Copy circulated).

NOTED: **The correspondence was noted.**

SEALING DOCUMENTS**C/168/2016 SEALING DOCUMENTS**

AGREED: **It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Stokes:**

1. Lease Agreement - Newry Felons and Barcroft Community Association.
2. Licence Agreement - Newry Mourne and Down District Council to Silvery Light Sailing – lands at Albert Basin, Newry.
3. 9 month Licence Agreement - Newry Coarse Fishing and Angling Club - Albert Basin, Newry
4. Licence Agreement - retrospective approval - Maiden of the Mournes -
5. Release of Deed of Covenant and Charge between Council and Ardglass Golf Club - AD/LEG/100
6. Licence Agreement - use of land at McClelland Park, Newry from 1-3 September 2016 for 'Pride in Newry' event.
7. AD/LEG/209 - Admission of arc21 to the Local Government Pension Scheme NI Guarantee Agreement
8. Licence Agreement - AD/LEG/160 - Council and Libraries NI

NOTICES OF MOTION**C/169/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR W CLARKE**

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

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We Newry, Mourne and Down, condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Newry, Mourne and Down will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Newry, Mourne and Down that they are valued members of our community."

In proposing the motion, Councillor W Clarke stated that he had been lobbied by Amnesty International, who were campaigning against hate crimes and he hoped to gain all Parties support for the Motion which would become the policy of Council.

Councillor W Clarke said that there had been an increase in racism, xenophobia and hate crimes since the EU Referendum. He said all of the citizens of Newry, Mourne and Down were valued members of the community, and the Motion would send out a message that the Council condemned racism, xenophobia and hate crimes and the District was a tolerant place to live for all citizens. He referred to the many ethnic minority communities and immigrants that contributed so much to the culture and diversity of the District's society including working in all sectors of industry, saying this Motion would show support and solidarity to the communities.

Councillor W Clarke said a clear message should go out that racist attitudes or attacks would not be tolerated in the District and it was also vital that the PSNI, Council, local businesses, statutory stakeholders and the wider community worked together to take a zero tolerance attitude to hate crimes. He finished by paying tribute to the Council officers in Community Relations, the PCSP, voluntary groups and other statutory partners for their work in the area.

Councillor Brown seconded the motion stating a small unrepresentative minority had used the outcome of Brexit and the actions of right wing politicians such as Nigel Farage to legitimise their agenda of hate. He added homophobic attacks had increased by 75% over the past few years.

Councillor Reilly expressed concerns regarding the earlier comments from Councillor Brown about Nigel Farage, saying he did not make racist comments. He also expressed concerns over the protestant minority in the District, saying no one who lived in the District from the protestant community should be denied resources or access to facilities, but that was what was happening. He also said some foreigners coming into the country could be homophobic, racist people with extreme right wing views.

Councillor Hyland disagreed with Councillor Reilly's comments, saying members of the protestant community were treated with the utmost respect.

Councillors Walker, Enright, Taylor, Byrne and Hyland spoke in support of the motion. Councillor Byrne said he took comfort in the words regarding the recent attack in Newry on the LGBT activists and added that many hate crimes went unreported.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clark, seconded by Councillor Brown, to adopt the motion that "the Council is proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Councillors in Newry, Mourne and Down,**

condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally and will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Newry, Mourne and Down will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

The Council will reassure all people living in Newry, Mourne and Down that they are valued members of our community.”

C/170/2016

NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR WALKER

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

"That this Council totally opposes the threatened closure of Ballynahinch & Newcastle Social Security Offices. And calls upon the Minister for Communities to review the proposed closures."

In proposing the motion, Councillor Walker stated he had been contacted by concerned staff in the Ballynahinch Social Security Office about the threatened closure of the Ballynahinch and Newcastle Social Security Offices. Councillor Walker said staff were to be relocated to Downpatrick and Lisburn and claimants would have to travel to these offices which would affect the most vulnerable people in society, many of whom did not drive and could not take the bus to Downpatrick or Lisburn. He proposed that Council write to the Minister for Communities asking him to review the proposed closures.

Councillor Sharvin in seconding the motion asked for an amendment to the motion to include a request to the Minister for no cuts to jobs in the Downpatrick Social Security office.

The proposer agreed to the amendment.

Councillors Hanna, Macauley, W Clarke and P Clarke spoke in support of the motion. Councillor Hanna requested a meeting with the Minister for Communities. Councillor P Clarke said money had been spent on an upgrade to the Newcastle Social Security Offices which should be noted to the Minister.

AGREED:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sharvin that Council write to the Minister for Communities informing him of Council's opposition to the threatened closure of the Ballynahinch

and Newcastle Social Security Offices, asking him to review the proposed closures and requesting an urgent cross party meeting.

C/171/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR P CLARKE

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

“That this Council supports the introduction of legislation by the Northern Ireland Assembly to specifically address and give the necessary legal powers and requisites to remove the unauthorised flying and unofficial display of any flags on public street-lighting lamp posts without the authorised permission and/or an approved licence or other forms of protocol established through an application process mechanism approved by the Department of Infrastructure.

Furthermore that this Council also now writes to both the Executive Offices of the First and Deputy First Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure with responsibility for public roads and public street lighting lamp posts to consider the drafting and bringing forward of the necessary legislation required to the floor of the Northern Ireland Assembly in order to tighten up the legal framework and give stronger legislative powers to the Department of Infrastructure to address and remove any flags on public street lighting lamp posts that are deemed unauthorised by the Department of Infrastructure which the current Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 legislation does not provide.”

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that after discussion with the proposer of the motion, Councillor P Clarke, the motion would be referred to the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group under Standing Order 16.1 (6) for discussion. She added Councillor P Clarke would be invited to the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group and also to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee to speak about the motion.

Councillor P Clarke said he had reservations about referring the motion to the Reference Group as he would have preferred this to be debated at the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee, if it was the Chairperson’s decision to refer it from the Council meeting.

Some other Councillors said they concurred with Councillor P Clarke on this.

The Chairperson said she was dealing with the matter in line with Standing Orders and the Chief Executive advised that Councillors

would still have the opportunity to debate the motion at both SPR and full Council, following its initial consideration at the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Notice of Motion received from Councillor P Clarke, be referred to the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for discussion, with Councillor P Clarke being invited to attend the Reference Group meeting when this matter was being discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 September 2016 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor N Bailie
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J Tinnelly

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism#
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director ERT
Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/128/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apology was received:

Councillor D Curran

ERT/129/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

**ERT/130/2016: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 August 2016.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 August 2016.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/131/2016: WARRENPOINT BATHS

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding an update on Warrenpoint Baths.
(Copy circulated)

Councillor McAteer expressed his disappointment that the proposed plan for Warrenpoint Baths did not meet Heritage Lottery Fund criteria for possible funding and he suggested that before the Council proceed with this project, that all options should be explored that could keep the Heritage Lottery Fund on board regarding a project for Warrenpoint Baths including the possibility of amending the plans.

He also referred to the fact people had expressed sentiments for the provision of a bathing/water facility at Warrenpoint and he felt the Council should this option.

Mrs Ward explained that Heritage Lottery Fund looked for projects which are heritage based and would involve restoring a facility to its original use but that the proposal for Warrenpoint Baths was focused around commercial/mixed use entity.

She said that the provision of a swimming facility for Warrenpoint would fall under the remit of the Sports Facility Strategy for consideration by the Active & Healthy Communities Committee.

Councillor Ruane and Councillor W Clarke expressed their view regarding a project at Warrenpoint Baths and felt it was important to move forward with the Council's current proposals for this site.

Councillor Hanna proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded to approve the recommendations contained in Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer, that a further detailed options report be tabled at the ERT Committee Meeting following the outcome of the Warrenpoint Baths planning application process. This will include prioritisation and financial implications for options 1 and 2, as option 3 and 4 are seen at this stage as last resort options.

Councillor McAteer said he did not support the above decision and said the Council should amend the proposed plans for Warrenpoint Baths in order to keep Heritage Lottery Fund on board.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

For: 8
Against: 4

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer, that a further detailed options report be tabled at the ERT Committee Meeting following the outcome of the Warrenpoint Baths planning application process. This will include prioritisation and financial implications for options 1 and 2, as option 3 and 4 are seen at this stage as last resort options.

AGREED: Tourism figures for 2015 and 2016 to be circulated to Members for information.

ERT/132/2016: FORKHILL GREENSPACE PROJECT

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Forkhill Green Space Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the Council enter into and sign a Works Licence Agreement to allow for the longer term maintenance of the completed Forkhill Greenspace Project, as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

ERT/133/2016: CLANRYE RIVER & PUBLIC REALM CLEAN UP

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Clanrye River (City Sections) and Public Realm Clean Up. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer:

- (a) Council request funding from Department for Communities (DFC) towards the `Clean-up of the Clanyre River (City Sections)` and `Washing of the Public Realm Urban Pathways`**
- (b) Subject to successful Business Case being completed, accept/sign relevant Letters of Offer for both proposed projects and proceed to relevant procurement exercises to get the works completed.**

AGREED: It was also agreed Officials examine if it is possible to extend arrangements for the clean up of the Clanyre River to other rivers in the District.

ERT/134/2016: KILKEEL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Kilkeel Strategic Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism:

- (i) Newry Mourne & Down District Council to act as lead partner for this stage only to ensure project moves ahead. This will involve Newry Mourne & Down District Council signing an operating agreement with SIB on behalf of partners (Seasource/ISP, DAERA, NM&DDC and INI). Subject to KSP leading on lobby to ensure a government department sponsors this project beyond this phase and Council writing to relevant**

Ministers (DAERA and DfC) requesting this is given urgent priority and placing on record Newry Mourne & Down District Council's position on this matter.

- (ii) Newry Mourne & Down District Council co fund this phase of the project in following way – 10% KSP/Seasource, 25% NMDDC, 65% DAERA and INI up to maximum of £50,000 total cost.**
- (iii) Newry Mourne & Down District Council work with SIB to finalise the operating agreement with SIB procuring direct any services required for this phase of the project, ie, experts to draft Terms of Reference, etc.**

On behalf of Councillor Curran, Councillor Burgess asked that Ardglass also be looked at in terms of an infrastructure project.

Mr McGilly said work would also include exploring other locations that could potentially house this facility including Ardglass.

ERT/135/2016: LETTING OF LANDS AT DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK

Read: Report dated 12 September 2015 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the letting of lands at Delamont Country Park. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, that the Council proceed to seek expressions of interest for 1 No. lot 30.34 hectares for sheet grazing/arable, with an indicative value of £100.00 per/acre and accept the offer of the highest value (as per decision by SMT Meeting – SMT/246/2016. Expressions of interest to be sought in October 2016 for the five year period 01 April 2017 to 01 October 2021.

ERT/136/2016: NEWRY TOWN HALL – SCHEDULE OF WORKS

Read: Report dated 12 September 2015 from Ms J Turley Facilities Administrator regarding a meeting with user groups regarding a schedule of works in respect of Newry Town Hall. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Ms J Turley Facilities Administrator, regarding Newry Town Hall Schedule of works:

- (1) To close Newry Town Hall for Main Hall bookings from 15 May – 15 September 2017.
- (2) Mood Boards be produced to inform all groups and others of progress of works.
- (3) Meeting be convened at later date with Director of ERT, User groups and Theatre Consultant to inform them of proposed works.
- (4) Consultation process to begin in Autumn with Arts Groups/relevant bodies for Audience Development Strategy.

ERT/137/2016: NEWRY TOWN CENTRE BID

Read: Report dated 12 September 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Memorandum of Understanding between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Department of Communities regarding Newry City Centre Bid.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed Newry Mourne and Down District Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Communities in respect of Newry Town Centre BID and draw down funding as required, as per Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

AGREED: A letter of thanks and best wishes be sent to the former Chief Executive of BID.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/138/2016: DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM

Read: Report dated September 2016 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding Museum opening times for Down County Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Bailie it was agreed as follows, as recommended in Report dated September

2016, from Mr M King Museum Curator (Down County Museum) regarding opening times for Down County Museum, with effect from 1 October 2016:

- (a) Opening times for Down County Museum be changed to those already in place at Newry Museum, ie, Mon-Sat 10am to 4.30pm, Sun 1.30pm to 5pm.**
- (b) No reduction in Cathedral View Tea Rooms opening hours – Tearoom opening on Saturday mornings can be arranged.**
- (c) Booked room and tour bookings extending beyond 4.30pm can still be accommodated from Monday to Saturday as Museum staff will still be available to manage these bookings until 5pm.**

ERT/139/2016: GREEN TOURISM

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Mahon, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Green Tourism – top 100 Green destinations in Europe. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the appointment of 5 No. delegates/destination ambassadors to attend the Global Green Destinations Conference and Gala Dinner on 27 September 2016 in Ljubljana Slovenia.

ERT/140/2016: INVITATION – TOURISM NI BOARD TO VISIT NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT

Mrs Ward explained that with the development of a Tourism Strategy it would be beneficial to invite the Board of Tourism NI to the District.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to extend an invitation to the Board of Tourism NI to the Newry Mourne and Down District.

The trip will be held potentially over a 2 day period and a full programme will be tabled at a Meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for consideration.

ITEMS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

ERT/141/2016: PURCHASE OF LANDS AT SLIEVE GULLION

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

Read: Report dated 22 August 2016 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding the purchase of 4.33 acres of land at Slieve Gullion Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: When the Committee came `out of closed session`, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Harvey to approve the recommendation as follows, as contained in Report dated 22 August 2016 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) The Council proceed to purchase 4.33 acres of land at Slieve Gullion Forest Park subject to obtaining Planning permission for car parking.
- (b) To proceed with detailed design and submission of Planning Application for new car parking at Slieve Gullion Forest Park and to secure the services of external design services as required.

FOR NOTING**ERT/142/2016: CAMLOUGH LAKE REHABILITATION CONTRACT & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Read: Report dated 26 August 2016 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Camlough Lake Rehabilitation Contract and future Development at Camlough Lake. **(Copy enclosed)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the following update regarding Camlough Lake Rehabilitation Contract and Future Development, as per Report dated 26 August 2016 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (1) To note update on contract progress
- (2) To accept revised vesting map as per attached drawing with additional lands.
- (3) To note update on vesting timescale, procedure for vesting and funding opportunities for future development.
- (4) Mr D Murphy to liaise with contract supervisor on site to identify boulders along fisherman walks that would be beneficial to have removed in achievable.
- (5) Council Officials to liaise with groups involved in signage at the slipway to determine if they can be relocated to be displayed on the containers.
- (6) Option 3 Figure 10 preferred option from the Masterplan to strive for in future development.

ERT/143/2016: TOURISM STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

Read: Newry, Mourne & Down Action Planning Workshops and Drop in discussions September 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Tourism Strategy Workshops for Newry Mourne & Down – Action Planning Workshop and Drop in Discussions – September 2016.

ERT/144/2016: NI ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 12 September 2016 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding the Northern Ireland Economic Strategy – call for evidence response. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note Report dated 12 September from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding the Northern Ireland Economic Strategy – call for evidence response, subject to any additional comments from Members.

ERT/145/2016: CONGRATULATIONS – FESTIVALS/EVENTS 2016

Councillor Ruane extended congratulations to Council staff were involved in the organisation and running of the Wake the Giant Festival in Warrenpoint which was a huge success.

Councillor Stokes referred to the last 3 festivals held in Newry which were Council supported events and which were a massive success, ie, Iur Cinn Fleadh, Pride Festival and Water & Triathlon Festival.

Several Members concurred with the previous comments and extended their thanks to all Council staff involved in the organising and assisting with the many events held across the District

Noted: It was noted a meeting would be convened in October 2016 to discuss events for 2017.

The Meeting concluded at 5.50pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 October 2016.

Signed: **Councillor R Burgess**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday
15 September 2016 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick.**

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| In the Chair: | Councillor P Brown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Councillor G Sharvin | Councillor W Walker | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also in Attendance: | Councillor J Trainor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Officials in Attendance: | <p>Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation & Performance Ms H McKee, Assistant Director Community Planning Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Human Resources) Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Finance) Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Legal & Administrative Services) Mr E McManus, Capital Projects Mr G Ringland, IT Manager Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also in Attendance: | <p>Ms J Jackson, Acuity Business Solutions Mr G Middleton, Acuity Business Solutions</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SPR/187/2016

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no apologies recorded.

SPR/188/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive declared an interest in Item 19: Release of Charge – Lislea Community Association.

SPR/189/2016:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2016 (circulated).

Mrs Carville advised a revised actions sheet had been compiled with the aim of improving accountability with regard to progress and completion of agreed actions. She said a column had been included which would be populated with a yes or no as to whether Committee agreed to have an action removed, if it had been satisfactorily completed.

Councillor Sharvin stated he would expect to have a target date attributed to actions in order that Members would be able to measure if officers had completed actions in a timely fashion.

Councillor Enright said he agreed with Councillor Sharvin and said if a target date was in place, it should be aimed for.

Councillor Clarke acknowledged that target dates would only be expected in respect of management actions as management had no control over actions to be taken by third parties.

Mrs Carville advised the action paragraph would contain much more detailed and up to date information in order to inform the Committee's decision as to whether an item should be removed from the action sheet. She stated estimated target dates could also be included within the summary.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Walker to endorse the new action sheet format.

The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 11 August 2016, was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Bailie, seconded by Councillor Ruane.

SPR/190/2016:- MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP – 30 AUGUST 2016

Read: Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 30 August 2016 (circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 30 August 2016 and recommendations were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murnin.**

It was agreed to take items 12 and 15 at this stage of the meeting.

SPR/191/2016 NEWRY STREET UNITE PROJECT, KILKEEL

Read: Correspondence received from Land & Property Services dated 20th July 2016 providing valuation advice relating to sale of land and waiver covenant at Hillside Drive, Kilkeel (copy circulated).

Mr Lipsett advised Newry Street Unite had secured £350,000 from the Big Lottery Space and Place project to provide a community facility and upgrade the Council's existing play park at Hillside Drive, Kilkeel.

Mr Lipsett stated that Newry Street Unite had written to the Council seeking approval to lease the site for the community centre development and a play area, and a request was also made asking the Council to lease the other piece of ground from the Housing Executive and sub-lease it to them also.

Mr Lipsett advised that the Housing Executive had submitted revised proposals that a payment of £14,500 for a 25 year lease be paid and a business case to be made for a community asset transfer which will allow the site to be leased at a nil premium.

Mr Lipsett recommended that the Committee agreed to the business case being pursued through the Department of Finance and Department of Communities and if unsuccessful, the matter be brought back to Committee.

Councillor Doran proposed to accept the officer's recommendation stating he had concerns the project would not be completed by April 2017.

Mr Lipsett advised the Housing Executive were working closely with Council to ensure the project happened as quickly as possible.

Councillor Quinn seconded the proposal stating if possible that, in order to fast track the application, letters be written in support of the project to all Departments.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Quinn to accept the officer's recommendation and to write letters of support to all Departments, if required to expedite the start date.

SPR/192/2016 **FORMER KINDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL – BUSINESS CASE**

Read: Outline Business Case for the purchase of the former Kindle Primary School in Ballykinlar Village with a recommendation to purchase the site from Department of Education in order to develop a community centre, subject to full economic appraisal and business case being carried out on the site. (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to accept the officer's recommendation to purchase the site from Department of Education in order to develop a community centre, subject to full economic appraisal and business case being carried out on the site.

PRESENTATION

SPR/193/2016:- **IT STRATEGY**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 15 September 2016, regarding IT Strategy. (copy circulated)

Mrs Carville advised the IT Strategy had now been completed and it had been agreed to bring it to the Committee. She stated what was being presented was only the strategy which may be altered going forward according to business need.

Mrs Carville stated she was asking for Members to agree the principles of the strategy and to agree, in principle, an estimated expenditure of £7.6m over a four year period. Approval was also sought for commencement of the year 1 activity.

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Jackson and Mr Middleton from Acuity Business Solutions to the Committee Meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms Jackson and Mr Middleton provided some background to the strategy stating there were 3 major drivers for change and change was required across 3 principle themes, namely to help achieve the corporate objectives, to ensure that IT services work better together to meet business requirements cost effectively and to ensure the IT

environment had the required stability and resilience to support the business and service users. (copy of presentation appended to these minutes)

Members asked the following questions:

- There was not enough information provided in the report with regard to how the £7.6m would be spent. How much were each of the projects going to cost?
- How would reliable platforms be measured?
- There were no Key Performance Indicators included, this would be expected in a strategy such as this.
- How many fixed term staff would be required?
- Was £7.6m a high end estimate?
- Council had multiple systems some of which were unfit for purpose, where these considered as part of this project?
- Would the systems being provided become out of date by the end of the four year period?

Ms Jackson, Mr Middleton, Mrs Carville and Mr Hannaway responded to the queries as follows:

- The document was a transformation programme of work rather than a list of items to be procured. A functioning modern IT System was needed to meet the objectives of the Councils Corporate Plan 2014-2019. This Strategy sets out what was needed to meet these objectives.
- There were 40 projects identified and, based on previous experience and the Council's requirements, an estimate of each project was made. A cost/benefit analysis would need to be completed on each project before any decision was made to progress the project.
- The detail of costs, and what would be provided, would be detailed in the next stage of the process.
- Reliability was a fundamental aspect to the project and would be the most important part of the work carried out.
- Key Performance Indicators would form part of the next level of the project rather than being contained within the strategy document.
- The projects would be resourced using the most cost effective way of delivering services.
- £7.6m would be a high end estimate, however there were questions still to be answered on what Council was likely to want and what it would see as priority issues.
- The next stage of the project would look at the detailed cost/benefit analysis of each of the 40 identified projects. Each individual project would only get a green light to progress if the business case stood up to scrutiny. Money needed to be built into the capital programme in order to improve the IT infrastructure.
- The system required would need to be resilient, however it would not just be one system that would be purchased. The idea would be to

approach suppliers telling them what was required and what the programme needed to do.

Following further discussion, Councillor W Clarke proposed that Council:

- agree the principles of the strategy;
- agree, in principle, an estimated expenditure of £7.6m over a four year period;
- approve commencement of the year 1 activity.

This was seconded by Councillor Bailie.

Councillor Carr stated Council had already invested heavily in IT infrastructure since the merger of the two legacy Councils. He stated the Committee had not had enough time to look at the documents and asked for a breakdown of what each project would cost.

Mrs Carville agreed to circulate details of the costings of the projects listed within the strategy to all Members on the Committee which detailed the estimated £7.6m.

The Chairperson advised there had been a proposer and seconder to accept the officer's recommendation and asked if all were in agreement. Due to some abstentions, the matter was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 11
AGAINST: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 4

The proposal was CARRIED.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Bailie that Council:

- agree the principles of the strategy;
- agree, in principle, an estimated expenditure of £7.6m over a four year period;
- approve commencement of the year 1 activity.

CORPORATE SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES

SPR/194/2016 ELECTED MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATION SCHEME - UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Human Resources), dated 15 September 2016, regarding the Accredited Training Success within the Council undertaken by Employees and Elected Members during the period of January 2015-date. (copy circulated).

Members spoke in support of the scheme and congratulated all Elected Members and employees who had been successful in securing qualifications through the scheme.

Councillor Ó'Múiri asked whether there was much uptake from Members and employees and if there were any courses that were unavailable through the scheme.

Mrs Miskelly advised the figures for uptake for the year 2016-17 were included within the report and stated that provided the requirements of the scheme were met and the money was available, then support would be provided.

Councillor W Clarke referred to employees only being reimbursed 50% of the course fees, while Elected Members received 100% of fees, and asked if this put employees at lower pay grades off from applying for the scheme.

Mrs Miskelly stated the two schemes were not like-for-like as employees received time off for study leave which Elected Members did not. She said there was no evidence of employees not taking up course places due to only being reimbursed 50% of fees.

Noted: The report on Elected Member and Employee Qualification Scheme was noted.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SPR/195/2016 STAFF CELEBRATION EVENT

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 15 September 2016, regarding a Staff Celebration Event to be held in the Down area on Friday 2 December 2016 at a maximum cost of £5,000 (copy circulated).

Members spoke in support of the officer's recommendation stating it was important to recognise the excellent work undertaken by Council employees during difficult times and it was a great opportunity to build staff morale.

Councillor Sharvin agreed that Council staff did an excellent job and should be rewarded. However he said there could be a perception among ratepayers that funding for voluntary and other organisations had been cut, and yet there was enough funding for a party for staff, which may create the wrong impression.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to approve a staff

celebration event to be held in the Down area on Friday 2 December 2016 at a maximum cost of £5000.

SPR/196/2016 LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK 2016

Read: Report from Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager and Ms J McCabe, Social Inclusion & Diversity Projects Coordinator, dated 15 September 2016, Local Democracy Week, seeking approval to host a Question Time event for the local Youth Councils on Wednesday 12 October 2016. The report stated discussion would take place on two topics chosen by the Youth Councils namely Brexit and refugees. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to accept the officer's recommendation to host a Question time event for local Youth Councils on Wednesday 12 October 2016.**

SPR/197/2016 SOLACE NI CONFERENCE – 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Read: Report from Ms K Bingham, Policy Officer, Solace NI dated 15 September 2016, regarding Solace NI Conference scheduled to take place on 3 November 2016 from 9.30am-4.30pm in the Hilton, Templepatrick. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Enright to accept the officer's recommendation that Elected Members and officers who would like to attend the SOLACE NI conference should download the registration form and forward completed form to events@solace.org.uk.**

SPR/198/2016 CONSIDERATION OF FINAL SUBMISSION OF EUROPEAN FUNDING UNDER LIBERATE

Mr Curtis advised the issue of European Funding under Liberate was raised at a previous meeting with officers being tasked to look at the Horizon 2020. Following investigations, it had been agreed that the Albert Basin in Newry would be a suitable project for this funding and he was asking for approval to join Liberate, at no cost to Council, with the possibility of securing up to £500,000 support for the project.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Andrews to accept the officer's recommendation to join Liberate, at no cost to Council.**

SPR/199/2016 ABANDONED BOAT IN DUNDRUM INNER BAY

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Legal Advisor dated 15 September 2016, regarding an abandoned boat in Dundrum Inner Bay. The report outlined a salvage expert had advised Council it would cost approximately £6,000 to assess the implications arising from removing the boat and that a third party had recently approached Council to enquire into the possibility of removing the boat for salvage at no cost to Council. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Murnin to enter into negotiations with a third party to remove the boat at Dundrum Inner Bay at no cost to the Council and a report be brought back to Committee on the course of action considered to be best value for money.**

SPR/200/2016 **REPORT ON BREXIT**

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager dated 15 September 2016, regarding Brexit recommending the following:

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council request all Councils along the border corridor to participate in the appointment of a consultant via East Border Region Company to carry out a scoping exercise on the economic and social impact of Brexit.
- Council representatives to lobby Brussels at a meeting on 10th October 2016 with the AFCO Committee. East Border Region to cover the cost of their Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and one official attending the meeting. The Council would have to meet the cost of delegates it wished to send in addition to those from the East Board Region.
- Write to the Republic of Ireland Government to seek that they expedite the SWELL funding application and other relevant cross-border initiatives.
- Organise a conference for Councils to manage Brexit for the future. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councilor Andrews to accept the officer's recommendation to:**

- **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council request all Councils along the border corridor to participate in the appointment of a consultant via East Border Region Company to carry out a scoping exercise on the economic and social impact of Brexit.**
- **Council representatives to lobby Brussels at a meeting on 10th October 2016 with the AFCO Committee. East Border Region to cover the cost of their Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and one official attending the meeting.**

The Council would have to meet the cost of any delegates it wished to send in addition to those from the East Board Region.

- Write to the Republic of Ireland Government to seek that they expedite the SWELL funding application and other relevant cross-border initiatives.
- Organise a conference for Councils to manage Brexit for the future.

GRANT AIDED PROGRAMMES

SPR/201/2016 MINUTES OF INAUGURAL PEACE IV PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Read: Minutes from Inaugural Peace IV Partnership Meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2016 in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry (copy circulated).

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager and Ms J McCabe, Social Inclusion & Diversity Projects Coordinator dated 15 September 2016, regarding the inaugural Peace IV Partnership Meeting minutes. (copy circulated).

AGREED: **The minutes were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Enright.**

ESTATE

SPR/202/2016 PROPOSED LEASE OF JACK MACKIN PARK GAELIC PITCH AT ROONEYS MEADOW, NEWRY TO ST JOHN BOSCO GAC

Read: Report from Mrs C McKenna, Administration, dated 15 September 2016, regarding proposed lease of Jack Mackin Park gaelic pitch at Rooney's Meadow, Newry to St John Bosco GAC at a peppercorn rental subject to DOE approval. The report recommended that Council proceed with the lease, subject to Housing Executive approval. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murnin to accept the officer's recommendation to proceed with the lease, subject to Housing Executive approval.**

The Chief Executive, having declared an interest in the next item, left the meeting at this stage – 7.05pm

SPR/203/2016 RELEASE OF CHARGE – LISLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Legal Advisor and Mrs C McKenna, Administration, dated 15 September 2016, regarding recommendation to release the charge dated 5 December 2000 on land in Folio AR 22313L Co Armagh in relation to a contribution from the Legacy Council to Lislea Community Association as the payback period has expired and the covenants of the charge were complied with during that period. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Bailie to accept the officer's recommendation to release the charge for Lislea Community Association.**

CAPITAL**SPR/204/2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS - UPDATE**

Read: Report from Mr E McManus, Capital Projects, dated 15 September 2016, regarding progress in relation to Capital Projects. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report regarding the update in relation to the progress of Capital Projects was noted.**

SPR/205/2016 NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE – PHASE II – ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR ACCOMMODATION

Read: Report from Mr E McManus, Capital Projects dated 15 September 2016 regarding additional cost to Council to provide office accommodation for Leisure Services and Sports Department staff within Phase 2 of Newry Leisure Centre at an estimated cost of £70,000 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murnin to accept the officer's recommendation to provide office accommodation for Leisure Services and Sports Department staff within Phase 2 of Newry Leisure Centre at an estimated cost of £70,000.**

It was agreed to take items 20 and 21 together.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SPR/207/2016 BALLYNAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE**SPR/208/2016 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION YOUTH CAPITAL FUND:
BALLYNAHINCH COMMUNITY HUB**

Mr Curtis advised he had held a meeting with Department of Education who advised they had a Youth Capital Fund that Council was not aware of.

Mr Curtis was seeking approval to set up a small team to complete an application by 30th September 2016 as there is a significant amount of money available through that scheme. He advised there was a possibility to include as part of Peace IV funding application.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Walker to accept the officer's recommendation.**

**SPR/209/2016 DELEGATION VISIT TO BRUSSELS EAST BORDER REGION
COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 2016**

Mr Curtis advised that as outlined in the report on Brexit (SPR/200/2016), East Border Region were going to Brussels to lobby the European Parliament on 9th-10th October 2016. He recommended that in addition to the East Border Region delegates, Council appoint one official plus the Chairperson of Council and Chairperson of the SPR Committee attend.

Councillor Enright proposed that Council send the Chief Executive, Chairperson of Council and Chairperson of SPR Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Ruane that Council send the Chief Executive, Chairperson of Council and Chairperson of SPR Committee.**

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015****SPR/210/2016 DERELICT SITE – DAISY HILL, NEWRY**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act**

(Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Read: Report from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Maintenance and Mrs C McKenna, Administration, dated 15 September 2016, regarding Council land at Daisy Hill, Newry – Former Dwelling site (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to accept the officer's recommendations as follows:**

- **Council declare the land as surplus**
- **Request Land & Property Services to provide a current market valuation and a recommendation on the most appropriate way to dispose of the land**
- **The concrete shed on site to be demolished, if required, in advance of the proposed sale**
- **Review, and if necessary, improve security at the site to reduce unauthorised entry/anti-social behaviour.**

SPR/211/2016: ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chairperson advised that Councillor Enright had requested an additional item to be heard under any other business.

Councillors expressed concern about items not on the Agenda being raised and said this was not usual practice.

The Chairperson said he would consider Members raising items additional to the Agenda, if advised to him prior to the Meeting.

Councillor Enright stated his item was in relation to Sellafield Power Plant.

The Chairperson stated this item was listed on the agenda for the Active and Healthy Communities Committee and Councillor Trainor had submitted a Notice of Motion for the October Council Meeting so the matter would be heard at these Meetings.

The meeting concluded at 7.26pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 October 2016.

Signed: **Councillor Patrick Brown**
 Chairperson

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



Newry, Mourne and Down District Council IT Strategy

Decisions

The SPRC Committee is asked to:

- Agree the principles of the IT Strategy and the concept of an IT Transformation Programme.
- Agree in principle the estimated expenditure of £7.6m over 4 years
- Approve the commencement of IT Transformation activities

To support that decision, we will

- Outline the IT Strategy
- Describe the IT Transformation Programme
- Explain the estimated expenditure
- Outline the planned activities



IT Strategy

- 3 Major Drivers for Change in IT:
 - Complete the consolidation of IT services
 - Improve the reliability of IT services
 - Provide new IT to support Corporate Plan objectives
- 3 Principal Themes:
 - Resolve reliability by using managed service providers
 - Co-ordinate IT better, so that it all works together
 - Define business requirements, specify and obtain suitable services



Transformation Programme

- Over 40 improvements grouped into 16 Delivery Projects
 - Grouping similar requirements so they work well together
 - Reducing costs by managing change efficiently
- Project Phases
 - Business Case & Specification
 - What will it cost, what will it deliver, how will it be delivered
 - What are the detailed requirements, how will we obtain them
 - Procurement
 - Best value test
 - Different procurement methods, depending on the type of requirement
 - In some cases, formal procurement may not be required at all
 - Implementation
 - Managing Supplier delivery
 - Changing the organisation to make best use of the new services
 - Operation
 - Management of the new services



Transformation Programme

- Resources
 - Staff effort from IT and other departments
 - External specialist work to support the council
 - Supplier work and other costs
- Governance
 - IT Projects Board
 - Part of Business Transformation governance

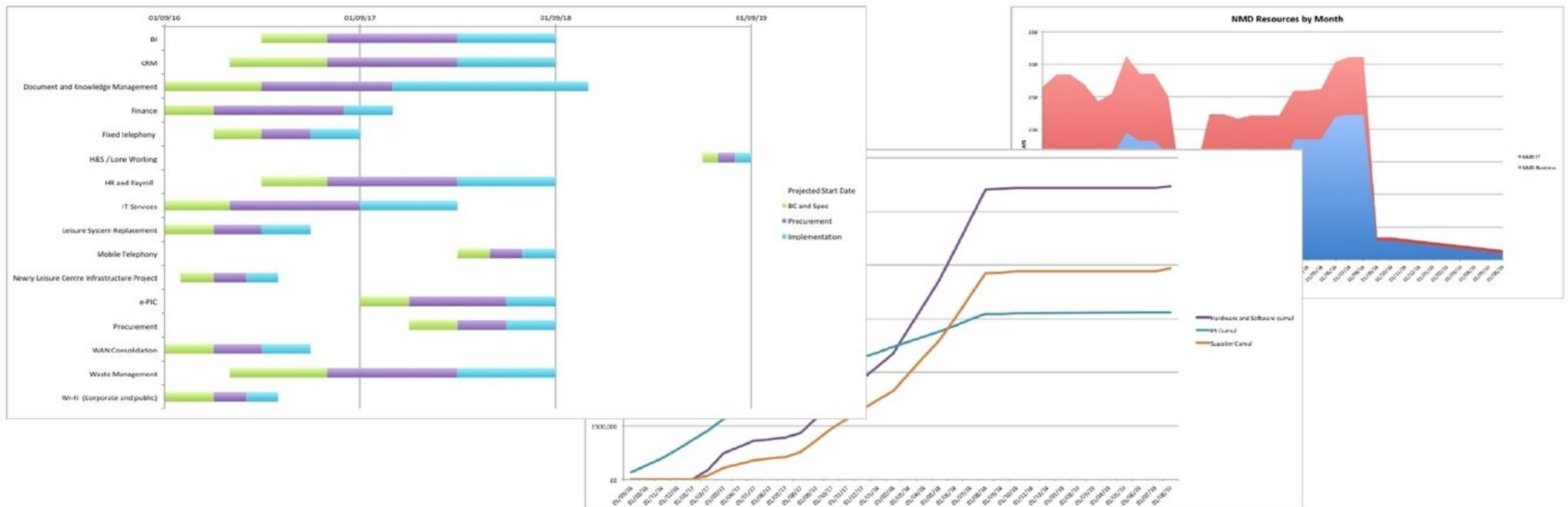
Estimated Transformation Costs

| | 2016/2017 | | 2017/2018 | | 2018/2019 | | 2019/2020 | | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Current Revenue | £ | 210,000 | £ | 210,000 | £ | 80,000 | £ | - | £ 500,000 |
| New Revenue | £ | 210,000 | £ | 400,000 | £ | 220,000 | £ | 10,000 | £ 840,000 |
| Capital | £ | 920,000 | £ | 2,750,000 | £ | 2,540,000 | £ | 50,000 | £ 6,260,000 |
| Total | £ | 1,340,000 | £ | 3,360,000 | £ | 2,840,000 | £ | 60,000 | £ 7,600,000 |

- Revenue Costs
 - Internal resources
 - Some will be absorbed within existing staff
- Capital Costs
 - Approximately 1% increase on Rates for £6.26m Capital Costs
 - Some reductions expected by bringing effort in-house
 - Supplier Costs highly dependent on eventual scope
- Operating Costs
 - Increase in IT operations costs balanced by decrease in other costs
- Each project will have a business justification balancing cost and return

Outline Plan

- 4 urgent projects starting immediately
 - IT infrastructure resilience
 - Network improvement
 - WiFi
 - Leisure System for Newry Leisure Centre
- Detailed planning will develop scope, costs and timings for all projects



NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT of Elected Member Development Working Group held on Monday 12 September 2016 at 3:30pm am in the Conference Room, Monaghan Row, Newry

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor T Andrews (4:06pm)
Councillor H Harvey

In attendance **(Officials)**

Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mrs H McElroy, Learning & Development Manager
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs S Kieran, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies: Councillor R Mulgrew

ACTION SHEET OF THE ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP – 4 APRIL 2016

Read: **Action Sheet from the Elected Member Development Working Group – 14 April 2016 (copy circulated)**

2. Action Sheet of the Elected Member Development Working Group 4 February 2016

Councillor Harvey advised against training sessions at the weekends.

Mrs McParland said the matter had been discussed at the Party Representatives Forum on 27 June 2016 and the preferred arrangements would be for early morning half, day training sessions.

4. Draft Terms of Reference

Mrs McParland confirmed the Terms of Reference had been updated.

AGREED: **The Action Sheet of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on 4 April 2016 was agreed.**

E LEARNING FEEDBACK ON ELECTED MEMBER MODULES

Mrs McParland advised that Councillors Mulgrew and Ó'Muirí had offered to provide feedback on the Elected Member Modules, but as Councillor Mulgrew could not attend the meeting, it would be placed onto the next meeting agenda.

In response to a query from Councillor Harvey, Mrs Miskelly advised she was unsure regarding the regional steering group's progress.

AGREED: It was agreed that the feedback on Elected Member Modules would be placed onto the next meeting agenda.

PRESENTATION ON NMDDC EMDC SELF-ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT DRAFT 1

Read: NMDDC EMDC Self-Assessment DRAFT 1.

Mrs Miskelly advised that the officers had been tasked to complete the self-assessment in terms of standards required to achieve re-accreditation of the Charter.

Mrs Miskelly suggested after the presentation, Members would talk to their Party groupings about the self-assessment document. She highlighted the appendix which was a record of the evidence.

Mrs Miskelly stressed the need for commitment from the Members in order to achieve the re-accreditation.

Councillor Harvey placed on record his thanks to all of the work done on the self-assessment document, saying it was appreciated.

Mrs McElroy took the Member through the presentation, saying the Elected Member Development Charter had been achieved initially in 2013, and the Council was now submitting for reassessment in late November, early December 2016. She said Council would be assessed against the self-assessment document and highlighted the traffic light system showing the status of each criterion: a green status meant all of the evidence had been gathered, an amber status meaning further work was required in the area, but action points had been identified on how this was to be achieved.

Mrs McElroy asked Members to provide feedback on any of the evidence, including providing further evidence. She requested Members look at the evidence regarding their role profiles and descriptions and the Learning & Development policy as they were two key pieces of evidence and then further discuss the issues at the Party Representatives Forum on 29 September 2016.

Mrs Miskelly said that the Charter had previously been achieved as a cluster and that Members would need to decide whether the Learning & Development policy and role profiles and descriptions were still fit for purpose in the new council.

Mrs McElroy advised Members that the Assessment Day would be 29 November 2016.

(During the presentation, Councillor Andrews joined the meeting at 4:06pm)

Mrs McParland advised of the next steps, saying Members would consult with their Party groupings on the self-assessment document. Mrs McParland undertook to email all 41 Members regarding the role profiles and the Learning & Development Policy, advising of the discussion at this meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed that:

- **Members would consult with their Party groupings on the self-assessment document**
- **All Councillors to be emailed regarding role profiles and the Learning & Development Policy, advising of the discussion held.**
- **Mrs McElroy and Members of the Elected Member Development Working Group would be invited to the Party Representatives Forum on 29 September 2016.**
- **Self-Assessment Document and Timetable for the Assessment day to be circulated.**
- **The names of interviewees would be sought from Party Leaders at or shortly after the Party Representatives Forum.**
- **Self-Assessment Document to be presented to Council on 7 November 2016 for approval prior to the Assessment Day on 29 November 2016.**

ASSESSMENT DAY SCHEDULE/DATE

Mrs Miskelly and Mrs McElroy outlined the details of the schedule on Assessment Day, confirming that all 7 Members of the Elected Member Development Working Group should attend for the 45 minute interview.

They confirmed the Assistant Director, Community Planning, Mrs H McKee had committed to the Frontline Officer interview, and suggested at least 5 Members (not on the EMDWG) should attend the Workshop and be representative of age, gender and ethnicity.

NILGA DOCUMENTS

Mrs Miskelly undertook to follow up with Councillor Mulgrew regarding representation on the Regional Steering Group.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2016

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 September 2016 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor M Carr

Members: **(Councillors)**

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| Councillor P Brown | Councillor S Burns |
| Councillor P Byrne | Councillor D Hyland |
| Councillor V Harte | Councillor H Harvey |
| Councillor L Kimmins | Councillor K Loughran |
| Councillor D Taylor | Councillor W Walker |
| Councillor J Trainor | |

Non Committee Members: Councillor T Andrews Councillor C Enright

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing)
 Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)
 Ms J Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
 Mr K Gordon Head of Indoor Leisure
 Mrs L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/109/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor B O Muiri
- Councillor G Fitzpatrick

Letter of thanks – Mr Maguire

Councillor Carr said the Council had received a letter from Mr Maguire expressing his thanks to staff at Newry Swimming Pool who arranged urgent medical assistance to him.

Retirement – Jo Orr

Councillor Carr acknowledged the retirement of Jo Orr after 36 years of service to the Council.

Step Back to Health Programme

Councillor Carr said an email of congratulations had been received from Mr Quinn regarding the Step Back to Health Programme in Newry Sports Centre.

New Appointments

Councillor Carr extended best wishes to Julie McCann in her new post of Head of Service for Community Services and to Kieran Gordon in his new position of Head of Indoor Leisure.

Merger – Citizens Advice

Councillor Carr said an update had been received regarding the merger of the Down District Citizens Advice and Newry & Mourne Citizens Advice. He said the office currently in Downpatrick will be moving to Ballymote Centre by 31 October 2016. Citizens Advice will be in St Patrick's Centre every Tuesday and one telephone number will be available early in the new year.

Expression of Thanks

Councillor Carr expressed thanks to Ms Sinead Trainor Senior Environmental Health Officer who is acting as Secretary for the Nuclear Free Local Authority.

Message of Congratulations

Several Councillors extended congratulations to Bethany Firth on her achievements in swimming at the Paralympics in Rio.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Bethany Firth on winning three gold medals and one silver medal in swimming at the Paralympics in Rio.

AHC/110/2016: DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

**AHC/111/2016: ACTION SHEET
ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
– MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note Action Sheet arising from the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2016.

AHC/112/2016: DELEGATION TO MINISTER

Mr Lipsett said arising from the Party Representatives Forum Meeting held in August 2016 discussion took place regarding the Department of Education policy of opening up of school facilities. He said it was agreed to send a delegation from the AHC Committee to meet with the Minister for Education to lobby that schools are encouraged to work close with Councils to

develop sports facilities in the District.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Burns it was agreed to appoint the Chairperson of the AHC Committee, 1 No representative from the four main Political parties on the Council plus 1 No. Independent representative, to attend a meeting with the Minister for Education to discuss the development of sports facilities between Schools and Councils.

The following Members were appointed:

Councillor M Carr Chairperson of AHC Committee

Councillor B Walker

Councillor Taylor

Councillor D Hyland

Councillor P Byrne

1 No. Representative from Sinn Fein – to be confirmed.

It was also agreed a Pre Meeting be held with relevant Council Officials and the Councillors appointed to meet with the Minister for Education, to discuss and agree the issues the Council will raise with the Minister.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/113/2016: NEWRY STREET UNITE

Read: Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms J McCann/C McKenna regarding Newry Street Unite Community Centre Project. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the content of Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms J McCann/C McKenna regarding Newry Street Unite Community Centre Project.

AHC/114/2016: DEA FORA UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities, Community Engagement, dated 19 September 2016 regarding DEA Fora Update. *(Copy circulated)*

Noted: It was noted that a sum of £7,000 has been allocated to each DEA from the Good Relations Action Plan.

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms J Hillen Assistant Director Community

Engagement, regarding DEA For a Update and approve the recommendations outlined in Action Sheets arising from DEA Forum Meetings held in July and August 2016.

AHC/115/2016: CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2016 & 2017

Read: Report dated 19 September 2016 from Julie McCann, Head of Service (Community Services) and Ms S Burns, Programme Manager regarding Christmas Illuminations 2016 & 2017. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the following regarding Christmas Illuminations 2016-2017:

- (a) **Provision of grant aid to communities through Financial Assistance call in September 2016 (£300 - £3,000 thresholds).**
- (b) **Undertake consultation exercise through each DEA, with communities that Council currently supply to consider a one-off payment to assist with the purchase of trees and/or illuminations from 2017 forward.**
- (c) **Cross-departmental review of post-Christmas 2016, to inform arrangements for 2017 and report back to relevant Committees.**

AHC/116/2016: SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES PROJECTS

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement dated 19 September 2016 regarding supporting Communities Projects. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained in Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms J Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding supporting Communities Projects, as follows:

- (a) **Council consider Capital and Revenue provision to support Community Associations with facility and/or programme development and to satisfy external funding body requirements for match funding (£550k to be considered as part of the Rate Estimates)**
- (b) **Council agree to ring fence funding required to meet design costs association with Drumalane Community Association build (approximately £29k in 16/17 financial year).**
- (c) **Officers investigate the introduction of a Community Support Loan Scheme and report back to Committee with an options paper.**

Noted: In response to a query raised regarding applying for retrospective funding to cover professional fees that are not included, Mr Lipsett said if the Council was involved with a scheme from the outset then it may be easier to consider the provision of grant aid retrospectively. He added that if a scheme had not received Council support from the outset then there could be difficulties regarding a retrospective payment.

LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/117/2016: INDOOR LEISURE BUSINESS PLAN

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure dated 19 September 2016 regarding Indoor Leisure Business Plan Update. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to approve as follows as per Report dated 19 September 2016 regarding Indoor Leisure Business Plan Update:**

The Council to progress the recommendations set out in the Report, specifically Table 3 (as per Appendix A), and engage assistance where necessary, in order to achieve this plan by the end of 2020/21 financial year, specifically:

- (a) ICT – immediate review, enhancement and implementation of modern infrastructure by end of 2016/17 to support Business Plan objectives and reporting.**
- (b) Marketing and Branding – immediate development and implementation of a strategy to include sub brand, transparent customer journey, staff training and recruitment of additional resource by end of 2016/17.**
- (c) Pricing – review and simplification of structure with presentation of proposals for Committee decision by end of 2016/17.**
- (d) Programme and Resource – develop clear linkages with other departments, specifically Sports Development, to begin to increase participation and programmes on offer with additional 2 Officers resource as identified, recruited by end of 2016/17.**
- (e) Additional income opportunities – develop proposals for consideration for facility enhancements for use of low occupancy space and specifically Kilkeel Leisure Centre Fitness Suite Space by end of 2017/18.**

AHC/118/2016: NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE – PHASE 2

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure dated 19 September 2016 regarding Newry Leisure Centre – Phase 2 – Operating Model. *(Copy circulated)*

Noted: A detailed summary is available on request.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed as follows as per recommendation contained in Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr K Gordon Head of Indoor Leisure regarding Newry Leisure Centre – Phase 2 – Operating Model:**

- (a) To approve opening arrangements.
- (b) Officers to commence consultation with staff over proposed hours and shifts and also clubs and user groups in relation to booking provision.
- (c) On conclusion of consultation process, Officers to provide an accurate budget proposal for 2017/18 Rate Estimates process.
- (d) Officers and staff to further develop the transitional plans and preparations needed for the future opening of Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2. These proposed arrangements should allow an ability to adapt over time as customer focus will be key.

AHC/119/2016: PLAY STRATEGY UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport dated 19 September 2016 regarding Play Strategy Update. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Burns it was agreed it was agreed that the sums identified in the Play Strategy are considered as part of the Rates Estimates process using estimates in Section 4 as a guide until the Strategy is complete, as per Report dated 19 September 2016 from R Moore Assistant Director Leisure & Sport.**

AHC/120/2016: SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY – DEA UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport dated 19 September 2016 regarding Sports Facility Strategy and DEA Update. *(Copy circulated)*

Noted: Mr Moore advised Members that the feedback through the DEAs highlighted the need to summarise potential Sports Hubs within the recommendations of the Executive Summary.

On behalf of Councillor Hanna, Councillor Walker said the Committee were to be made aware that people in Kilkeel would like the Bowling Pavilion included within the new Sports Hub, and that Ballyveagh FC should not be included in Category 3 but should be in Category 2.

Councillor Burns asked that Clubs be contacted asking them to submit their comments in writing to the Council as soon as possible.

Noted: Mr Moore confirmed all Clubs would be written to again as part of the final consultation.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Walker it was agreed to approve the draft Sports Facility Strategy following consideration by the 7 No. DEAs and proceed to further public consultation through SAND. A final report on the Strategy will be presented to the AHC Committee as soon as possible thereafter, as per Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr R Moore Assistant Director Leisure & Sport.**

It was also agreed Mr R Moore Assistant Director Leisure & Sport, summarise potential Sports Hubs within each DEA, as part of the recommendations of the Executive Summary.

AHC/121/2016: SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY – FINANCIAL PROVISION

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport dated 19 September 2016 Sports Facility Strategy financial provision.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Kimmins it was agreed the funds for financial assistance as detailed in Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr R Moore Assistant Director Leisure & Sport, regarding Sports Facility Strategy financial provision, be considered as part of the Rates Estimates process.**

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**AHC/122/2016: PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – NI FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Well-being dated 19 September 2016 regarding Partnership Agreement with Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to approve the Partnership Agreement with NI Fire & Rescue Service, as per Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr E Devlin Assistant Director Health & Well-being.**

AHC/123/2016: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Read: Sustainable Development & Climate Change Standing Forum. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following Members to the Sustainable Development & Climate Change Forum:**

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| Sinn Fein | 2 no representatives |
| SDLP | 2 no representatives |
| DUP | Cllr H Harvey |
| UUP | 1 no representative |
| Alliance | Cllr P Brown |
| Independent | Cllr C Enright |

It was agreed an email be sent to Party Group Leaders to make appointments to the Sustainable Development & Climate Change.

AHC/124/2016: SELLAFIELD

Read: Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Well-being regarding current Reports on Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant Cumbria. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Carr seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Council offer to host a meeting of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities at the Council Chamber in Downshire Estate.**

Sample results regarding Sellafield to be posted on the Council's Website.

AHC/125/2016: CONTRACT – PUBLIC ANALYST SERVICES

Read: Report dated 19 September 2016 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Well-being regarding Contracts between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Chief Executive sign the Service Contract between Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd and Newry Mourne & Down District Council.**

**AHC/126/2016: LIFE GIFT FUNDING
PROPOSED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

Read: Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms S McEldowney/Mr J Campbell Senior Environmental Health Officers regarding match funding requirement for the LIFE GIFT Project. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Loughran it was agreed to approve match funding requirement for the LIFE GIFT Project, as outlined in 2.1 in Report dated 19 September 2016 from Ms S McEldowney/Mr J Campbell Senior Environmental Health Officers, subject to noting this decision will be subject to the forthcoming rates process.**

AHC/127/2016: CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor Carr congratulated the Councillors who participated in charity sea swim.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.55pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 October 2016

Signed: **Councillor M Carr**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 5.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

Members:

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| Councillor S Burns | Councillor C Casey |
| Councillor G Craig | Councillor V Harte |
| Councillor D Hyland | Councillor J Macauley |
| Councillor P O’Gribin | Councillor G Stokes |
| Councillor D Taylor | Councillor J Tinnelly |
| Councillor J Trainor | |

Officials in Attendance: Mr C O’Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
 Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Transformation, Innovation and Performance
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/135/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor D Curran.

RTS/136/2016: DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

RTS/137/2016: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2016. (*Copy circulated*).

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

BUILDING CONTROL

RTS/138/2016: **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LICENSING OF PAVEMENT CAFES ACT (NI) 2014 POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and Technical Services regarding the implementation of the Licensing of Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014 Policy and Procedure. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to approve the Pavement Cafes Designation Policy and Procedure for the implementation of the Pavement Café legislation, as set out in Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting.

RTS/139/2016: **AMENDMENTS TO PART M OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and Technical Services regarding consultation on Amendments to Part M of the Building Regulations. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed the Assistant Director of Regulatory & Technical Services prepare and submit a response to the Consultation on Amendments to Part M of the Building Regulations on behalf of the Council, prior to the closing date of 7 October 2016.

Agreed: It was further agreed a copy of this response be provided to any member for consideration upon request.

PLANNING

RTS/140/2016: **AUGUST 2016 PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Read: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Planning Committee Performance Report, August 2016. (*Copy circulated*).

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the August 2016 Planning Committee Performance Report.

RTS/141/2016: APPEALS AND DECISIONS

Read: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Planning Committee appeals and decisions 2016. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Appeals and Decisions.

RTS/142/2016: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

Read: Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representative. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the record of meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives.

RTS/143/2016: COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ePIC REPLACEMENT

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, on a replacement for the present computer system (Epic) that is used for planning across Northern Ireland. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to approve the recommendation to provide between £8k and £12k towards the Discovery Phase of the ePIC replacement project, as a replacement planning computer system was a necessary requirement for the Council.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**RTS/144/2016: REPORT ON BUS SHELTER REQUESTS**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Maintenance re: Bus Shelter requests. (*Copy circulated*)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained within Appendix 1 i.e.

- to remove the existing bus shelter at Roxborough Road, Dorsey and that a canteliver type bus shelter be installed at the new location agreed with the landowner

- a similar bus shelter that was previously on the site at McGeough's Crossmaglen Road, Aughanduff, be installed.

RTS/145/2016: KILBRONEY MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr K Scullion re: Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery re: requests for provision of individual surrounds to burial plots. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed the Council continue with current practice of maintaining its cemeteries in a lawn format and respond to current requests to erect individual surrounds advising of this decision.

It was also unanimously agreed Mr Scullion submit a report to the Rate Estimates Review Meeting for 2017/2018 on the need for a capital works project at Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery to address subsidence and uneven ground issues.

RTS/146/2016: MAGHERADROOL OLD CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD, BALLYNAHINCH

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr K Scullion on Magheradrool Old Church and Graveyard, Ballynahinch and potential maintenance works to be carried out on the church ruin on the site and perhaps additional works which may be identified. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Taylor it was agreed to recommend:-

- Mr Scullion investigate if the old church in Magheradrool Graveyard is a designated listed building.
- Mr Scullion submit a comprehensive report to a future RTS Committee Meeting clarifying if the Council owns the Church and Graveyard and also, if they are the owners, was there any opportunities to seek funding to carry out potential maintenance works.
- Mr Scullion to look at possible clean-up works at Well Lane Graveyard and report back to Committee.

WASTE MANAGEMENT**RTS/147/2016: THE STRATEGIC WASTE WORKING GROUP (SWSG)**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management, re: the Strategic Waste Working Group. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed the Committee approve the action points 5-7 from the Strategic Waste Working Group Meeting held on 23 August 2016 and approve the specific actions in points 5a through to 5i.

Noted: Mr O'Rourke advised that a detailed, fully costed report on each of the topics would be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

RTS/148/2016: THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S MUNICIPAL WASTE

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr J Parkes re: "The Future of Northern Ireland's Municipal Waste." *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Macauley, it was agreed the Committee endorse the proposals within "The Future of Northern Ireland's Municipal Waste" paper and approve the associated draft Action Plan.

RTS/149/2016: REPORT RE: CLOONAGH ROAD HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE – OPENING HOURS

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr J Parkes re: Cloonagh Road Household Recycling Centre – Opening Hours. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed Cloonagh Road Household Recycling Centre opening hours should be changed from 8.00am to 9.30am to facilitate skip emptying, so to allow for more robust opening times and reduce complaints on site closure for skip emptying.

FOR NOTING**RTS/150/2016: PAVEMENT CAFES DESIGNATION PROCEDURE**

Read: Report dated 16 August 2016 re: Pavement Cafes Designation Procedure. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/151/2016: LICENSING REPORT

Read: Report from Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and & Technical Services re: Licensing Report. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/152/2016: BUILDING REGULATIONS REPORT

Read: Report from Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory & Technical Services re: Building Regulations Report from 1 March 2016 to 31 August 2016. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report

RTS/153/2016: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN - 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin 8 September 2016. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members' Bulletin dated 8 September 2016.

RTS/154/2016: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JULY 2016.

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated Thursday 28 July 2016. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated Thursday 28 July 2016.

RTS/155/2016: ACTION TRACKING UPDATE

Read: Report re: Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Action Tracking Update. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2016

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

RTS/156/2016: REPORT RE: OFF-STREET PARKING – EXTENSION OF AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH TRANSPORT NI

Read: Report dated 21 September 2016 from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and Technical Services re: off street parking – extension of Agency Agreement with Transport NI. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee was out of closed session, the Chairman reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Craig, to approve the proposed extension of the Agency Agreement and Technical Specification with Transport NI (TNI) for up to a further three (3) years, effective from 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2019, based on the final schedule of costs provided at Appendix 1, as circulated at the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.15 pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 October 2016.

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

Signed: Mr C O Rourke
Director Regulatory & Technical Services

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 2.10pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Mr J Campbell Independent Member

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Brown
Councillor C Casey
Councillor C Enright
Councillor J Trainor
Councillor T Hearty

Officials in Attendance:

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| Mr L Hannaway | Chief Executive |
| Ms D Carville | Director Corporate Services |
| Mr M Lipsett | Director of Active and Healthy Communities |
| Ms B Phillips | Finance Manager |
| Mr K Montgomery | Assistant Director of Finance |
| Mr G Byrne | Audit Services Manager |
| Ms C Taylor | Democratic Services Officer |

Also in Attendance:

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| Ms C Hagan | ASM (Internal Auditors) |
| Mrs C Kane | Northern Ireland Audit Office |

AC/70/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received from Councillors Devlin, Murnin, OGriffin, Ruane and Sharvin.

AC/71/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson, Mr Campbell, declared an interest in Item 18 – Assessment of Performance of Chairperson of Audit Committee.

AC/72/2016: ACTION SHEET ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2016

Read: Action Sheet arising out of Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 July 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

AC/65/2016 Council Decision Making Process

Councillor Enright requested Item 17 on the Agenda – Council Decision Making Processes – Updated Process Maps, would be deferred to the next Audit Committee meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed that Item 17 – Council Decision Making Processes – Updated Process Maps, be deferred to the next Audit Committee Meeting.

AC/50/2016 – Action Sheet – Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting – 28 April 2016

(2) Negative Variance in former Down District Council – Management Accounts
Councillor Enright reiterated his previous concerns that capital projects with negative variances in the management accounts should not be removed from the management accounts without being approved by Council.

Councillor Enright raised the following concerns:

- Despite progress being made on the action sheet template which had been presented to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee, the decision process should be reviewed to ensure that actions are accurately reflected in action sheets.
- AC/50/2016 - current proposal for renewable energy at the Down Leisure Centre was too expensive and that the issues raised at the Special Audit Committee on 26 April 2016 had not been properly reflected in the action sheet. Advice should have been obtained from the Council's Energy Officer and Building Control and why had Council gone back to a Consultant who had misadvised Council on two occasions.

In response to Councillor Enright's comments, Mrs Carville said a report would be presented to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee which would address these concerns and confirmed she was waiting on a report from the Consultants.

The Chairperson agreed the issues raised by Councillor Enright should be addressed in a report to the appropriate committee, which was Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

Mr Hannaway placed on record that Council's Officers were not M&E Engineers and were not in a position to provide an M&E report.

Councillor Hearty suggested referring the issues to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee to which Members of the Audit Committee would be invited.

AGREED: It was agreed that the issues raised by Councillor Enright would be addressed in a report to the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee. Members of the Audit Committee would be invited to the discussion at Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

In response to Councillor Hearty's query regarding Council's payment system, Mrs Carville explained that an additional payment run had been added, so there were

now 3 payment runs per month and in July and August 87% of invoices had been paid within 30 days. She undertook to share the report for Efficiencies Working Group on this matter with the Audit Committee.

AC/50/2016: The Chairperson queried when the review of the format of the management accounts would be completed and reported to the Audit Committee. Mrs Carville explained investigations had been on going into the adequacy of the finance system and whether improvements could be made. She referred to the draft IT Strategy, stating whether it progressed or not would determine what actions could be taken regarding improving the management accounts. She confirmed a report would be brought back to the next Audit Committee regarding this.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AC/73/2016: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Read: Statement of Accounts. **(Copy circulated)**

Ken Montgomery made a comprehensive presentation on the Statement of Accounts.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Casey to recommend to Council the approval of the audited Statement of Accounts including the Annual Governance Statement.**

AGREED: **In response to comments from Members, it was agreed to provide a hard copy of the Statement of Accounts in future.**

The Chairman thanked the Finance staff for their work in finalising the accounts.

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

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

AC/75/2016: NIAO DRAFT REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

Read: NIAO Draft Report to those Charged with Governance. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairman thanked the NIAO staff for their work in finalising the audit of the accounts.

INTERNAL AUDIT – ASM LIMITED

AC/76/2016: INTERNAL AUDIT – SUMMARY REPORT

Read: Internal Audit Summary Report. **(Copy circulated)**

AC/77/2016: DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – TRADE WASTE

Read: Draft Internal Audit Report – Trade Waste. **(Copy circulated)**

AC/78/2016: VERBAL UPDATE: COMMUNITY CENTRE AUDIT

Ms C Hagan, ASM Limited gave a verbal update regarding the Community Centre Audit.

AC/79/2016: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RE: INTERNAL AUDIT OPINIONS & PRIORITISATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Read: Correspondence dated 26 July 2016 from Department of Finance regarding Internal Audit Opinions and Prioritisation of Recommendations. **(Copy circulated)**

CORPORATE SERVICES

AC/80/2016: UPDATE RE: INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager regarding progress on the Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright requested that in future years the orientation of the document would be landscape as it would be easier to read.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

When the Committee came out of Closed Session the Chairman reported the following:

NIAO Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance

AGREED: It was agreed to note the NIAO Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance,

Internal Audit Summary Report

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Internal Audit Summary Report.

Draft Internal Audit Report – Trade Waste

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Draft Internal Audit Report – Trade Waste and review at the next Audit Committee meeting when management responses were received.

Verbal Update – Community Centre Audit

AGREED: It was agreed to note the verbal update on the Community Centre Audit.

Department of Finance -Re: Internal Audit Opinions & Prioritisation of Recommendations

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to adopt the Department of Finance Internal Audit Opinions and Prioritisation of Recommendations with immediate effect.

Updated Re: Internal Audit Recommendations

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Internal Audit Recommendations.

Mr Campbell acknowledged on behalf of the Audit Committee, the substantial progress which had been made and hoped at the next meeting, the review progress on the implementation of 2015/16 Internal Audit recommendations.

Councillor Enright requested the document to be presented in landscape orientation in future.

CORPORATE SERVICES

AC/82/2016: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Ms D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding the Corporate Risk Register. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Carville advised that the Corporate Risk Register had been updated since the last Audit Committee meeting. The most significant change had been the addition of a red risk relating to the unknown implications of the effects of Brexit on Council. She advised that action

had commenced in relation to the risk through the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee. She also advised that since the last Audit Committee meeting, work had commenced on the development of Directorate Risk Registers

In response to a query from Councillor Casey, Mr Hannaway confirmed a study led by East Border Region was to be undertaken which would include all border Councils with concerns regarding Brexit. The cost would be shared between the Councils and then a seminar organised with politicians from Europe, Westminster, MLAs, Councillors and the Chambers of Commerce.

In response to concerns from Councillor Enright, Mrs Carville explained the reason management had assessed Risk 8 to be so high was that it covered I.T systems and budget as well as human resources and it had not been looked at from the point of view of reducing headcount.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Enright, Mrs Carville explained that Risk 6 – failure to effectively manage waste, was considered an amber risk.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the updated Corporate Risk Register.

AC/83/2016: FRAUD & WHISTLEBLOWING

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager regarding Fraud & Whistleblowing. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Carville advised at the last Audit Committee, the Audit Office report regarding the management of fraud in a changing environment had been discussed and the main action arising from the discussion had been to enhance the role of the Audit Committee in this regard. She said a report would be brought to each Audit Committee highlighting at a high level, items of fraud and whistleblowing.

Mrs Carville advised since the last report, one suspected fraud had been detected which had highlighted the internal control processes within Council were working effectively. The issue had been investigated quickly and there had been no loss of funds to Council. She added that all suspected incidents of fraud were now reported to the Local Government Auditor to enhance monitoring.

Mrs Carville also informed Members of two whistleblowing complaints received and confirmed that investigations were ongoing.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Fraud and Whistleblowing Report.

NIAO**AC/84/2016: VERBAL UPDATE RE: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AUDIT**

Mrs Kane, NIAO, gave a verbal update on Performance Improvement Audit and advised that Council could expect a report at the end of October and publication at the end of November.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Performance Improvement Audit.

AC/85/2016: NIAO NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE

Read: NIAO – The National Fraud Initiative: Northern Ireland.
(Copy circulated)

Mrs Kane, NIAO, explained that the National Fraud Initiative was the 4th such exercise carried out and to date £33m had been saved to the public sector.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the NIAO National Fraud Initiative.

AC/86/2016: NIAO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS REPORT - 2016

Read: NIAO – Report on the exercise of the Local Government Auditors functions. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Kane, NIAO gave an overview and encouraged Members to read the Local Government Auditors Report which related to audits carried out in 2014/15, and said some of the reports were applicable to Council.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the NIAO Report on the exercise of the Local Government Auditors functions.

FOR NOTING**AC/87/2016: PROCESS RE: AUDIT COMMITTEE - SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Ms D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding the process for proposed Audit Committee Self-Assessment Review. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Campbell explained that the National Audit Office Self-Assessment Checklist was a checklist widely used by Audit Committees, which had been tailored for councils and a useful tool in identifying areas of improvement and provided reassurance

that Audit Committees were carrying out best practice. He said it was recommended that the Audit Committee use the checklist to carry out a self-assessment with himself leading on the exercise. Mr Campbell advised he would collate the responses via email and seek Members views before compiling a report which could be tabled at the next Audit Committee meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Casey, that the NAO Checklist is used by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Audit Committee to carry out its self-assessment, with the Chairman leading the self-assessment exercise. The completed self-assessment checklist would then be tabled at the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

AC/88/2016: CIRCULARS FOR NOTING

Read: Correspondence dated 6 July 2016 from the Department for Communities regarding Circular LG14/2016 – Consolidated Councillor Allowance. **(Copy circulated)**

Read: Correspondence dated 13 June 2016 from the Department for Communities regarding Circular LG16/2016 – Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to District Councils – Flooding. **(Copy circulated)**

Read: Correspondence dated 1 August 2016 from the Department for Communities regarding Circular LG18/2016 – Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the above mentioned circulars.

AC/89/2016: COUNCIL DECISION MAKING PROCESSES - UPDATED PROCESS MAPS

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation and Performance regarding Council Decision Making Processes – updated process maps for Council's core decision making processes. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next Audit Committee Meeting.

(The Chairman, Mr Campbell declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting at this stage – 3.55pm)

AC/90/2016: PROCESS RE: ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF CHAIRPERSON OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Read: Report dated 22 September 2016 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding a proposed process for the assessment of the Chairperson's performance. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Trainor, that Councillor Brown Chair the meeting for the above item of business.

Mrs Carville explained it was best practice to assess the Chairman's performance on an annual basis and it had been felt that it would be appropriate to have a Councillor as part of that review process in addition to the Chief Executive to increase objectivity.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Trainor, that the Chairperson's performance would be carried out by the Chief Executive and Councillor Casey.

The meeting concluded at 4:02pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 October 2016.

Signed: Ms D Carville
Director of Corporate Services

Signed: Mr J Campbell
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Liam, a chara

Thank you for your letter of 11 August, inviting me to meet with the Council to discuss the reinstatement of services at Downe Hospital and to visit the hospital.

I have noted the Council's concerns, but I believe my response of 20 July to you fully addressed the issues the Council raised regarding the reinstatement of emergency care and coronary care services at Downe Hospital.

I have accepted an invitation from the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust to visit the Downe Hospital later this year.



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3rd August 2016

Dear Mr Hannaway,

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2016 requesting that the Minister removes the 50% limit for Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) and extends the Dependants' Carers' Allowance (DCA) to allow councillors to claim for family members. The Minister has asked me respond on his behalf. I am sorry for the delay in providing this response.

The limit on 50% of councillors within a council receiving SRA was introduced in 2006. It is worth mentioning that Regulation 5(7) of the underpinning legislation, the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, provides an option for a council, where it considers additional SRA are necessary, to apply to the Department for such.

The 50% limit was considered by the independent Councillors' Remuneration Panel when it was making recommendations for the new 11 council structure. The Panel consulted widely and in its report recommended that a SRA should only be payable to 10/12 councillors dependent on council size; which is significantly less than 50%. However, the then Minister, Mark H Durkan, having considered the Panel's recommendations decided to retain the existing 50% limit.

While it is for each council to decide which roles or duties attract SRA, this allowance should only be paid to those councillors who have significant additional responsibilities over and above the generally accepted duties of a councillor. Increasing the number of councillors in receipt of SRA dilutes the intent of this allowance; which would also have a direct impact on ratepayer bills.

Your second issue regards extending the eligibility of DCA to include immediate family members. You will have recently received a letter from Jeff Glass, 25 August 2016, outlining a proposal to widen the definition of carer, in terms of DCA, to include family members who do not live within the councillor's household. The letter asks for consideration of that proposal to be fed back by 13 September 2016.

The Minister believes this extension conforms to the policy intent of this allowance, which is to make public representation accessible, whilst also balancing this with propriety in spending public money.

Yours sincerely



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2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS REPORT

I enclose a copy of the Provisional Proposals Report of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland which sets out for public consultation the boundaries and names of the proposed new Parliamentary constituencies for Northern Ireland. The report is accompanied by a map of the 17 proposed constituencies.

The Commission's report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 and the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

The consultation process begins on Tuesday 6 September 2016. Information on how to respond to the consultation and the locations for public hearings can be found in the Report. The closing date for the receipt of representations is **Monday 28 November 2016**. The Report and accompanying map can also be viewed online at www.boundarycommission.org.uk.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Commission's secretariat at 028 9052 3505 or contact@boundarycommission.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Eamonn McConville
Secretary to the Boundary Commission

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland



PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS REPORT

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is an independent and impartial non-departmental body constituted under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 and the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. Details of the membership and constitution of the Commission are set out in Appendix A. The legislation sets out the procedure to be followed by the Commission when formulating its proposals.
2. There are four Boundary Commissions in the United Kingdom: one each for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is responsible for keeping the representation of Northern Ireland in the House of Commons under continuous review and is required to submit a report to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland every five years showing the constituencies into which it recommends that Northern Ireland should be divided and proposing the names by which they should be known.

Timing

3. The current review commenced on 24 February 2016, after the publication of the Parliamentary electorate statistics for the United Kingdom as at 1 December 2015 which is the “review date” specified in the legislation. The Northern Ireland register of Parliamentary electors at the review date can be viewed on the website of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland at www.eoni.org.uk. The review is being carried out simultaneously in each of the four constituent parts of the United Kingdom by the respective Boundary Commissions. Each Commission is required to submit its report before 1 October 2018.

The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011

4. The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 substantively amended the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, including the introduction of new rules for the redistribution of seats and new provisions for public hearings which are set out in Appendix B and Appendix C respectively.

The base data for the review

5. The legislation specifies that the electorate figures to be used for the current review must be those from the electoral registers published on 1 December 2015. The Commission may not base its work on projected electorates or population figures but must work on the basis of the numbers of electors on the electoral register at the review date. In developing its proposals, the Commission may have regard to local government boundaries. The legislation stipulates that these are the ward boundaries in force at the most recent council election date before the review date. For this review, these are the ward boundaries in force at 22 May 2014.

The allocation of constituencies

6. The legislation provides that there will be 600 House of Commons' constituencies allocated to the four parts of the United Kingdom according to a prescribed formula. The allocations of constituencies for this review are set out in the table below:

| Country | Electorate at 1 December 2015 | Existing Allocation | New Allocation |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| England | 37,294,494* | 533 | 499(+2) |
| Northern Ireland | 1,243,369 | 18 | 17 |
| Scotland | 3,842,736# | 59 | 51(+2) |
| Wales | 2,181,841 | 40 | 29 |
| Total | 44,562,440 | 650 | 600 |

* The total electorate for England does not include the electorate of the Isle of Wight which will comprise two protected constituencies.
 # The total electorate for Scotland does not include the two protected island constituencies which are exempt from the 5% electoral parity rule.

The electoral quota and electoral parity

7. The Boundary Commissions must ensure that each constituency has an electorate that is within 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota. The quota is defined as the total UK electorate (less the electorate of the four protected constituencies) divided by 596. Based on the number of registered electors on 1 December 2015, the UK quota for the current review is 74,769 electors, giving a +/- 5% range of 71,031 to 78,507 electors. While certain other factors may be taken into account by Commissions, they are all subordinate to the electoral parity requirement.
8. The reduction of one seat allocated to Northern Ireland as a result of the formula means that this review will have an impact across all existing constituencies.

Chapter 2

Process and Procedures

Commencement

1. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland announced the start of its 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries on 24 February 2016¹, following the publication of the UK electoral registers for 1 December 2015 and agreement on the allocation of the 600 constituencies to the four constituent parts of the United Kingdom.

Guidance Booklet

2. The Commission has produced a guidance booklet to help make the review process more widely known and understood. It contains more detail about the review process than this chapter and can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.boundarycommission.org.uk or requested from the Commission's offices (contact details are provided in Chapter 7).

Meeting with Political Parties

3. As has been the practice at previous boundary reviews, the Commission met representatives of political parties and independents not affiliated to any party. The meeting took place in Parliament Buildings on Friday 27 May 2016. Invitations were extended not only to those parties and independents represented at Westminster, but also to those represented in the Northern Ireland Assembly.
4. The Deputy Chairman explained the role and remit of the Commission; the procedures it would follow; the rules within which it is required to work and the proposed timetable. The meeting did not consider any specific boundary proposals. An agreed note of the meeting can be viewed on the Commission's website.

Provisional Proposals

5. This report sets out, for public consultation, the boundaries and names of the proposed new constituencies. Copies of this report and the accompanying map have been published on the Commission's website and placed on display at the main offices of the 11 local authorities, public libraries, Area Electoral Offices and the offices of the Electoral Commission. The times for visiting the display venues should be confirmed with the relevant office.
6. The rationale for the Commission's proposals is contained in Chapter 4 of this report and the composition of the proposed new constituencies is set out in Appendix D.

Representations

7. Representations may be made to the Commission within 12 weeks of publication of these Provisional Proposals. Representations that take issue with the Commission's proposals will be

¹ <https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/news-centre/2018-review-announced>

particularly helpful if they include alternative suggestions which take into account the legislative requirements and the need for a consistent approach throughout Northern Ireland.

How to respond

8. Any person or body wishing to make representations about these Provisional Proposals should do so in writing on or before **28 November 2016**.
9. There are a number of options for providing your response. You can make your views heard at one of the public hearings, by post, email or online. These are set out in Chapter 7.
10. Should you have any queries about the review or how to participate in the consultation process, further information can be obtained from the Commission's website at www.boundarycommission.org.uk or by telephoning the Commission's offices at **028 9052 7821**.
11. The Commission will normally only accept representations in writing, subject to any requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The public hearings will provide an opportunity to make oral representations. The Commission will not agree to requests by individuals or groups to meet in order that they may present their point of view.
12. The written representations received will be published on the Commission's website. Personal contact information from representations from individuals will be removed before publication.

Public hearings

13. During the initial consultation period on its Provisional Proposals, the Commission will hold four public hearings around Northern Ireland to give an opportunity for the public to make representations on them. The hearings will take place during October 2016 and each hearing will last for one day, which will include an evening session for those unable to attend during normal working hours.
14. The locations and dates for each public hearing are detailed below. The timing for each hearing is set out on the Commission's website.

| Date | Location |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5 October 2016 | Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena |
| 11 October 2016 | Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh |
| 20 October 2016 | Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge, Belfast |
| 25 October 2016 | Seagoe Hotel, Portadown |

15. The Commission has appointed Chairs for each hearing who will determine the procedure to be followed. Representations may be made by any person or organisation that the Chair considers has an interest in the Commission's proposals. The Chair may set time limits for any individual speaker to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to make their representation. The Chair may permit

questions to be directed through the Chair to any speaker and may ask questions of his or her own. The provisions in the legislation relating to the conduct of public hearings are reproduced at Appendix C.

16. The Commission will arrange for a record of the proceedings of the public hearings to be published on its website as soon as practicable after their conclusion.

Scrutiny period

17. After the 12 week initial consultation period, the Commission will publish the representations received and the records of the public hearings, and will invite written comment on them during a secondary consultation period of four weeks.

Revised Proposals

18. On completion of the secondary consultation period, the Commission will consider all representations received, the records of the public hearings and any scrutiny comments concerning representations made. Following this, it may make amendments to the Provisional Proposals and publish the resulting Revised Proposals for further public consultation.
19. The consultation period for the Revised Proposals will be eight weeks. Hard copies of the Revised Proposals will be available for scrutiny in the same public display points used for the Provisional Proposals consultation. There will not be any public hearings in connection with the Revised Proposals and only written representations on the Revised Proposals will be considered.

Final Recommendations

20. The Commission will take into account any representations received regarding its Revised Proposals and decide whether any further modifications are required. Should it decide to modify its Revised Proposals before submitting them to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Commission is not required to publish the modifications for consultation prior to the submission of its report.

Report submission

21. At the end of the review, the Commission will submit its recommendations in a report to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland who is responsible for laying the report before Parliament.
22. When reports have been submitted by all four Boundary Commissions, Ministers will be responsible for submitting a draft Order in Council to Parliament giving effect to their recommendations. The draft Order in Council can modify the recommendations made by a Commission only if that Commission asks for the required modifications and notifies the relevant Secretary of State. Once the draft Order in Council completes its legislative process, it will come into operation from the next general election to the United Kingdom Parliament.

Chapter 3

Rules and General Principles

Legislative requirements

1. The legislation requires that:
 - Northern Ireland shall be divided into 17 constituencies
 - each constituency shall have an electorate of between 71,031 and 78,507
 - these electorates shall be as recorded on the register dated 1 December 2015
 - any local government wards which are taken into account shall be as on 22 May 2014.

Approach adopted

2. The Commission has decided to use local government wards as the building blocks for the proposed constituencies.
3. Subject to the absolute requirement of the quota range, the Commission has taken into account:
 - special geographical considerations
 - any local ties that would be broken by its proposed changes
 - the boundaries of the 18 existing constituencies.
4. The special geographical considerations include the size, shape and accessibility of proposed constituencies; mountains, passes, lakes and main rivers; and the integrity of built-up areas. The Commission has sought to:
 - create manageable shapes
 - include at least one significant town in each constituency
 - respect organic communities.
5. Research on 'local ties' throughout the UK has identified a wide range of possibilities, including patterns of commuting and shopping, hospital and school catchment areas, transport routes and people's self-identification. In addition, where appropriate and as far as practicable within the Rules, the Commission has taken into consideration the six long-established county boundaries; and for Belfast, the City Council boundary.
6. The statutory reduction in the number of constituencies, combined with the imposition of the tighter quota range, means that this review will require more radical changes in existing boundaries than its predecessor, the 2008 Review. Subject to the requirements of the legislation, the Commission has sought to minimise these changes.
7. Four of the existing constituencies already fall within the required electoral range: Lagan Valley (71,855), Newry and Armagh (78,158), North Antrim (76,278) and South Down (75,606). However, all of the existing constituencies require adjustments to bring them into line with the May 2014 ward boundaries and to accommodate the overall loss of one seat.

8. Rule 7 would allow constituencies to be defined as low as 69,401 if the Commission was satisfied that the application of the UK quota range would 'unreasonably impair' its ability to take into account the discretionary factors set out in Rule 5. The Commission tested a diverse range of options for a 17-seat regional structure and concluded that the limited flexibility afforded by Rule 7 would not produce a significantly better outcome. Since it was not in a position to advance a credible argument that its ability to take the discretionary factors into account had been unreasonably impaired, the Commission concluded that Rule 7 should not be applied.

Names and designation

9. The Commission was required to recommend a name and designation (either 'county' or 'borough') for each of the proposed constituencies.
10. The Commission decided to retain the name of every proposed constituency which was sufficiently similar to an existing constituency, provided that it still fitted. Otherwise, where appropriate, the Commission has applied the long-established convention of naming constituencies after counties qualified by compass points.
11. In three cases where this did not seem appropriate, new names have been proposed based on geographical features or historical associations.
12. The Commission proposes designating only the Belfast constituencies as borough constituencies. The practical effect of this designation concerns the level of candidates' expenses allowable at elections.

Chapter 4

The Delineation of Constituencies

Regional Modelling

1. The Commission began the delineation process by identifying and testing a diverse series of regional models. Since the four existing Belfast constituencies amount to 3.48 quotas, it was decided to test both three-seat and four-seat options for Belfast.
2. The Commission concluded from this exercise that the best models were those which provided for a three-seat Belfast. They were better both at the regional level and for each of the individual Belfast constituencies.
3. As a result of this preliminary work, it was decided that Belfast should be the starting point for the review process.
4. Taking account of local ties, the Commission decided that the three Belfast constituencies should, taken together and as far as possible, match the borders of Belfast City Council. The total Parliamentary electorate within the City Council area equals 2.87 quotas.
5. Given that Belfast Lough separates the existing constituency of Belfast East from Belfast North, it was considered impractical to transfer wards between these two. Transfers would be possible only between North and West; West and South; and South and East.
6. The Commission noted that the City of Belfast east of the River Lagan contains 72,001 registered electors. The river accordingly provided a suitable geographical boundary for a revised constituency of Belfast East.
7. The Commission then had to define two Belfast constituencies west of the Lagan. The first, which has been provisionally named Belfast South West, runs west from the Lagan to the City's western boundary. The Commission extended it northwards until it satisfied the quota. Likewise, the proposed Belfast North West runs northwards from the boundary of the new Belfast South West, extending by two wards beyond the City boundary at the M2 motorway in order to satisfy the quota requirement.
8. After defining the three Belfast constituencies, the Commission examined County Down. The Commission recognised that it could retain the existing constituencies of Strangford and South Down with merely incremental adjustments.
9. The Commission was able to construct a viable successor to the existing constituency of North Down by bringing in the five wards lying outside the Belfast City Council boundary from the existing Belfast East. These wards were previously part of the North Down constituency until 1997.
10. There remained in County Down parts of the existing constituencies of Lagan Valley and Upper Bann. The Commission proposes that these should be combined to create a new constituency which has been provisionally called West Down.

11. For the existing constituency of Newry and Armagh, the Commission proposes incremental adjustments to take account of the 2014 ward boundaries. This would include a slight reduction to accommodate the proposed regional structure.
12. The Commission proposes to bring the remainder of the existing constituency of Upper Bann up to quota by extending it to the west as far as Caledon and Coalisland. The Commission proposes renaming it Upper Bann and Blackwater to take account of the second main river it would include.
13. For the existing constituency of Foyle, no change is necessary other than the inclusion of the entire 2014 ward of Slievekirk.
14. The Commission proposes dividing most of the rest of the region west of the Bann into three:
 - a successor constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone
 - a new constituency, provisionally called North Tyrone, comprising most of the rest of County Tyrone
 - a new constituency provisionally called Glenshane, comprising County Londonderry except for (a) the Coleraine area; and (b) that part of the County included within the proposed Foyle constituency.
15. Finally, to the northeast, the Commission proposes four constituencies broadly matching the historic boundary of County Antrim plus the Coleraine area:
 - North Antrim would shift northwards, taking the Coleraine area from the existing constituency of East Londonderry
 - East Antrim would shift southwards, adding wards from the existing constituencies of Belfast North and South Antrim
 - South Antrim would shift southwards, taking Lisburn from the existing constituency of Lagan Valley
 - a new constituency would be created which has been provisionally called West Antrim, incorporating Ballymena.
16. To take account of the extension to Coleraine, the Commission proposes that the constituency of North Antrim should change its name to Dalriada.

Proposed Constituencies

Belfast East

17. At the review date the electorate of Belfast East was 63,358, which falls 11,411 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes a successor constituency comprising those wards which lie between the River Lagan and the eastern boundary of the City. This would mean transferring out the wards of Dundonald, Carrowreagh, Grahamsbridge, Ballyhanwood and Enler; and transferring in those wards from Belfast South which lie between the River and the City boundary (Hillfoot, Cregagh, Ravenhill, Woodstock, Ormeau, Rosetta and Belvoir).
18. Belfast East would have an electorate of 72,001, which is 3.7% below the UK quota and 1.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

Belfast North West

19. The electorate of Belfast North was 69,041, which falls 5,728 short of the quota. The Commission proposes a new constituency which would transfer out most of the wards lying outside the City boundary (Whitehouse, Rathcoole, O'Neill, Carnmoney Hill, Glebe, Glengormley) while retaining two of them in order to meet the quota (Valley and Colinbridge). To the south, it would transfer in from Belfast West the wards of Forth River, Ballygomartin, Clonard, Beechmount, Falls and Shankill.
20. Belfast North West would have an electorate of 71,266, which is 4.7% below the UK quota and 2.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

Belfast South West

21. The electorate of Belfast South was 64,876, which is 9,893 short of the quota. A new constituency is proposed which would extend from the Lagan to the western boundary of the City, taking in the whole of Dunmurry ward. Its northernmost wards would be Colin Glen, Turf Lodge, Ballymurphy, Falls Park, Blackstaff and Central. Belfast South West would have an electorate of 73,643, which is 1.5% below the UK quota and 0.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

Dalriada

22. The electorate of North Antrim was 76,278, which is within the quota range. However, substantial changes are proposed in order to accommodate the new regional structure.
23. The proposed new constituency of Dalriada would:
 - add to the existing North Antrim constituency 12 wards in the Coleraine area (Castlerock, University, Quarry, Waterside, Churchland, Mountsandel, Windy Hall, Dundooan, Portrush and Dunluce, Hopefield, Atlantic, and Portstewart)
 - otherwise have the River Bann as its western boundary
 - transfer in Lurigethan from East Antrim
 - contain at its southern end the wards of Portglenone, Maine, Cullybackey, Kirkinriola and Glenravel.
24. The main towns would be Coleraine and Ballymoney.
25. Dalriada would have an electorate of 74,654, which is 0.2% below the UK quota and 2.1% above the Northern Ireland average.

East Antrim

26. The electorate of East Antrim was 63,304, which is 11,465 short of the quota. The Commission proposes to adjust the constituency boundaries as follows:
 - at the southern end, transfer in from the existing Belfast North six wards which fall outside the City boundary (Whitehouse, Rathcoole, O'Neill, Carnmoney Hill, Glebe and Glengormley)
 - also at the southern end, transfer in Jordanstown from South Antrim
 - at the northern end, transfer out (a) Torr Head and Rathlin and (b) Lurigethan.

27. The main towns would include Carrickfergus and Larne.
28. East Antrim would have an electorate of 73,317, which is 1.9% below the UK quota and 0.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

Fermanagh and South Tyrone

29. The electorate of Fermanagh and South Tyrone was 70,238, which is 4,531 short of the quota. In addition to adjusting for the 2014 ward boundaries, two major changes are proposed:
 - transfer out seven wards at the eastern side of the existing constituency (Mullaghmore, Killymeal, Killyman, Ballysaggart, Moygashel, Caledon and Moy)
 - transfer in eight wards at the northern side of the existing constituency (Newtownsaville, Fintona, Dromore, Trillick, Drumquin, Glenderg, Castlederg and Newtownstewart).
30. Enniskillen would be the main town.
31. Fermanagh and South Tyrone would have an electorate of 73,194, which is 2.1% below the UK quota and 0.1% above the Northern Ireland average.

Foyle

32. The electorate of Foyle was 70,602, which is 4,167 short of the quota. The Commission proposes to address this by extending the constituency boundary to include the entirety of the 2014 ward of Slievekirk.
33. Foyle would then have an electorate of 71,398, which is 4.5% below the UK quota and 2.4% below the Northern Ireland average.

Glenshane

34. The electorate of East Londonderry was 67,359, which is 7,410 short of the quota. Two major changes are proposed which would in effect create a new constituency:
 - extend the southern boundary to Lough Neagh, broadly matching the County boundary
 - transfer the Coleraine area out to the proposed new constituency of Dalriada.
35. The southernmost wards in the constituency would be Draperstown, Lissan and The Loup. The main towns would include Limavady, Maghera and Magherafelt.
36. Glenshane would have an electorate of 74,355, which is 0.6% below the UK quota and 1.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

Newry and Armagh

37. The electorate of Newry and Armagh is 78,158, which is at the high end of the UK quota range. In addition to adjusting for the 2014 wards, the Commission proposes to transfer out the wards of Blackwatertown and Loughgall.
38. Newry and Armagh would have an electorate of 74,715, which is 0.1% below the UK quota and 2.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

North Down

39. The electorate of North Down was 64,700, which is 10,069 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes to address this deficit by transferring in the following wards from Belfast East: Dundonald, Ballyhanwood, Carrowreagh, Grahamsbridge, and Enler.
40. North Down would include Bangor, Holywood, Donaghadee and Dundonald. It would have an electorate of 74,317, which is 0.6% below the UK quota and 1.6% above the Northern Ireland average.

North Tyrone

41. The electorate of West Tyrone was 64,003, which is 10,766 short of the UK quota. A new constituency of North Tyrone is proposed which would be created through the following changes to West Tyrone:
- transfer out eight wards at the south-western side of the constituency, as specified under 'Fermanagh and South Tyrone' above
 - transfer in the ward of Mullaghmore from Fermanagh and South Tyrone
 - transfer in ten wards from the existing constituency of Mid Ulster (Oaklands, Cookstown East, Cookstown West, Cookstown South, Coagh, Ardboe, Stewartstown, Donaghmore, Pomeroy and Loughry).
42. The main towns would include Strabane, Omagh and Cookstown.
43. North Tyrone would have an electorate of 71,379, which is 4.5% below the UK quota and 2.4% below the Northern Ireland average.

South Antrim

44. The electorate of South Antrim was 68,020, which is 6,749 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes to:
- transfer out 15 wards to the proposed constituency of West Antrim (Burnthill, Carnmoney, Fairview, Ballyduff, Mossley, Ballynure, Ballyrobert, Doagh, Ballyclare East, Ballyclare West, Parkgate, Shilvodan, Randalstown, Cranfield and Toome)
 - transfer in wards from the existing constituency of Lagan Valley (Ballinderry, Maghaberry, Lambeg, Hilden, Lagan Valley, Old Warren and Knockmore).
45. The main towns would include Antrim and Lisburn.
46. South Antrim would have an electorate of 71,614, which is 4.2% below the UK average and 2.1% below the Northern Ireland average.

South Down

47. The electorate of South Down was 75,606, which is within the UK quota range. Modest adjustments are proposed to accommodate the 2014 ward boundaries:
- Crossgar and Killyleagh ward would transfer in its entirety to Strangford
 - Gransha and Banbridge East wards would transfer in their entirety to the new constituency of West Down.

48. The main towns would include Downpatrick and Newcastle.
49. South Down would have an electorate of 74,040, which is 1.0% below the UK quota and 1.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

Strangford

50. The electorate of Strangford was 64,750, which is 10,019 short of the UK quota. The Commission accordingly proposes the following adjustments:
- transfer in from North Down the balance of Loughries ward
 - transfer in from Belfast South the wards of Galwally, Cairnshill and the balance of Carryduff East
 - transfer in from South Down the balance of Crossgar and Killyleagh ward.
51. The main towns would include Newtownards, Saintfield, Killyleagh and Portaferry.
52. Strangford would have an electorate of 74,741, which is equivalent to the UK quota and 2.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

Upper Bann and Blackwater

53. The Commission proposes a new constituency, provisionally called Upper Bann and Blackwater after the two main rivers which run through the middle of it. Extending along the south shore of Lough Neagh, Upper Bann and Blackwater would take in parts of four existing constituencies: Newry and Armagh, Upper Bann, Mid Ulster and Fermanagh and South Tyrone.
54. The main towns would include Portadown and Dungannon.
55. Upper Bann and Blackwater would have an electorate of 73,641, which is 1.5% below the UK quota and 0.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

West Antrim

56. The Commission proposes to insert a new constituency called West Antrim between the existing North Antrim and South Antrim which would run from the Bann to Ballynure and from Slemish to Carnmoney. The town of Ballymena would sit on its northern boundary, which would also comprise the wards of Grange, Ahoghill, Galgorm, Broughshane and Slemish. On its boundary with South Antrim the new constituency would contain the wards of Shilvodan, Parkgate, Ballyrobert, Mossley, Burnthill, Ballyhenry, Carnmoney, Fairview and Ballyduff.
57. West Antrim would have an electorate of 72,664, which is 2.8% below the UK quota and 0.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

West Down

58. The Commission proposes significant changes to the existing constituency of Lagan Valley. Its successor, provisionally called West Down, would include parts of Upper Bann, South Down and Belfast South. Relative to the existing constituency of Lagan Valley, it would:
- Transfer out the wards of Ballinderry, Maghaberry, Lambeg, Hilden, Lagan Valley, Old Warren and Knockmore to the proposed constituency of South Antrim

- Transfer in from the existing constituency of Belfast South the wards of Newtownbreda, Knockbracken, Beechill and Carryduff West
- Transfer in Banbridge East from South Down
- Transfer in from Upper Bann the wards of Magheralin, Donaghcloney, Waringstown, Bleary, Gilford, Banbridge North, Banbridge West and Banbridge South.

59. The main towns would include Banbridge and Dromore.
60. West Down would have an electorate of 72,430, which is 3.1% below the UK quota and 1.0% below the Northern Ireland average.

Summary

61. The Commission has identified and considered a range of optional models for Northern Ireland's 17 future Parliamentary constituency boundaries. Out of necessity, the proposals require substantial changes to the existing constituency structure. The Commission has tried to minimise these changes.
62. Under the Commission's proposals, there would be three Belfast constituencies (Belfast East, Belfast North West and Belfast South West).
63. Outside Belfast, eight constituencies would recognisably continue with varying degrees of adjustment to their boundaries. These would retain their names (East Antrim, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Foyle, Newry and Armagh, North Down, South Antrim, South Down, and Strangford.)
64. Six new constituencies would be created, which have been provisionally called Dalriada, Glenshane, North Tyrone, Upper Bann and Blackwater, West Antrim and West Down.
65. All the proposed constituencies fall comfortably within the UK quota range, running from 4.7% below to equivalence.
66. All the proposed constituencies are within 3% of the Northern Ireland average, running from 2.6% below to 2.2% above.
67. The electorates of the proposed constituencies range from 71,266 (Belfast North West) to 74,741 (Strangford).
68. The Commission has not found it necessary or desirable to split any of the local government wards which have been used as building blocks.

Chapter 5

The Effects of the Proposals

The proposed constituencies

1. At present, Northern Ireland is represented by 18 Members of Parliament. The effect of the amendments to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, contained in the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, will be to reduce the number of Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland to 17 at the next General Election after the boundary changes are implemented.
2. The proposed constituencies are set out in the previous chapter and in Appendix D. A map showing the proposed constituencies has been produced to accompany this report.
3. All of the proposed constituencies are within 5% of the UK electoral quota of 74,769 i.e. between 71,031 and 78,507 electors.
4. All of the proposed constituencies are within 3% of the Northern Ireland electoral average of 73,139 (the figure obtained by dividing the Northern Ireland Parliamentary electorate by the number of constituencies).
5. The table below shows the 17 proposed constituencies together with the variance from the UK electoral quota and the NI electoral average.

| Constituencies in Alphabetical Order | Electorate: 1 December 2015 | Variance: UK quota | Variance: NI electoral average |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Belfast East | 72,001 | -3.7% | -1.6% |
| Belfast North West | 71,266 | -4.7% | -2.6% |
| Belfast South West | 73,643 | -1.5% | +0.7% |
| Dalriada | 74,654 | -0.2% | +2.1% |
| East Antrim | 73,317 | -1.9% | +0.2% |
| Fermanagh and South Tyrone | 73,194 | -2.1% | +0.1% |
| Foyle | 71,398 | -4.5% | -2.4% |
| Glenshane | 74,355 | -0.6% | +1.7% |
| Newry and Armagh | 74,715 | -0.1% | +2.2% |
| North Down | 74,317 | -0.6% | +1.6% |
| North Tyrone | 71,379 | -4.5% | -2.4% |
| South Antrim | 71,614 | -4.2% | -2.1% |
| South Down | 74,040 | -1.0% | +1.2% |
| Strangford | 74,741 | 0% | +2.2% |
| Upper Bann and Blackwater | 73,641 | -1.5% | +0.7% |
| West Antrim | 72,664 | -2.8% | -0.6% |
| West Down | 72,430 | -3.1% | -1.0% |
| Total | 1,243,369 | | |

Chapter 6

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The Hon Madam Justice McBride

(Deputy Chairman)

Dr William Smith

(Commissioner)

Ms Sarah Havlin

(Commissioner)

September 2016

Chapter 7

How to Respond

Any person or body wishing to make representations about these Provisional Proposals should do so in writing on or before **28 November 2016**.

The Commission will only accept representations in writing, with the exception of those verbal submissions made at the public hearings. Representations can be made as follows:

By post

You can write to the Secretary to the Boundary Commission:

Eamonn McConville
Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland
The Bungalow
Stormont House
Stormont Estate
Belfast
BT4 3SH

By email

You can email your response to: review@boundarycommission.org.uk

Online

You can submit your representation(s) online at: www.bcni2018.uk

The online facility also allows respondents to upload documents, spreadsheets and maps in support of any alternative proposals. The online consultation should be read alongside this document and the supporting map.

Appendix A

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland: Membership and Constitution

The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is constituted in accordance with section 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended.

At the commencement of the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries on 24 February 2016 its composition was as follows:

Chairman: The Speaker of the House of Commons *

Deputy Chairman: The Hon Madam Justice McBride

Members: Dr William Smith
Ms Sarah Havlin

Assessors: The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland
Mr Graham Shields

The Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland
Mr Alan Brontë

The Chief Survey Officer of Land and Property Services
Mr John Deyermond

The Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland#

Secretary: Mr Eamonn McConville

* *The Deputy Chairman, by custom, presides at all meetings of the Commission and the Speaker is kept fully informed of the progress of the work of the Commission.*

The post of Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland is currently vacant.

Appendix B

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

Number of constituencies

- 1 The number of constituencies in the United Kingdom shall be 600.

Electorate per constituency

- 2 (1) The electorate of any constituency shall be -
- (a) no less than 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
 - (b) no more than 105% of that quota.
- (2) This rule is subject to rules 4(2), 6(3) and 7.
- (3) In this Schedule the "United Kingdom electoral quota" means
U/596

where U is the electorate of the United Kingdom minus the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6.

Allocation of constituencies to parts of the United Kingdom

- 3 (1) Each constituency shall be wholly in one of the four parts of the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).
- (2) The number of constituencies in each part of the United Kingdom shall be determined in accordance with the allocation method set out in rule 8.

Area of constituencies

- 4 (1) A constituency shall not have an area of more than 13,000 square kilometres.
- (2) A constituency does not have to comply with rule 2(1)(a) if -
- (a) it has an area of more than 12,000 square kilometres, and
 - (b) the Boundary Commission concerned are satisfied that it is not reasonably possible for the constituency to comply with that rule.

Factors

- 5 (1) A Boundary Commission may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit -
- (a) special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
 - (b) local government boundaries as they exist on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date;
 - (c) boundaries of existing constituencies;
 - (d) any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies;
 - (e) the inconveniences attendant on such changes.²
- (2) The Boundary Commission for England may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit, boundaries of the electoral regions specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date.
- (3) This rule has effect subject to rules 2 and 4.

Protected constituencies

- 6 (1) There shall be two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.
- (2) There shall continue to be -
- (a) a constituency named Orkney and Shetland, comprising the areas of the Orkney Islands Council and the Shetland Islands Council;
 - (b) a constituency named Na h-Eileanan an Iar, comprising the area of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.
- (3) Rule 2 does not apply to these constituencies.

Northern Ireland

- 7 (1) In relation to Northern Ireland, sub-paragraph (2) below applies in place of rule 2 where -
- (a) the difference between -
 - (i) the electorate of Northern Ireland, and
 - (ii) the United Kingdom electoral quota multiplied by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), exceeds one third of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
 - (b) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland consider that having to apply rule 2 would unreasonably impair -

- (i) their ability to take into account the factors set out in rule 5(1), or
- (ii) their ability to comply with section 3(2) of this Act.

(2) The electorate of any constituency shall be -

- (a) no less than whichever is the lesser of -
N-A

and 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and

- (b) no more than whichever is the greater of -
N+A

and 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota,

where -

N is the electorate of Northern Ireland divided by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), and

A is 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota.

The allocation method

- 8 (1) The allocation method referred to in rule 3(2) is as follows.
- (2) The first constituency shall be allocated to the part of the United Kingdom with the greatest electorate.
- (3) The second and subsequent constituencies shall be allocated in the same way, except that the electorate of a part of the United Kingdom to which one or more constituencies have already been allocated is to be divided by -

$$2C+1$$

where C is the number of constituencies already allocated to that part.

- (4) Where the figure given by sub-paragraph (3) above is the same for two or more parts of the United Kingdom, the part to which a constituency is to be allocated shall be the one with the smaller or smallest actual electorate.
- (5) This rule does not apply to the constituencies mentioned in rule 6, and accordingly -
- (a) the electorate of England shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(1);
 - (b) the electorate of Scotland shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(2).

² Rule 5(1)(e) does not apply to a report due to be submitted before 1 October 2013, as specified by section 11(2) of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011

Interpretation

- 9 (1) This rule has effect for the purposes of this Schedule.
- (2) The “electorate” of the United Kingdom, or of a part of the United Kingdom or a constituency, is the total number of persons whose names appear on the relevant version of a register of parliamentary electors in respect of addresses in the United Kingdom, or in that part or that constituency.

For this purpose the relevant version of a register is the version that is required by virtue of subsection (1) of section 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be published no later than the review date, or would be so required but for -

- (a) any power under that section to prescribe a later date, or
- (b) subsection (1A) of that section.
- (3) “Local government boundaries” are -
- (a) in England, the boundaries of counties and their electoral divisions, districts and their wards, London boroughs and their wards and the City of London,
- (b) in Wales, the boundaries of counties, county boroughs, electoral divisions, communities and community wards,
- (c) in Scotland, the boundaries of local government areas and the electoral wards into which they are divided under section 1 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004, and
- (d) in Northern Ireland, the boundaries of wards.
- (4) “Ordinary council-election day” is -
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, the ordinary day of election of councillors for local government areas;
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the day on which the poll is held at ordinary elections of councillors for local government areas;
- (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, the day of an election for any district council (other than an election to fill a casual vacancy).
- (5) The “review date”, in relation to a report under section 3(1) of this Act that a Boundary Commission is required (by section 3(2)) to submit before a particular date, is two years and ten months before that date.
- (6) “The United Kingdom electoral quota” has the meaning given by rule 2(3).
- (7) A reference in rule 6 to an area is to the area as it existed on the coming into force of Part 2 of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

Appendix C

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended

SCHEDULE 2A

PUBLIC HEARINGS ABOUT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

Purpose of hearings

- 1 The purpose of a public hearing is to enable representations to be made about any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Number of hearings

- 2 (1) In relation to any particular report under section 3(1)(a) of this Act -
 - (a) the Boundary Commission for England shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in each English region;
 - (b) the Boundary Commission for Scotland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Scotland;
 - (c) the Boundary Commission for Wales shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Wales;
 - (d) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Northern Ireland.
- (2) The public hearings in an English region shall be concerned with proposals for that region, and shall between them cover the whole region.
- (3) The public hearings in Scotland shall be concerned with proposals for Scotland, and shall between them cover the whole of Scotland.
- (4) The public hearings in Wales shall be concerned with proposals for Wales, and shall between them cover the whole of Wales.
- (5) The public hearings in Northern Ireland shall be concerned with proposals for Northern Ireland, and shall between them cover the whole of Northern Ireland.

Chair of hearing

- 3 For each public hearing the Boundary Commission concerned shall appoint a person to chair the hearing.

Length of hearings

- 4 A public hearing shall be completed within two days.

Procedure at hearings

- 5 It is for the chair of each public hearing to determine the procedure that is to govern that hearing.

- 6 The chair shall make arrangements for a public hearing to begin with an explanation of -

- (a) the proposals with which the hearing is concerned;
- (b) how written representations about the proposals may be made (as mentioned in section 5(1)(a), (4)(b) or (5)(c) of this Act).

- 7 (1) The chair of a public hearing must allow representations to be made -

- (a) by each qualifying party;
- (b) by any other persons (whether individuals or organisations) considered by the chair to have an interest in any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Paragraph (b) above has effect subject to sub-paragraph (3)(b) below.

- (2) The chair may restrict the amount of time allowed for representations-

- (a) by qualifying parties, and
- (b) by other persons,

and need not allow the same amount to each.

- (3) The chair may determine -

- (a) the order in which representations are made, and
- (b) if necessary because of shortage of time, which of those wishing to make representations are not allowed to do so,

in whatever way the chair decides.

- 8 (1) The chair may put questions, or allow questions to be put, to a person present at the hearing.

- (2) If questions are allowed to be put, the chair may regulate the manner of questioning or restrict the number of questions a person may ask.

Interpretation

9 In this Schedule -

“the chair” means the person appointed under paragraph 3 above;

“English region” means an electoral region specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the day referred to in rule 5(2) of Schedule 2 to this Act;

“public hearing” means a hearing under section 5(1)(b) of this Act;

“qualifying party” means a party that is registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and either -

- (a) has at least one Member of the House of Commons representing a constituency in the region, or (as the case may be) the part of the United Kingdom, in which the hearing is held, or
- (b) received at least 10% of the votes cast in that region or part in the most recent parliamentary general election.

Appendix D

Composition of the Proposed Constituencies

(Alphabetical order)

Belfast East Borough Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Belfast LGD | | | |
| Ballymacarrett | 3,528 | Merok | 3,085 |
| Beersbridge | 3,443 | Orangefield | 3,405 |
| Belmont | 3,534 | Ormeau | 3,409 |
| Belvoir | 3,422 | Ravenhill | 3,062 |
| Bloomfield | 3,474 | Rosetta | 3,636 |
| Connswater | 3,532 | Sandown | 3,207 |
| Cregagh | 3,150 | Shandon | 3,755 |
| Garnerville | 3,478 | Stormont | 3,667 |
| Gilnahirk | 3,563 | Sydenham | 3,333 |
| Hillfoot | 3,588 | Woodstock | 3,072 |
| Knock | 3,658 | | |

Total constituency electorate - 72,001

Belfast North West Borough Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Belfast LGD | | | |
| Ardoyne | 3,645 | Falls | 3,237 |
| Ballygomartin | 3,994 | Forth River | 3,112 |
| Ballysillan | 3,333 | Fortwilliam | 3,290 |
| Beechmount | 3,497 | Innisfayle | 3,700 |
| Bellevue | 3,386 | Legoniel | 3,540 |
| Cavehill | 3,295 | New Lodge | 3,310 |
| Chichester Park | 3,688 | Shankill | 3,997 |
| Cliftonville | 3,574 | Water Works | 3,757 |
| Clonard | 3,665 | Woodvale | 3,087 |
| Duncairn | 3,731 | | |

Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD

| | | | |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Collinbridge | 2,222 | Valley | 2,206 |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|

Total constituency electorate – 71,266

Belfast South West Borough Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Belfast LGD | | | |
| Andersonstown | 3,641 | Malone | 3,399 |
| Ballymurphy | 3,377 | Musgrave | 3,472 |
| Blackstaff | 3,682 | Poleglass | 3,677 |
| Central | 4,342 | Shaw's Road | 3,816 |
| Colin Glen | 3,888 | Stewartstown | 3,566 |
| Dunmurry | 3,774 | Stranmillis | 3,832 |
| Falls Park | 3,646 | Turf Lodge | 3,472 |
| Finaghy | 3,406 | Twinbrook | 3,338 |
| Ladybrook | 3,632 | Upper Malone | 3,470 |
| Lagmore | 4,409 | Windsor | 3,804 |

Total constituency electorate - 73,643

Dalriada County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Causeway Coast and Glens LGD | | | |
| Atlantic | 2,463 | Kinbane | 2,579 |
| Ballycastle | 2,360 | Loughguile and Stranocum | 2,518 |
| Ballymoney East | 2,153 | Lurigethan | 2,108 |
| Ballymoney North | 2,483 | Mountsandel | 2,415 |
| Ballymoney South | 2,190 | Portrush and Dunluce | 2,197 |
| Castlerock | 2,546 | Portstewart | 2,175 |
| Churchland | 2,590 | Quarry | 2,514 |
| Clogh Mills | 2,638 | Rasharkin | 2,600 |
| Dervock | 2,405 | Route | 2,322 |
| Dundooan | 2,448 | Torr Head and Rathlin | 2,565 |
| Dunloy | 2,494 | University | 2,127 |
| Giant's Causeway | 2,448 | Waterside | 2,801 |
| Hopefield | 2,491 | Windy Hall | 2,700 |
| Mid and East Antrim LGD | | | |
| Cullybackey | 2,043 | Maine | 2,275 |
| Glenravel | 2,446 | Portglenone | 2,318 |
| Kirkinriola | 2,242 | | |

Total constituency electorate - 74,654

East Antrim County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD | | | |
| Abbey | 2,281 | Monkstown | 2,242 |
| Carnmoney Hill | 2,280 | O'Neill | 2,154 |
| Glebe | 2,314 | Rathcoole | 2,144 |
| Glengormley | 2,318 | Rostulla | 2,452 |
| Jordanstown | 2,439 | Whitehouse | 2,118 |
| Mid and East Antrim LGD | | | |
| Ballycarry and Glynn | 2,617 | Greenisland | 2,363 |
| Boneybefore | 2,389 | Islandmagee | 2,353 |
| Burleigh Hill | 2,220 | Kilroot | 2,889 |
| Cairncastle | 2,623 | Kilwaughter | 2,946 |
| Carnlough and Glenarm | 2,244 | Love Lane | 2,453 |
| Castle | 2,625 | Sunnylands | 2,642 |
| Craigyhill | 2,552 | The Maidens | 2,524 |
| Curran and Inver | 2,469 | Victoria | 2,657 |
| Gardenmore | 2,491 | Whitehead South | 2,546 |
| Gortalee | 2,338 | Woodburn | 2,634 |
| Total constituency electorate – 73,317 | | | |

Fermanagh and South Tyrone County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Fermanagh and Omagh LGD | | | |
| Ballinamallard | 2,084 | Florence Court and Kinawley | 2,117 |
| Belcoo and Garrison | 2,062 | Irvinestown | 2,110 |
| Belleek and Boa | 2,267 | Lisbellaw | 2,192 |
| Boho, Cleenish and Letterbreen | 2,328 | Lisnarrick | 1,948 |
| Brookeborough | 1,852 | Lisnaskea | 1,804 |
| Castlecoole | 2,095 | Maguiresbridge | 2,379 |
| Derrygonnelly | 2,028 | Newtownbutler | 1,881 |
| Derrylin | 1,867 | Newtownsaville | 1,999 |
| Donagh | 1,960 | Portora | 2,056 |
| Dromore | 1,955 | Rosslea | 1,734 |
| Drumquin | 2,066 | Rossorry | 1,717 |
| Ederney and Kesh | 2,056 | Tempo | 2,047 |
| Erne | 2,308 | Trillick | 1,879 |
| Fintona | 1,786 | | |
| Derry and Strabane LGD | | | |
| Castleberg | 2,472 | Newtownstewart | 2,283 |
| Glenderg | 2,435 | | |
| Mid Ulster LGD | | | |
| Augher and Clogher | 2,456 | Castlecaulfield | 2,328 |
| Aughnacloy | 2,246 | Fivemiletown | 2,105 |
| Ballygawley | 2,292 | | |
| Total constituency electorate – 73,194 | | | |

Foyle County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Derry and Strabane LGD | | | |
| Ballymagroarty | 2,606 | Galliagh | 2,734 |
| Brandywell | 2,544 | Kilfennan | 2,729 |
| Carn Hill | 2,316 | Lisnagelvin | 2,554 |
| Caw | 2,742 | Madam's Bank | 2,412 |
| City Walls | 2,356 | New Buildings | 2,753 |
| Clondermot | 2,661 | Northland | 2,855 |
| Creggan | 2,698 | Shantallow | 2,752 |
| Creggan South | 2,641 | Shantallow East | 3,027 |
| Culmore | 2,943 | Sheriff's Mountain | 2,409 |
| Drumahoe | 2,845 | Skeoge | 2,770 |
| Ebrington | 2,496 | Slievekirk | 2,480 |
| Eglinton | 2,688 | Springtown | 2,478 |
| Enagh | 2,667 | Victoria | 2,657 |
| Foyle Springs | 2,585 | | |

Total constituency electorate – 71,398

Glenshane County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Causeway Coast and Glens LGD | | | |
| Aghadowey | 2,528 | Garvagh | 2,287 |
| Altahullion | 2,205 | Greysteel | 2,896 |
| Ballykelly | 2,318 | Greystone | 2,306 |
| Coolessan | 2,038 | Kilrea | 2,530 |
| Drumsurn | 2,354 | Macosquin | 2,389 |
| Dungiven | 2,401 | Magilligan | 2,269 |
| Feeny | 2,292 | Roeside | 2,085 |
| Mid Ulster LGD | | | |
| Ballymaguigan | 2,614 | Maghera | 2,280 |
| Bellaghy | 2,556 | Swatragh | 2,377 |
| Castledawson | 2,517 | Tamlaght O'Crilly | 2,467 |
| Coolshinny | 2,554 | The Loup | 2,704 |
| Draperstown | 2,055 | Tobermore | 2,481 |
| Glebe | 2,388 | Town Parks East | 2,320 |
| Lissan | 2,459 | Valley | 2,406 |
| Lower Glenshane | 2,249 | | |
| Derry and Strabane LGD | | | |
| Claudy | 2,536 | Park | 2,494 |

Total constituency electorate - 74,355

Newry and Armagh County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Newry, Mourne and Down LGD | | | |
| Abbey | 2,635 | Fathom | 2,802 |
| Ballybot | 3,165 | Forkhill | 2,796 |
| Bessbrook | 3,013 | Mullaghbane | 2,829 |
| Camlough | 2,822 | Newtownhamilton | 2,703 |
| Crossmaglen | 2,746 | St. Patrick's | 3,211 |
| Damolly | 2,859 | Whitecross | 2,726 |
| Drumalane | 3,022 | | |
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD | | | |
| Cathedral | 3,040 | Navan | 3,508 |
| Demesne | 3,447 | Richhill | 3,442 |
| Hamiltonsbawn | 3,471 | Seagahan | 3,656 |
| Keady | 3,492 | Tandragee | 3,430 |
| Mahon | 3,151 | The Mall | 3,232 |
| Markethill | 3,517 | | |
| Total constituency electorate - 74,715 | | | |

North Down County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------|
| North Down and Ards LGD | | | |
| Ballycrochan | 2,602 | Groomsport | 2,857 |
| Ballygrainey | 3,202 | Harbour | 3,006 |
| Ballyholme | 2,891 | Helen's Bay | 2,790 |
| Ballymagee | 2,995 | Hollywood | 3,117 |
| Bloomfield | 2,804 | Kilcooley | 2,714 |
| Broadway | 2,768 | Loughview | 2,846 |
| Bryansburn | 2,863 | Rathgael | 2,462 |
| Castle | 2,772 | Rathmore | 2,890 |
| Clandeboyne | 2,717 | Silverbirch | 2,867 |
| Cultra | 2,915 | Silverstream | 2,531 |
| Donaghadee | 2,890 | Warren | 2,952 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD | | | |
| Ballyhanwood | 2,228 | Enler | 2,175 |
| Carrowreagh | 3,081 | Graham's Bridge | 2,139 |
| Dundonald | 2,243 | | |
| Total constituency electorate - 74,317 | | | |

North Tyrone County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Fermanagh and Omagh LGD | | | |
| Beragh | 2,015 | Gortrush | 2,090 |
| Camowen | 2,182 | Killyclogher | 2,070 |
| Coolnagard | 2,184 | Owenkillew | 1,970 |
| Dergmoney | 1,711 | Sixmilecross | 1,980 |
| Drumnakilly | 2,053 | Strule | 1,705 |
| Fairy Water | 2,157 | Termon | 1,832 |
| Gortin | 2,028 | | |
| Mid Ulster LGD | | | |
| Ardboe | 2,622 | Loughry | 2,033 |
| Coagh | 2,282 | Mullaghmore | 2,097 |
| Cookstown East | 1,974 | Oaklands | 2,321 |
| Cookstown South | 2,206 | Pomeroy | 2,552 |
| Cookstown West | 2,270 | Stewartstown | 2,162 |
| Donaghmore | 2,559 | | |
| Derry and Strabane LGD | | | |
| Artigarvan | 2,564 | Glenelly Valley | 2,406 |
| Ballycolman | 2,570 | Sion Mills | 2,610 |
| Dunnamanagh | 2,461 | Strabane North | 2,513 |
| Finn | 2,807 | Strabane West | 2,393 |
| Total constituency electorate - 71,379 | | | |

South Antrim County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|----------------|------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD | | | |
| Aldergrove | 2,524 | Hightown | 2,087 |
| Antrim Centre | 2,583 | Mallusk | 3,217 |
| Clady | 2,489 | Springfarm | 2,924 |
| Crumlin | 2,457 | Steeple | 2,135 |
| Fountain Hill | 2,090 | Stiles | 2,356 |
| Greystone | 1,934 | Templepatrick | 2,420 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD | | | |
| Ballinderry | 2,693 | Lambeg | 2,291 |
| Ballymacash | 2,290 | Lisnagarvey | 2,223 |
| Ballymacoss | 3,064 | Maghaberry | 2,701 |
| Derryaghy | 2,616 | Magheralave | 2,318 |
| Glenavy | 2,394 | Old Warren | 2,397 |
| Harmony Hill | 2,257 | Stonyford | 2,122 |
| Hilden | 2,449 | Wallace Park | 2,503 |
| Knockmore | 2,519 | White Mountain | 3,478 |
| Lagan Valley | 2,083 | | |
| Total constituency electorate - 71,614 | | | |

South Down County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|
| Newry, Mourne and Down LGD | | | |
| Annalong | 2,959 | Kilkeel | 2,455 |
| Ballydugan | 2,620 | Knocknashinna | 3,037 |
| Ballyward | 2,986 | Lecale | 2,916 |
| Binnian | 2,949 | Lisnacree | 3,162 |
| Burren | 2,834 | Mayobridge | 3,295 |
| Castlewellan | 2,766 | Murlough | 3,045 |
| Cathedral | 2,738 | Quoile | 2,754 |
| Derryleckagh | 3,114 | Rostrevor | 3,103 |
| Donard | 2,657 | Strangford | 2,783 |
| Drumaness | 2,820 | Tollymore | 2,856 |
| Dundrum | 2,877 | Warrenpoint | 2,977 |
| Hilltown | 3,234 | | |
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD | | | |
| Loughbrickland | 3,790 | Rathfriland | 3,313 |
| Total constituency electorate - 74,040 | | | |

Strangford County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| North Down and Ards LGD | | | |
| Ballygowan | 3,063 | Gregstown | 2,537 |
| Ballywalter | 3,161 | Killinchy | 2,590 |
| Carrowdore | 2,917 | Kircubbin | 2,920 |
| Comber North | 2,738 | Loughries | 2,830 |
| Comber South | 2,750 | Movilla | 2,549 |
| Comber West | 2,681 | Portaferry | 2,559 |
| Conway Square | 2,886 | Portavogie | 2,569 |
| Cronstown | 3,198 | Scrabo | 3,078 |
| Glen | 3,056 | West Winds | 2,843 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down LGD | | | |
| Ballynahinch | 2,884 | Kilmore | 2,817 |
| Crossgar and Killyleagh | 2,884 | Saintfield | 3,006 |
| Derryboy | 2,920 | | |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD | | | |
| Cairnshill | 2,385 | Galwally | 2,304 |
| Carryduff East | 2,490 | Moneyreagh | 2,126 |
| Total constituency electorate - 74,741 | | | |

Upper Bann and Blackwater County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD | | | |
| Aghagallon | 3,408 | Killycomain | 2,773 |
| Ballybay | 3,008 | Knocknashane | 2,972 |
| Blackwatertown | 3,825 | Lough Road | 3,328 |
| Brownlow | 3,681 | Loughgall | 3,676 |
| Corcrain | 2,946 | Mourneview | 3,256 |
| Craigavon Centre | 3,349 | Parklake | 3,394 |
| Derrytrasna | 3,367 | Shankill | 3,760 |
| Kernan | 3,257 | The Birches | 3,743 |
| Mid Ulster LGD | | | |
| Ballysaggart | 1,947 | Killymeal | 2,053 |
| Caledon | 2,467 | Moy | 2,125 |
| Coalisland North | 2,383 | Moygashel | 1,874 |
| Coalisland South | 2,476 | Washing Bay | 2,417 |
| Killyman | 2,156 | | |
| Total constituency electorate - 73,641 | | | |

West Antrim County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD | | | |
| Ballyclare East | 2,580 | Cranfield | 2,300 |
| Ballyclare West | 2,647 | Doagh | 2,389 |
| Ballyduff | 2,332 | Fairview | 2,110 |
| Ballyhenry | 2,107 | Mossley | 2,502 |
| Ballynure | 2,519 | Parkgate | 2,365 |
| Ballyrobert | 2,469 | Randalstown | 2,377 |
| Burnthill | 2,454 | Shilvodan | 2,456 |
| Carnmoney | 2,109 | Toome | 2,541 |
| Mid and East Antrim LGD | | | |
| Academy | 2,110 | Fair Green | 2,023 |
| Ahoghill | 2,576 | Galgorm | 2,370 |
| Ardeevin | 2,344 | Glenwhirry | 2,280 |
| Ballee and Harryville | 2,299 | Grange | 2,631 |
| Ballykeel | 2,159 | Kells | 2,417 |
| Braidwater | 2,099 | Park | 2,137 |
| Broughshane | 2,650 | Slemish | 2,282 |
| Castle Demesne | 2,030 | | |
| Total constituency electorate - 72,664 | | | |

West Down County Constituency

| WARD | ELECTORATE | WARD | ELECTORATE |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD | | | |
| Banbridge East | 3,148 | Dromore | 3,122 |
| Banbridge North | 3,129 | Gilford | 3,250 |
| Banbridge South | 3,311 | Gransha | 3,290 |
| Banbridge West | 3,623 | Magheralin | 3,372 |
| Bleary | 3,326 | Quilly | 3,012 |
| Donaghcloney | 3,290 | Waringstown | 3,734 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD | | | |
| Ballymacbrennan | 2,293 | Hillsborough | 2,545 |
| Beechill | 2,396 | Knockbracken | 2,488 |
| Blaris | 2,201 | Lagan | 2,339 |
| Carryduff West | 2,320 | Maze | 2,211 |
| Dromara | 2,440 | Moira | 2,534 |
| Drumbo | 2,214 | Newtownbreda | 2,000 |
| Hillhall | 2,584 | Ravernet | 2,258 |
| Total constituency electorate - 72,430 | | | |

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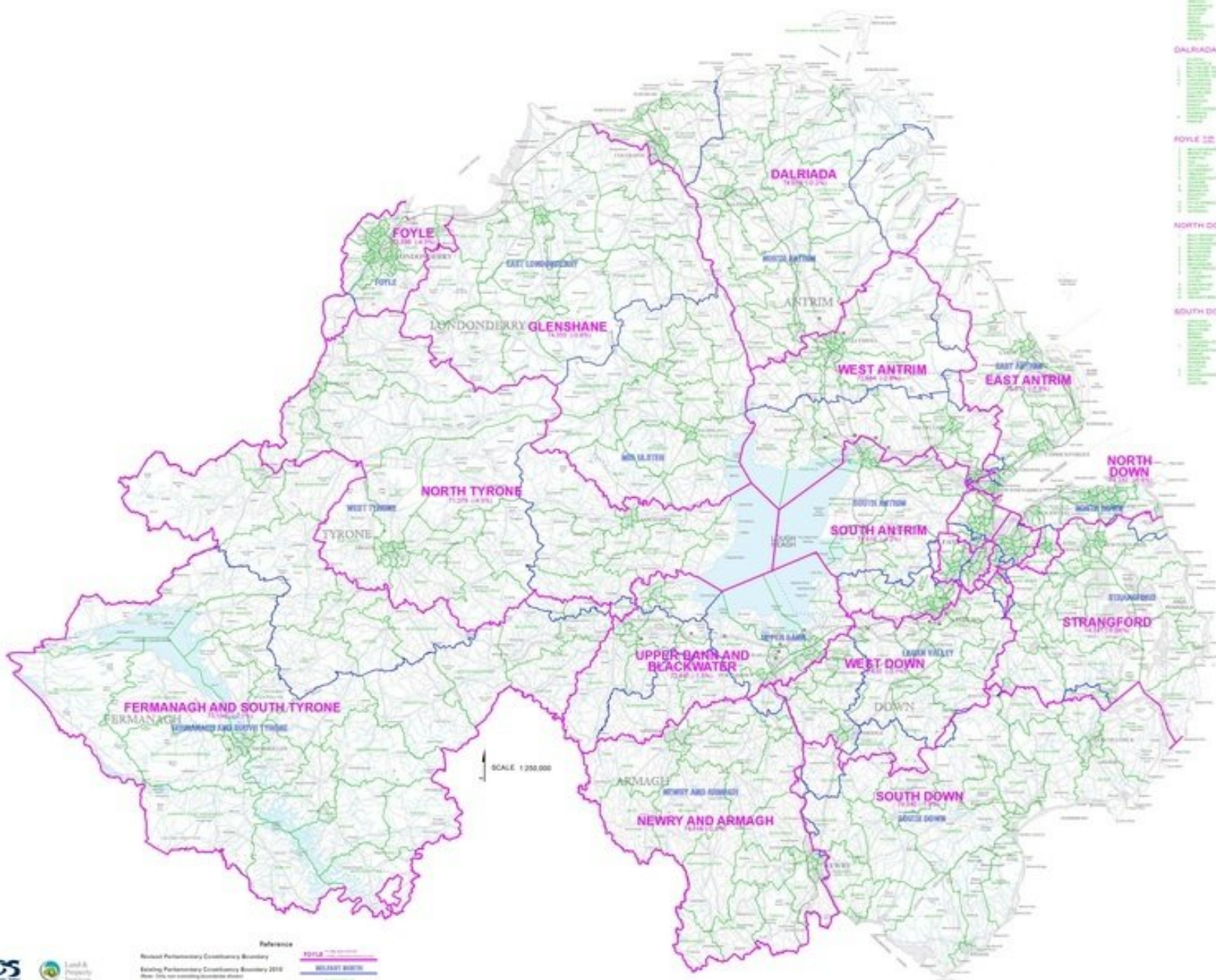


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