

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17  
December 2015 at 3.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,  
Downpatrick.**

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In the Chair : Councillor R Burgess

In Attendance: Councillor S Burns Councillor M Carr  
Councillor W Clarke Councillor G Craig  
Councillor L Kimmins Councillor B Ó'Muirí  
Councillor H Reilly Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor B Walker

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews Councillor N Bailie  
Councillor C Enright Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty Councillor P Ó'Gribín  
Councillor JJ Tinnelly

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning &  
Performance  
Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory & Technical  
Services  
Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance  
Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager  
Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning  
and Policy  
Ms H McKee, Assistant Director, Community Planning  
Mr E McManus, Capital Projects  
Mr P Green, Legal Advisor  
Mr J McBride, Change Manager  
Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager  
Mr M McQuiston, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager  
Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer  
Ms J McCabe, Diversity & Inclusion Projects  
Co-ordinator  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/227/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Curran and Councillor C McGrath.

**SPR/228/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive, Mr Hannaway, declared an interest in the item: SPR/239/2015 - Forkhill Peader O'Doirnin GAA – Lease of Soccer Field Situated alongside the Club Grounds at Bog Road, Forkhill, as a family member was in the aforementioned GAA.

Councillor Burns declared interests in Item SPR/265/2015 – Social Investment Fund and Item SPR/267/2015 – Financial Assistance.

Councillor Ruane declared an interest in SPR/267/2015 – Financial Assistance.

**SPR/229/2015:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2015.

Noted: **The Action Sheet was NOTED.**

**SPR/230/2015:- LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 5: TRANSPORTATION**

Read: Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 5: Transportation (copy circulated)

Mr A Hay presented the Local Development Plan: Preparatory Studies – Paper 5: Transportation stating the studies were essential in providing the evidence base for preparing the Local Development Plan. He advised the paper provided an overview of the regional planning and roads policy in relation to transportation and asked that Members note the contents of the report.

Members discussed the issue at length, raising the following questions:

- A7 upgrade is not mentioned within the report, should this not be in the Local Development Plan?
- What did developer-led mean?

- Eastern Link Road was the only road which had not been developed out of the last area plan, what was being done to rectify this?
- South Armagh area was not mentioned, the road infrastructure was particularly bad with no transport links to the city.
- How often would Councillors be given updates on the local development plan?
- There needs to be increased park and ride locations throughout the District. Car parks were full of people who parked their cars and travelled to Belfast. Connectivity needed to be investigated, dual carriageway from Downpatrick to Newry was required.
- Warrenpoint should not be put in with Newry it is a town of over 8000 people and may lose out on tourism etc.

Mr Hay responded to the queries as follows:

- The A7 was referred to within the papers however Council only had a role to lobby on roads issues.
- Developer-led referred to the improvements in developments which depend upon a contribution from developers.
- Until the new development plan is adopted, the existing plans remained as the development plans for the area.
- There was a clear link between community planning and the local development plan and the rural issue had been made reference to. It was very difficult to get across the District and the rural population needed to be consulted with.
- Presentations would be coming forward over the next few months and consultation with Members would be on-going.
- There were a number of issues that needed engagement and lobbying with TransportNI. The usage of park and ride facilities needed to be encouraged in order to reduce the number of cars on the road.
- Warrenpoint was clustered with Newry due to its regional significance as the South Eastern Gateway to Northern Ireland.

**Noted:** **The Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 5: Transportation was NOTED.**

**SPR/231/2015** **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL INCORPORATING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – AN OVERVIEW**

**Read:** Report from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, dated 17 December 2015 on the Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment – An Overview.

Mr M McQuiston, Senior Planning Officer, made a presentation on the Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment – An Overview.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- The purpose of the report was to highlight the process. The Local Development Plan had set steps to work through, which would each be tested through sustainability. This process had not yet commenced, but it would look at the options and fully appraise them to establish how sustainable they would be.
- Officers were obliged to follow what was laid down in EU and national legislation.
- Membership of the Steering Group was heavily weighted in terms of the Environmental Sector, but it was not a finalised list and the sustainable appraisal also encompassed social and economic factors.
- Social issues would be identified within the Local Development Plan, including what indicators were used to measure the process.

**NOTED:** Councillor Enright raised concerns regarding the need to address climate change and said parts of sustainability were missing from the report.

**Noted:** “The Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment – An Overview” was NOTED.

**SPR/232/2015** **PRESENTATION OF FINAL DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN – STRATEGIC, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE**

**Read:** Presentation of final Directorate Business Plan - Strategic Planning and Performance.

**NOTED:** Mr J McBride, Change Manager, outlined the purpose of the Strategic Planning and Performance Directorate. He advised this was an annual plan which would be reviewed in January 2016 and a new plan brought back for 2016/17.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Final Directorate Business Plan – Strategic, Planning and Performance be approved.

## **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **SPR/233/2015      BRAND MANAGEMENT – SIGNAGE PROPSALS**

**Read:** Report from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager, dated 17 December 2015, on Brand Management – Signage Proposals.

**NOTED:** in response to a query from the Chair, Councillor Burgess regarding the cost of the signage, Ms Keegan explained each boundary sign cost £733, and 18 were required, a cost of £16,000 in total.

Councillor Reilly stated his opposition to the signage, saying he believed it would create an atmosphere for the unionist communities. Councillors Walker and Burgess also expressed concerns, saying they had no issue with the Irish language, but it should not be forced upon people who did not want to use it. Councillor Walker said the Council should start with the boundary signs and then gauge reaction, proceeding in a phased way.

Councillor Ó'Muirí said it was not an insult to unionists to put up signs with the Irish language on as the language was for everyone to use. He referred to the Council's bilingual policy, saying it was admirable the Council had made a collective decision to approve it.

Councillor Ó'Muirí proposed the application of the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council corporate identity to the Council's signage.

Councillor Craig said this proposal was not being introduced in the right way and he wished to see aspects of the Bilingual Policy adhered to in a way that recognised the concerns of the protestant, loyalist and unionist communities, which was not being done.

Councillor W Clarke referred to the excellent engagement work being carried out in East Belfast by Linda Ervine, which had been presented to the legacy Down Council. He referred to the townlands and mountain ranges with names based on the Irish language, linking into the Ulster Scots and making this part of the Strategy moving forward. He said further discussions were required through the Equality Forum. Councillor Clarke seconded Councillor Ó'Muirí's proposal.

In response to concerns from Councillor Carr, Ms Keegan advised that the design of the road signs were governed by planning regulations.

The Chairperson put the proposal by Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 5**  
**AGAINST: 4**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**The Motion was CARRIED**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that the application of the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council corporate identity to the Council's signage, be approved.

### **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **SPR/234/2015 PROPOSED OVERSPEND FOR PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS**

**Read:** Report from Mr K Scullion, Facilities Manager, dated 17 December 2015 on the proposed overspend to accommodate requests for new Bus Shelters.

The Director of Regulatory and Technical Services, Mr O'Rourke, explained that a further £30,000 was being proposed to be made available for provision of bus shelters as there was only currently £5,000 in the budget.

Councillor Craig said Transport NI had a responsibility and he proposed that Council to follow up with Transport NI regarding funding for bus shelters and also include the larger amount in this year's Capital budget of £30,000.

Councillor Walker seconded Councillor Craig's proposal and in doing so, queried why it was Council's responsibility to provide bus shelters when it was Translink who picked up the passengers. He said it was not the sole responsibility of the ratepayer to fund the bus shelters. He proposed that Council meet with senior officials from Translink regarding collaborative working and that the matter also be brought to the attention of the DRD Minister.

Councillors Carr and W Clarke also expressed concerns on the matter of the increased budget, the cost per bus shelter and that it was Translink's responsibility to put the infrastructure in place.

Councillor W Clarke proposed that bus shelters should be looked at as economic generators and advertising on them be investigated. This was seconded by Councillor Burns.

Councillor Walker suggested AdShel, who provided bus shelters free of charge in some areas, be approached by Council.

Councillor Craig accepted Councillor W Clarke's amendment.

The Director advised that Council was empowered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, with the consent of the Department of Regional Development to erect and maintain on any road within the district, shelters for the protection from weather of persons waiting to enter public service vehicles. He said that DRD and Transport NI had no empowerment or responsibility to provide bus shelters, although officers could meet with them to discuss the issue.

In response to queries from Members, the Director clarified that old bus shelters could not be moved, only the new ones were removable and health and safety standards and issues had to be taken into account when considering the material used for new bus shelters. He clarified the cost of one bus shelter, which was £5,000.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker:**

- **That Council officials meet with senior officials of Transport NI to investigate funding for bus shelters.**
- **That correspondence be sent to the DRD Minister advising of Council's concerns regarding responsibility for bus shelters.**
- **That advertising on bus shelters be investigated.**
- **That the overspend of approximately £30,000 in this year's Capital Budget for Bus Shelters, be approved.**

## **ESTATE**

**SPR/235/2015**

### **ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015 regarding the former St Mary's Primary School Site

Councillor Reilly proposed that Council officials be given approval to complete an options paper for Council to consider in light of the decision by the site owners not to sell the St Mary's site to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. Councillor Burns seconded Councillor W Clarke's amendment.

Councillor Burns proposed an amendment to Councillor Reilly's proposal; that the consultants appointed to develop a major investment strategy for the new Newry, Mourne and Down District Council region regarding the Newry Civic Building/Area Investment Plan, be appointed to complete the options paper. Councillor W Clarke seconded Councillor Burns' proposal and said a paper was required that could deliver adequate leisure provision for Newcastle and the surrounding areas.

Mr Curtis advised Councillor Burns' amendment could not be accepted as it would have the effect of directly negating Councillor Reilly's proposal. Councillor Reilly said he wished to withdraw his proposal in order to accommodate the way forward being requested by Councillor Burns. This was agreed to by Councillor Ó'Muirí and the motion was accordingly withdrawn.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that the consultants appointed to develop a major investment strategy for the Newry Civic Building/Area Investment Plan, complete an options paper for Council to consider in light of the decision by the site owners not to sell the St Mary's site to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

**SPR/236/2015** **COUNCIL LAND AT CARNBANE PLAYING FIELDS NEWRY – JG035 BALLYDOUGAN TO NEWRY SMT – PHASE 2A**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance and Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Compensation for NI Water Scheme on Council Land at Carnbane Playing Fields.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí, that the compensation of £5,250 offered for the NI Water Scheme at Carnbane Playing Fields, Newry, be accepted.**

**SPR/237/2015** **KILKEEL FORMER CINEMA/TOWN HALL BUILDING AND YARD**



**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Kilkeel Town Hall

Councillor Reilly asked that the community group in Kilkeel who had received funding for Shared Space, but had not obtained planning permission for a site for a Community Centre, should be advised of the potential availability of this property.

The Director confirmed officers would follow up on this matter.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that discussions be entered into with interested parties regarding possible future uses for this property and reported through Active and Healthy Communities Meeting.**

**SPR/238/2015**      **EXPANSION OF DOWNSHIRE OFFICE ACCOMODATION**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the expansion of offices at Downshire Civic Centre

Mr Curtis advised Members that he wished to continue talks with the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and further advised that officials had undertaken further negotiations with them regarding a social enterprise coffee bar, which would be brought back to Strategy, Policy and Resources in January.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that negotiations commence with the Trust and Land & Property Services regarding the current valuation.**

**SPR/239/2015**      **FORKHILL PEADAR O'DOIRNIN GAA – LEASE OF SOCCER FIELD SITUATED ALONGSIDE THE CLUB GROUNDS AT BOG ROAD FORKHILL**

**Read:** Report regarding Forkhill Peadar O'Doirmín GAA – lease of soccer field situated alongside the club grounds at Bog Road, Forkhill.

The Chief Executive, Mr Hannaway, declared an interest in this item of business, as a family member was in the above mentioned GAA and left the meeting during discussion on the matter.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that officials discuss the matter with the Carbane League and bring this back to Committee in January 2016.

**SPR/240/2015**      **BALLYNAHINCH COMMUNITY FACILITY**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Ballynahinch community facility.

Councillor Burns proposed:

1. That Council consider the lease of land in Council ownership in Ballynahinch to local Community Group to develop a community facility.
2. That Council officers assist the local Community Group with applications to various funding agencies, Peace IV, etc.

Councillor Burns said he was not proposing approval of recommendation 3 in the Officer's report as he did not agree with its content as there was no design proposal available as yet, and this should be revisited the following year.

Mr Curtis advised the £300,000 would be included in the 2016/17 rates subject to a strong economic business case.

Councillor Craig said the Edge Community Group had done excellent work in Ballynahinch and should be encouraged and supported going forward.

Councillor Walker concurred with Councillor Craig, saying the Community Group should receive every assistance possible from the Council.

Councillor Ruane seconded Councillor Burns' proposal.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane,

1. That Council consider the lease of land in Council ownership in Ballynahinch to Local Community Group to develop a community facility.
2. That Council officers assist the Local Community Group with applications to various funding agencies, Pease IV, etc.

**SPR/241/2015**      **REMEDIAL WORKS TO CASTLEWELLAN LIBRARY**

**Read:** Report by Ms A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, dated 17 December 2015, regarding remedial works to Castlewellan Library.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Burns, that approval be granted to the Education Authority, to use Council land adjacent to Castlewellan Library for the purpose of undertaking remedial works to this building, subject to the Council receiving payment for use of its land.

**SPR/242/2015**      **REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND/RIGHT OF WAY AT NEW LINE PLAYGROUND, SAINTFIELD**

**Read:** Report from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the request to purchase land/right of way at New Line Playground, Saintfield.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the request from Mr Johnston to acquire a strip of land at New Line Playground, Saintfield be refused with regret, pending completion of the Council's Play Area Strategy.

**SPR/243/2015**      **WALKWAY AT DUNDRUM TRANSFER OF LIGHTING**

**Read:** Report from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the walkway at Dundrum - Transfer of Lighting.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that expenditure in the sum of £2,350.12 plus VAT and £3,000 for the supply and installation of electrical cubicles at two locations and electricity supply for lighting of the Walkway at the Quay, Dundrum, be approved.

**SPR/244/2015**      **PROGRESS REPORT ON VICTORIA LOCK**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Strategic Director of Performance and Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding progress on works being undertaken at Victoria Lock, Newry.

Mr Curtis explained further details would be brought back to Committee in January 2016.

Members expressed concerns over the extra costs required by the contractor.

Mr E McManus, Capital Projects Officer, gave Members an overview of the issues contributing to the compensation event.

**Noted:** **The content of the report was noted and further details on compensation events/additional costs for Victoria Lock Refurbishment Scheme awaited.**

**SPR/245/2015** **NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE PHASE 2 – EXTERNAL WORKS AND FENCING**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Strategic Director of Performance and Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 – External Works and Fencing.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the following Capital Budget request be referred to the draft Rate Estimates for 2016/17 for consideration:-**

**2016/17 £200,000 for external works/fencing**  
**2017/18 £110,000 Newry Leisure Centre – Phase 2**

**SPR/246/2015** **NEWRY CIVIC CENTRE AND AREA INVESTMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Strategic Director of Performance and Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Newry Civic Building/Area Investment Plan

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane:-**

- **That specialised consultants be appointed to develop an investment strategy (the former St Mary’s Primary School Site recommendation refers – SPR/236/2015)**
- **That a group of Councillors be appointed to support officers and consultants in a new Strategy (Councillors Carr, Stokes, Craig).**

Councillor Burns advised Sinn Fein would come back with nominees. Mr Curtis advised that the other Parties who were not present would be invited to make nominations.

**SPR/247/2015      SAINTFIELD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – PROGRESS REPORT**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Strategic Director of Performance and Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Saintfield Development Association.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Burns that approval be given to the following:

- An Economic Appraisal/Business case for a Community/Leisure facility at Saintfield.
- Saintfield Development Association to avail of Local Enterprise Centre Social Enterprise Officer to advise on Business Plan.
- Newry, Mourne and Down District to publically advertise an Expression of Interest for interested parties to enter into a Joint Venture for a Community/Leisure Centre at Saintfield.

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**SPR/248/2015      AGREE DATE FOR STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 2016**

**NOTED:** The Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee in March was programmed for Friday 18 March, the 17 March being a public holiday. The alternative date available was Tuesday 16 March at 2pm.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the Strategy, Policy and Resources in March be held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 2pm.

**SPR/249/2015      SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR MAY 2016 – MAY 2017**

**Read:** Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Council and Committee Meetings: May 2016 – May 2017.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the draft timetable for Council and Committee meetings May 2016 – May 2017, be approved.

**SPR/250/2015      DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE – SMOKE FREE ZONE**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Strategic Director of Performance and Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Downshire Civic Centre – Smoke Free Zone.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that Downshire Civic Centre be included in the Department of Health’s Smoke Free Zone.**

**SPR/251/2015**      **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

**Read:** Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Emergency Planning.

**Noted:** **The recommendations contained in point 1.6 of Appendix 1 (copy previously circulated), were noted.**

**SPR/252/2015**      **DERRYLECKAGH SPORTS PROJECT**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December, regarding Derryleckagh Sports Project.

Councillors Ruane and Carr expressed concerns over this item of business, saying that a similar proposal had come forward in Warrenpoint involving GAA, the high school, soccer club and another organisation.

Mr Curtis said this proposal had come from some of the clubs, who had asked officials to meet with them and responsibility lay with the Council to advise them of grant funding.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr, that the report be noted, and a further report be brought back to the most relevant Committee.**

**SPR/253/2015**      **NEWRY STREET UNITED SHARED SPACES PROEJCT**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Newry Street United.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig, that:**

- Financial support to Newry Street United to assist with redevelopment of a play area in Kilkeel at an approximate cost of £30,000 (Group to provide £50,000)
- Recommend referring to 2016/17 Rates Estimates.
- 25 year lease of property in Kilkeel for development of a Community Centre funded by Spaces and Places £350,000.
- Council assistance with Capacity Building of the Community Association.
- Council to maintain play area at completion of redevelopment.

**SPR/254/2015      REVIEW OF BUSINESS RATES:THE CASE FOR CHANGE - SEMINAR**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance regarding appointing delegate/s to seminar entitled "Review of Business Rates: The Case for Change" being held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at Riddel Hall, Queen's University, Belfast.

Mr Dowey advised that the cost of the above conference would be £125+VAT.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that approval be given for a representative from each Party to attend the "Review of Business Rates: The Case for Change" conference at a cost of £125 + VAT per delegate.

**SPR/255/2015      SIX MONTH REPORT ON CORPORATE PLAN (2015-2019)**

**Read:** Report dated from J McBride, Change Manager and Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy dated 17 December 2015 regarding the Six-Month Performance Report and Annual Review of the Corporate Plan.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig:-

- That the six-month performance report on the Corporate plan (2015-19), be approved.
- The arrangements for its annual review be approved as detailed in the report (previously circulated)

**SPR/256/2015      POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON UNACCEPTABLE ACTIONS OR BEHAVIOUR BY COMPLAINTS**

**Read:** Report dated from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Policy and Procedures on Unacceptable Actions or Behaviour by Complainants.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig, that approval be given to the Draft Policy and Procedures on Unacceptable Behaviour by Complainants.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **SPR/257/2015      SAFEGUARDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHILDREN**

**Read:** Report from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Human Resources), dated 17 December 2015 regarding Safeguarding – Photography and Council Use of Photographs of Children.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that a revision to Part 6 of the Council's Safeguarding Policy to allow for the use of the consent form provided at Appendix 2 (previously circulated), be accepted.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES – FINANCE**

#### **SPR/258/2015      TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICES ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Treasury Management Services Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

**Noted:** It was noted that a contract was awarded to Arlington Close at a figure of £4,750 per annum.

#### **SPR/259/2015      TENDERS AWARDED TO 30 NOVEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Tenders Awarded up to 30 November 2015.

**Noted:** It was noted at Appendix 1 (previously circulated), the current Tenders anticipated over £30K up to 30 November 2015.

#### **SPR/260/2015      REPORT FROM PROCUREMENT**



**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Procurement.

**Noted:** **The report from Procurement was noted.**

**SPR/261/2015**      **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR 7 MONTHS ENDED 30 OCTOBER 2015**

**Read:** Spreadsheet regarding Net Revenue Expenditure Report Year to Date: 31 October 2015 (tabled at the meeting)

The Head of Finance took the Members through the above mentioned spreadsheet highlighting any anomalies and the reasons for these.

**Noted:** **The Net Revenue Expenditure Report Year to Date 31 October 2015, was noted.**

**EQUALITY**

**SPR/262/2015**      **EUROPEAN RURAL NETWORK FOR JOB MOBILITY – ERN4MOB PROJECT**

**Read:** Report from Ms J McCabe, Diversity & Inclusion Projects Co-ordinator, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the European Rural Network for Job Mobility – ERN4mob Project

The Diversity & Inclusion Projects Co-ordinator, Ms J McCabe advised Members that the kick-off event which she was seeking approval for, was 100% funded and there would be no cost to Council.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Craig, that approval be given for the Chair of SPR Committee, Director of SPP and Project Co-ordinator to attend a project kick-off meeting in February 2016.**

**SPR/263/2015**      **DECADE OF CENTENARIES PROGRAMME 2016**

**Read:** Report by Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2016 including arrangements for programmes to be funded through the Good Relations Strategy and Museum Projects Budget and allocated Financial Assistance through the Councils Grant Scheme.

**Noted:** The report, outlining the current overview of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's proposed activities during 2016 in relation to the Decade of Centenaries 2016 (Easter Rising and Somme), was noted.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING AND WELL-BEING**

### **SPR/264/2015      DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HEALTH FORUM**

**Read:** Report from Ms H McKee, Assistant Director of Community Planning, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Newry, Mourne and Down Health Forum.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor W Clarke;-

- That approval be given to the Draft Terms of Reference for the Health Forum.
- That approval be given to the first Task and Finish Forum to advocate for continued A&E provision and Stroke Services at Daisy Hill Hospital.

## **GRANT AIDED PROGRAMMES**

**Councillor Burns declared an interest in Agenda items 15a and 15b and retired from the meeting.**

### **SPR/265/2015      SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND**

**Read:** Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Social Investment Fund.

The Director of Strategic Performance and Planning advised Members that regarding the South Eastern Zone Capital Projects, Council had taken responsibility of the management of Kilcooley, Bangor 3G pitch facility and senior officials would be meeting with the Castlewellan Community Partnership to look at the possibility of management. This would help the groups, take away the risk and maintain the buildings in an acceptable way.

The Programmes Manager referred to the revenue projects and requested the legacy Councillors from the Newry & Mourne area to provide her with details of potential small community projects in super output areas as designated by NISRA.

In reply to a query from Councillor W Clarke, Ms Burns clarified that it was only areas within the legacy Newry and Mourne District which were eligible for this funding.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that officials meet with the Castlewellan Community Partnership to look at the management possibility.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the report be noted.

**SPR/266/2015**      **PEACE IV**

**Read:** Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 17 December 2015, regarding PEACE IV.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Craig, that officers proceed with the consultation process and submit the application to Council for approval prior to submission.

**SPR/267/2015**      **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Read:** Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 17 December 2015, regarding Financial Assistance.

Councillor Ruane declared an interest in this item of business.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brown, that :-

- Approval be given to fund 18 applications to the value of £39,416.90.
- Retrospective approval be given to 2 advances – 2 groups have requested additional assistance in terms of an advance. To enable the projects to proceed, Safer Warrenpoint has been provided with 100% advance and Newtownhamilton Community Association with 75% advance payments.

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015**

**SPR/268/2015**      **ADVERTISING OF STATUTORY NOTICES**

**Read:** Report from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager, Mr J McBride, Change Manager and Mr C Moffett, Equality and Policy Officer, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Review of Statutory Advertising

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

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the recommendations within the report be accepted relating to the advertising of statutory notices.

**SPR/269/2015**      **PROVISION OF ADVERTISING SERVICES**

**Read:** Report from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager, dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Provision of Advertising Services

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

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brown, that approval be given to the recommendations contained within the report relating to the provision of advertising services.

**SPR/270/2015      APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXPERT ASSISTANCE -  
PLANNING**

**Read:**                      Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive , dated 17 December 2015, regarding the Appointment of Independent Expert Assistance - Planning

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

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

**Agreed:**                      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that approval be given to the recommendations contained within the report in relation to the appointment of independent expert assistance for planning, by a single tender action.**

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 4 January 2016.

**Signed:**                      **Councillor Robert Burgess**  
**Chairperson**

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