



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

June 28th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 2nd July 2018 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

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16.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ruane

"That Newry Mourne & Down District Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure that there is no hardening of the border in Ireland and wants to see the 'backstop' option as defined in paragraph 49 included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement. In addition, this Council wants the full EU rights of citizens protected as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement."

17.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Larkin

"Sinn Féin as an All Ireland Party have observed the increased and relentless fly tipping in the Newry Mourne & Down and Louth Council Areas. We call on our Council to increase co-operation between both Councils to tackle this scourge. Firmer action needs to be taken on Enforcement of Illegal Dumping. Fines and penalties must reflect the crippling costs to Council and Government. A full and comprehensive review needs to be carried out and we must spread a message of zero tolerance. We request that our Council write to the relevant Department to raise our concerns and request prompt action."

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/091/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Adopted	
C/092/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee 17 May 2018	Councillor Sharvin advised he had submitted an apology for the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, subject to agreed amendments, and adopted.	D Services D Carville	Actioned Adopted	
C/093/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee 21 May 2018	AHC/096/2018 – Warrenpoint Community Hub It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable asking for a detailed explanation as to why the PSNI had let down the people of Warrenpoint. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Letter sent – 20 June 2018 Adopted	
C/094/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee 24 May 2018	RTS/077/2018 – Car Park Tariff Pre-Review Report It was agreed that carparking charges be reviewed immediately rather than in six months' time as previously agreed. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	C Jackson R Moore	Adopted	
C/095/2018	Minutes of Audit Committee 26 April 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Adopted	
C/096/2018	Correspondence received from NIO re: Motion on Clerical Abuse	It was agreed to write to the Interdepartmental Working Group asking for an update on the progress of their work.	D Services	Further reminder sent – 22 June 2018	
C/097/2018	Correspondence received from NIHE and Department for Communities re:	It was agreed to write to NIHE outlining the chronic housing need in the District, particularly in the Newcastle area where there is no available land to build on, and ask that they, along with Housing Associations, look at alternative methods of providing housing. They	D Services	Letter sent 15th June 2018	

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	Social Housing across Newry, Mourne and Down Council	should also be asked to address this issue at their meeting with Council on 24 September 2018.			
C/098/2018	Correspondence received from NILGA	It was agreed that any Member who wished to attend the Community Planning and Wellbeing Network Event do contact Democratic Services.	Members	Councillor Burgess expressed an interest in attending.	
C/099/2018	Correspondence received from NILGA	It was agreed that NILGA Members attend the conference.	L Burns	Ongoing	
C/100/2018	Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors	It was agreed that the Chair of PCSP attend the NAC Summer Conference.	L Burns	Actioned	
C/101/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Andrews	It was agreed that Council pay tribute to Councillor Dermot Curran for his many years of dedicated service to the community and successive Councils.	S Kieran	Chairperson to host event in recognition.	
C/102/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna	It was agreed that Council acknowledged the need to ensure that all minority communities in the district, including the Unionist community feel that their culture, tradition and identity was fully respected and celebrated and that a fair share of funding was allocated to support all cultural expressions across the district. It was also agreed that Council use the Good Relations Forum, to address the concerns of minority communities and report back to Council with recommendations on any need to enhance opportunities of cultural expression for minorities across the district.	C Moffett	This will be tabled for consideration and discussion at the next meeting of the Councillors' Equality & Good Relations Reference Group on 17 September 2018.	
C/103/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly	It was agreed that a full, independent, judge-led enquiry into the convictions of Mr Eric Cullen, Mr Cyril Cullen and Mr George Kirkpatrick for the murder of Mr Francis Rice in 1975.	D Services	Letter sent 13th June 2018	
C/104/2018	Notice of Motion received from	It was agreed that Council support the right to work: right to welfare (R2W) groups "People's Proposal" Aim	D Services	Letter sent 15th June 2018	

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	Councillor Casey	at introducing a simple but vital checklist for Social Security decision makers. This council supports the aim and will write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities, calling for the issuance of guidance to all decision makers. Requiring them to ensure that both due process and impact assessments are undertaken and fully complied within the decision making process.			
C/105/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Taylor, Macauley and Burgess	It was agreed that Council offered its warmest congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their marriage and wished them a long life of fulfilment, blessed to enjoy many happy years together. We also welcome the recognition of our District in the conferring of their titles Baron and Baroness Kilkeel upon the occasion of their marriage and the new Royal couple would be warmly received during a visit to our wonderful District.	D Services	Letter sent 13th June 2018	

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

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

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

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/086/2018**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie and Harte.

C/087/2018**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

C/088/2018**ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018**

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 8 May 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Reilly queried the legal advice that had been obtained stating there were subjective comments on the actual case ongoing regarding McCreesh Park. He asked for advice to be obtained from a separate solicitor with knowledge of local government.

Mr Hannaway advised that Belfast City Council solicitors, from which the legal advice had been obtained, had the best knowledge of local government and operate under an SLA in accordance with Local Government legislation.

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 8 May 2018 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/089/2018 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8 May 2018 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 May 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig.

C/090/2018 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2018

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 30 April 2018 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 30 April 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Howell.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/091/2018 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2018

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2018 (copy circulated).

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

C/092/2018 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Sharvin advised he had submitted an apology for the meeting and this had not been recorded.

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

C/093/2018 **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2018 (copy circulated)

AHC/096/2018 – Warrenpoint Community Hub

Councillor Carr proposed that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable asking for a detailed explanation as to why the PSNI had let down the people of Warrenpoint. This was seconded by Councillor McAteer.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor McAteer to write to the Chief Constable asking for a detailed explanation as to why the PSNI had let down the people of Warrenpoint.

AHC/104/2018 – Landfill Funding

Councillor Sharvin queried whether the Downpatrick group whose funding was to be reallocated to Saintfield had been informed.

Mr Lipsett advised the group had not been informed however the money for Downpatrick would not have been spent by this summer, as per the funding stipulations, therefore it would be moved to Saintfield where it would be spent. The resultant underspend in the Saintfield project would then be reallocated to the Downpatrick scheme.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker.

C/094/2018 **MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2018 (copy circulated)

RTS/077/2018 – Car Park Tariff Pre-Review Report

Councillor Devlin asked whether the consultation would involve local residents and local businesses and what form this consultation would take.

Mr Hannaway advised there would be a broad consultation carried out with the chambers of commerce and the various BID companies across the District being involved as well as the DEA Forums.

Councillor Devlin suggested the consultation be carried out online also.

Councillor Sharvin raised concerns regarding the carparking charges in Downpatrick and the adverse effect they were having on footfall in the town. He proposed the review begin immediately rather than in six months' time in order to investigate whether the right approach had been taken and whether the charges were equal across the board. This was seconded by Councillor Andrews.

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

FOR: 22
AGAINST: 13
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was CARRIED.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Andrews that the carparking charges be reviewed immediately rather than in six months' time as previously agreed.

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

C/095/2018 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26
APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2018 (copy circulated).

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**C/096/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE RE: MOTION ON CLERICAL ABUSE**

Read: Correspondence received from NIO, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Motion on Clerical Abuse (copy circulated).

Councillor Tinnelly proposed that Council write to the interdepartmental working group highlighting Council's concerns and asking for an update on the progress of their work. This was seconded by Councillor Hyland.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Hyland to write to the Interdepartmental Working Group asking for an update on the progress of their work.**

C/097/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NIHE AND DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES RE: SOCIAL HOUSING ACROSS NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN COUNCIL AREA

Read: Correspondence received from NIHE, dated 16 May 2018, and Department for Communities, dated 23 May 2018, regarding Social Housing (copy circulated).

Members welcomed the correspondence received from NIHE and highlighted the chronic housing need that existed across the District. Councillor Clarke asked that a letter be written back to NIHE outlining the chronic need in Newcastle and that fact that there was no available land to build housing on, therefore NIHE and Housing Associations need to look at alternative methods of providing housing. This should be done in advance of NIHE coming to Council on 24 September 2018.

AGREED: **It was agreed to write to NIHE outlining the chronic housing need in the District, particularly in the Newcastle area where there is no available land to build on, and ask that they along with Housing Associations look at alternative methods of providing housing. They should also be asked to address this issue at their meeting with Council on 24 September 2018.**

C/098/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NILGA

Read: Correspondence received from NILGA re: Community Planning and Wellbeing Network Event (copy circulated).

AGREED: **It was agreed that any Member who wished to attend to contact Democratic Services.**

C/099/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NILGA

Read: Correspondence received from NILGA re: 2018 NILGA Conference (copy circulated).

Councillor Walker asked that Council nominate for the NILGA Awards.

AGREED: It was agreed that NILGA Members attend the Conference.

C/100/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Read: Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors regarding Summer Conference (copy circulated).

Councillor Macauley proposed that the Chair of PCSP attend the event, this was seconded by Councillor Walker.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Macauley, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Chair of PCSP attend the NAC Summer Conference.

NOTICES OF MOTION**C/101/2018 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREWS**

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

“On the 45th Anniversary of his election in 1973, Newry , Mourne and Down District Council , would like to pay tribute to Councillor Dermot Curran for his many years of dedicated service to the community and successive councils.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Andrews outlined the dedicated service by Councillor Curran over the last 45 years, especially to the community. Councillor Stokes seconded the motion.

Parties spoke unanimously in support of the motion highlighted the attributes of Councillor Curran that had enabled him to serve in office for 45 years.

Mr Hannaway thanked Councillor Curran on behalf of all Council staff, for his dedication to duty and friendship since the amalgamation of the new Council.

Councillor Curran thanked all his colleagues for their kind words and thanked the press and Council officers, particularly those from Down District Council time. He

stated he was privileged to work for the people in the District and thanked those who had voted for him over the years.

The Chairperson echoed the comments of the rest of the Members and advised a recognition event would be organised in due course.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Stokes that Council pay tribute to Councillor Dermot Curran for his many years of dedicated service to the community and successive Councils.**

C/102/2018 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR HANNA

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

“That Newry, Mourne and Down Council is failing to fulfil its equality and good relations duties in its policy development and funding programmes to support cultural expression, in particular the variety of expressions of Britishness receiving minimal and non-mainstream expenditure from the Council. The Council commits to commissioning an independent review of its support for Britishness and associated cultural expressions in the Council area and an action plan to redress this imbalance and mainstream support for such expression.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Hanna stated equality was needed when it came to funding cultural events as many within the Unionist community feel there was an imbalance which needed addressed. Councillor Walker seconded the motion stating equality and respect was all that was being asked.

Councillor Savage stated he could not support the motion with the current wording and proposed an amendment:

“This Council acknowledges the need to ensure that all minority communities in this District, including the Unionist community feel that their culture, tradition and identity is fully respected and celebrated and that a fair share of funding is allocated to support all cultural expressions across the district. This Council agrees to set up a Working Group reporting to the Council’s Good Relations Committee and Audit Committee to address the concerns of minority communities and report back to Council with recommendations on any need to enhance opportunities of cultural expression for minorities across the district.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Andrews.

The Chairperson asked whether Councillor Hanna would accept the amendment proposed by Councillor Savage. Councillor Hanna accepted the amendment.

Members discussed the issue, raising the following points:

- What were the cultural events being proposed and why was funding not forthcoming?
- Equality screening was carried out for all Council funded projects.
- Officers should investigate the allegations and carry out equality impact assessment to ensure that no one community felt that their culture was being eroded.
- Unionists within the District felt they were neglected.
- A working group was a useful forum to engage with all minority groupings and the Council had an onus to listen to concerns and if any capacity issues exist to assist those groups that require assistance in grant and funding applications.

The Chief Executive advised the Good Relations Forum already consisted of Members from all parties and suggested that may be the vehicle to use for the proposals outlined in the amendment. This was agreed by the proposer.

Councillor Hanna, in summing up, stated he was disappointed that Members, in particular those from Sinn Fein, had no understanding of how the unionist/protestant community felt, that Council did not represent them or highlight them in any way.

AGREED:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council acknowledged the need to ensure that all minority communities in the district, including the Unionist community feel that their culture, tradition and identity was fully respected and celebrated and that a fair share of funding was allocated to support all cultural expressions across the district. It was also agreed that Council use the Good Relations Forum, to address the concerns of minority communities and report back to Council with recommendations on any need to enhance opportunities of cultural expression for minorities across the district.

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NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR REILLY

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

“Given the Significant doubt that has been cast on the validity of the convictions of Newry, Mourne and Down residents Mr Eric Cullen, Cyril Cullen and George Kirkpatrick for the 1975 murder of Mr Francis Rice as demonstrated by recent TV programmes carried out by respected investigative journalists. That this council calls for a full independent judge led enquiry into the convictions.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Reilly stated that following the recent TV programmes, the validity of the convictions of the three men for the murder of Francis Rice had been cast into doubt and called for a full, independent, judge-led enquiry into the convictions. This was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Members spoke in support of the motion stating there could be no justification for the murder of a 17 year old and recognising that the recent publicity around the case had re-traumatised the family of the victim.

Councillor McMurray stated the Alliance Party could not support the motion as there was an agreed mechanism in place to agree with the past.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hanna that a full, independent, judge-led enquiry into the convictions of Mr Eric Cullen, Mr Cyril Cullen and Mr George Kirkpatrick for the murder of Mr Francis Rice in 1975.**

C/104/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR CASEY**

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

“That this Council supports the right to work: right to welfare (R2W) groups "People's Proposal" Aim at introducing a simple but vital checklist for Social Security decision makers. This council supports the aim and will write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities, calling for the issuance of guidance to all decision makers. Requiring them to ensure that both due process and impact assessments are undertaken and fully complied within the decision making process.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Casey stated there were 120,000 children living in poverty in the North of Ireland and called for a simple checklist to be introduced for Social Security decision makers. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

Members spoke unanimously in support of the motion stating a lot of trauma had been experienced by constituents and the system needed to be reformed.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Ruane that Council support the right to work: right to welfare (R2W) groups "People's Proposal" Aim at introducing a simple but vital checklist for Social Security decision makers. This council supports the aim and will write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities, calling for the issuance of guidance to all decision makers. Requiring them to ensure that**

both due process and impact assessments are undertaken and fully complied within the decision making process.

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NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR TAYLOR, MACAULEY AND BURGESS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Taylor, Macauley and Burgess:

“Newry Mourne & Down District Council offers its warmest congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their marriage and wishes them a long life of fulfilment, blessed to enjoy many happy years together. We also welcome the recognition of our District in the conferring of their titles Baron and Baroness Kilkeel upon the occasion of their marriage and the new Royal couple would be warmly received during a visit to our wonderful District.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Macauley stated the bestowing of the title of Baron and Baroness Kilkeel upon Prince Harry and Meghan Markle was a wonderful opportunity for Mourne and the District and Kilkeel could only benefit from the news. Councillor Taylor seconded the motion.

Members spoke on the motion stating that following the wedding, Kilkeel was trending worldwide on Twitter and Facebook which could only be good news for tourism within the District.

Councillor Clarke stated that Sinn Fein would be abstaining from voting on the motion as they did not support the conferring of titles onto British monarchy, however were happy to offer congratulations to the couple on their wedding.

The Chairperson put the motion to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	22
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	8

The motion was CARRIED.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Macauley, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council offered its warmest congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their marriage and wished them a long life of fulfilment, blessed to enjoy many happy years together. We also welcome the recognition of our District in the conferring of their titles Baron and Baroness Kilkeel upon the occasion of their marriage and the new Royal couple would be warmly received during a visit to our wonderful District.**

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NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR BROWN

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

“This Council welcomes the overwhelming 'yes' vote in the Republic of Ireland to Repeal the 8th Amendment, and calls for future legislative change of the abortion law in Northern Ireland which would allow women here access to free, safe and legal abortion up to 12 weeks into a pregnancy. This council will write to Prime Minister Theresa May asking her to take urgent action to legislate for abortion in NI, bringing our laws into line with the rest of the United Kingdom.”

In formally proposing the motion, Councillor Brown stated this was a very emotive issue and urged Members to support the call to write to Prime Minister May asking her to take urgent action to legislate for abortion in Northern Ireland, thereby bringing the laws here into line with the rest of the United Kingdom. This was seconded by Councillor McMurray.

Councillor Kimmins stated the issue was very sensitive for many people and asked that when contributing to the debate, that speakers were mindful of those people who had to make difficult decisions. She proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:

“This Council acknowledges the 'yes' vote in the South of Ireland to Repeal the 8th Amendment; believes that full information and non-directive pregnancy counselling embodying all choices should be freely available to women, and calls for a compassionate human rights compliant approach to healthcare, acknowledging women should have access to safe and appropriate healthcare and thus endorses legislative reform and decriminalisation of abortion.”

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.

The Chairperson asked whether Councillor Brown would accept the amendment proposed by Councillor Kimmins. Councillor Brown accepted the amendment.

Members discussed the issue, raising the following points:

- SDLP was a pro-life party and would not support abortion on demand.
- Women in crisis pregnancies should be given the best medical information and care they can be given.
- This issue needed mature and measured thinking and needed to be dealt with legislatively outside of the chamber.
- Real healthcare did not end a life and women and children were worth more.
- Many areas of Northern Ireland do not have a voice and if MLAs truly cared it was time they got back to carrying out the agreed review and bring a referendum, if required, to the people of Northern Ireland.
- The abolishment of the 8th Amendment in Republic of Ireland was proposing to legislate to permit abortion up to 12 weeks without justification, this was not something the DUP can support.

- UUP cannot support the motion, as it seemed to be a reactive motion and an attempt to jump on a band wagon.
- Abortion on demand should continue to be against the law in Northern Ireland.
- The motive of the proposer of this motion was questionable.

Councillor Devlin asked for a 10 minute recess in light of the content of the amendment.

The Chairperson called a recess at this stage – 9.40pm.

The meeting did then resume – 9.50pm

In summing up, Councillor Brown addressed some of the comments made towards him during the debate, stating he had always been pro-choice and was trying to build on the momentum for abortion rights created by the referendum result in the South of Ireland. He called for a recorded vote on the matter.

The Chairperson put the amended motion to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	10
AGAINST:	19
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The amended motion was LOST.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.59pm.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

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

DATE: 5th June 2018 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Notice of Motion: This Council acknowledges the 'yes' vote in the South of Ireland to Repeal the 8th Amendment; believes that full information and non-directive pregnancy counselling embodying all choices should be freely available to women, and calls for a compassionate human rights compliant approach to healthcare, acknowledging women should have access to safe and appropriate healthcare and thus endorses legislative reform and decriminalisation of abortion.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		X		
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess		X		
P Byrne				X
M Carr		X		
C Casey				X
W Clarke	X			
G Craig		X		
D Curran		X		
L Devlin		X		
S Doran				X
C Enright				X
G Fitzpatrick		X		
G Hanna		X		
V Harte				X
H Harvey		X		
T Hearty				X
R Howell	X			
D Hyland				X
L Kimmins	X			
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran		X		
J Macauley		X		
D McAteer		X		
O McMahon	X			
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew				X
M Murnin		X		
B O Muiri	X			
B Quinn		X		
H Reilly		X		
J Rice	X			
M Ruane	X			
M Savage		X		
G Sharvin		X		
G Stokes		X		
D Taylor		X		
JJ Tinnelly				X
J Trainor				X
B Walker				X
TOTALS	10	19	0	12

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMD/AGM/****Minutes of Annual Meeting of Council held on Monday 4th June 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

In the Chair: Councillor R Mulgrew 6.00pm-6.20pm
Councillor M Murnin 6.20pm-6.35pm

In attendance: (Councillors)

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

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AGM/1/2018**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte and Reilly.

The Chairperson, Councillor Mulgrew, expressed her condolences to the family of Jim McCart who served on Newry and Mourne District Council and

was also father of Eileen McParland, Democratic Services Manager. She asked that a letter of condolence be sent to the family.

The Chairperson stated she was delighted to see Councillor Bailie back in the chamber.

The Chairperson stated her year in office had been hugely rewarding and sometimes challenging. She travelled 23000 land miles; visited and hosted scores of schools, community associations, voluntary groups and individuals and it had been an absolute privilege to see the work carried out across the District especially by the community and voluntary sector. She stated she had hosted a range of events to showcase the facilities and talents within the District while raising over £24,000 for her chosen charities, all of whom were chosen with the health and wellbeing theme in mind. The Chairperson thanked all Council staff, in particular Sheila Kieran and Bria Cunningham along with the rest of the Democratic Services team, the Chief Executive and his PA Aisling Murray along with Marie Ward Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism. She wished Councillors Murnin and McMahon the very best of luck as they took up their new roles.

The Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Clarke, stated it had been a privilege to serve the District during the year and he thanked the Chairperson for her hard work and the manner in which she carried out her duties. He thanked the Chief Executive for his help and support and the Democratic Services team along with Marie Ward Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism in the organisation of the 'Fun in the Forest' Event to raise funds for the charity MYMY. He wished Councillors Murnin and McMahon every good wish in their new roles.

The Chief Executive thanked the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for their efforts over the last 12 months. He said the Chairperson had adapted to the role and the words of appreciation she sent to staff she had worked with over the year were very much valued by the staff.

COUNCILLOR RICE ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE – 6.13PM

Councillors Harvey, Taylor, Tinnelly, McMurray and Ruane paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillors Mulgrew and Clarke during their tenure as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

AGM/2/2018

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AGM/3/2018**TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO STATUTORY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief Executive called upon Councillor Stokes as nominating officer for SDLP to nominate a Councillor for the position of Chairperson of Council for 2018/19.

Councillor Stokes acknowledged the work of the Chair of Council Roisin Mulgrew in 2017/18 and proceeded to nominate Councillor Mark Murnin who subsequently confirmed his acceptance of the post.

The Chief Executive called upon Councillor Ruane, as nominating officer for SF, to nominate a Councillor for the position of Deputy-Chairperson of Council for 2018/19.

Councillor Ruane nominated Councillor Oksana McMahon who subsequently accepted the post.

The Chairperson stated that Councillor Murnin and Councillor McMahon had been duly nominated as Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson respectively of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council for the year 2018/19.

Councillor Murnin stated it was a great honour to be appointed as Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and thanked his parents, wife and family for their ongoing support. He stated his grandfather, Eddie Murnin, who had previously been election agent for Dan Rice, would have been very proud. He thanked his colleagues for having the faith in him to carry out the role of first citizen and particularly thanked Anne MAleenan and Patsy Toman who had assisted him in his election. He outlined his aspirations for the year to promote healthy lifestyles for children and would like to see walking city/towns developed; an Newry, Mourne and Down football tournament with the best teams from each DEA playing each other with a final in Newry; supporting organ donation with all invitations being sent out from the Chairperson with the organ donation logo included on them.

Councillor Murnin advised he would make himself available for as many local businesses as possible to offer support and promotion of their products and would like to see a business directory established.

Councillor McMahon congratulated Councillor Murnin on becoming the District's First Citizen and wished him all the best in his forthcoming year. She stated she was extremely honoured and humbled to be Vice-Chair and thanked her colleagues for putting their trust in her and providing encouragement and support. She stated she would use her role to make sure that society is inclusive and respectful of all minorities as well as highlighting important issues in health, educations, sports and social care. She looked forward to speaking on behalf of all people and raising concerns about Brexit going forward. She thanked all the Council staff in Democratic Services for their help and support in her first year since becoming Councillor and looked forward to working with them.

The Chief Executive and Party leaders took this opportunity to wish the new Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson best wishes in their incoming year.

The Chairperson called upon the nominating officers of each of the parties to nominate to the following statutory positions of responsibility and the following nominations were made by the respective nominating officers and formally accepted by the nominees:

Chair of AHC	Councillor Sharvin
Deputy Chair of AHC	Councillor Andrews
Chair of ERT	Councillor Ruane
Deputy Chair of ERT	Councillor Byrne
Chair of RTS	Councillor Casey
Deputy Chair of RTS	Councillor Rice
Chair of SPR	Councillor Savage
Deputy Chair of SPR	Councillor Walker
Chair of Planning	Councillor Larkin
Deputy Chair of Planning	Councillor McAteer

Councillor Mulgrew vacated the Chair at this point in the meeting.

Councillors Murnin and McMahon assumed the Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson roles at this point.

AGM/4/2018 REPORT OF MOCK ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018

Read: Report of the Mock Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 (copy circulated)

Councillor Quinn advised he had been in attendance at the meeting but was not recorded as attending.

Agreed: The report was agreed as an accurate record, subject to the above amendment, on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey.

AGM/5/2018 TO APPOINT MEMEBERS TO COMMITTEES – 2018/19 (LIST ATTACHED SHOWING PICKS CHOSEN AT MOCK ANNUAL MEETING ON 16 MAY 2018)

Read: Appointment to Committees Mock Run 2018 (copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised the final two picks on the Committees list, which are vacant due to the nonexistence of a UKIP nominating officer should be allocated using the agreed d'Hondt mechanism in line with legal advice. SF and SDLP who

are the next 2 parties to nominate accepted the final 2 places on the Audit Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the appointments to Committees using d'Hondt.

AGM/6/2018 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PCSP – 2018/19**

The Chairperson called upon Councillor Taylor as nominating officer of UUP to nominate a Chairperson for the PCSP.

Councillor Taylor nominated Councillor Burgess as Chairperson of the PCSP.

Agreed: It was agreed that Councillor Burgess would become Chairperson of PCSP for the term commencing 25 June 2018.

AGM/7/2018 **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS (EXCLUDING STATUTORY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY)**

Read: List of Positions on External Bodies and Organisations (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, that Members be appointed to external Bodies and Organisations, as detailed in the appendix attached.

AGM/8/2018 **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COUNCIL FORUMS/WORKING GROUPS/PROJECT BOARDS/THEMATIC GROUPS**

Read: List of Council Forums/Working Groups/Project Boards/Thematic Groups (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, that members be appointed to the Council Forums/Working Groups/Project Boards/Thematic Groups as detailed in the appendix attached.

AGM/9/2017 TO AGREE SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO COUNCILLORS FROM JUNE 2017

Read: Draft Scheme of Allowances payable to Councillors from June 2018 (copy circulated)

Agreed: The draft Scheme of Allowances payable to Councillors from June 2018 as presented was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Ruane.

AGM/10/2017 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

Read: Timetable of Meetings for the year 2018/19 (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess to approve the Timetable of Meetings for the year 2018/19.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at **6.40pm**.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mock run of Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 3pm in the Mourn Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor Mulgrew

In Attendance:

Councillor Burgess	Councillor Casey
Councillor Craig	Councillor Curran
Councillor Enright	Councillor Harvey
Councillor Hyland	Councillor Loughran
Councillor Macauley	Councillor McAteer
Councillor McMurray	Councillor Murnin
Councillor Ruane	Councillor Savage
Councillor Tinnelly	

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Stokes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Mr Hannaway explained the purpose of the Mock Run of the Annual Meeting was to take Members through the proposed running order so that a paper could be presented to the Annual Meeting of Council on Monday 4th June 2018.

Mr Hannaway advised that Councillor Reilly had submitted a query relating to the legality of him not being allocated Committee places. He said further legal advice had been taken which stated that the legal position remained unchanged from previous advices received. However he explained the two vacant committee places would be held for the purposes of today's allocation, but should there be a change in the position of UKIP on the Council, they would be allocated at positions 9 and 15 at the Annual Meeting or, if there was no change, at positions 18 and 19.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO STATUTORY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Noted: **Appointments to all Statutory Positions of Responsibility, including Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Council's Standing Committees had been allocated at the inaugural**

Meeting of Council on 31 March 2015 in accordance with legislation, and nominating Officers would be required to put forward names for each of the positions at the Annual Meeting. Those nominated must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting to confirm their acceptance of positions.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF PCSP – FOR THE TERM 2018/19

Mr Hannaway advised the Chair of the PCSP for the incoming year commencing 25 June 2018, must be appointed in accordance with the Justice Act (NI) 2011 and for the incoming year this was a UUP position.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES – FOR THE TERM 2018/19

Read: List showing remaining 19 positions on standing Committees to be filled using d'Hondt, after agreed method of QGR had been exhausted (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway then ran d'Hondt, the results of which were as follows:

Pick 1	SF	Planning Committee
Pick 2	SDLP	ERT Committee
Pick 3	DUP	Planning Committee
Pick 4	UUP	Planning Committee
Pick 5	DUP	ERT
Pick 6	Alliance	SPR
Pick 7	UUP	RTS
Pick 8	DUP	RTS
Pick 9	UKIP	no UKIP nominating officer
Pick 10	Cllr Hyland	SPR
Pick 11	Cllr Enright	SPR
Pick 12	Cllr Tinnelly	ERT
Pick 13	Alliance	AHC
Pick 14	Alliance	RTS
Pick 15	UKIP	no UKIP nominating officer
Pick 16	Cllr Hyland	AHC
Pick 17	Cllr Enright	AHC
Pick 18	Cllr Tinnelly	Audit
Pick 19	Alliance	Audit

Noted: See attached list of picks for the 19 outstanding Committee places and those allocated by QGR.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS (EXCLUDING STATUTORY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY)

Read: List showing appointments to External Bodies/Organisations, which are not statutory positions of responsibility (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway highlighted the following:

APSE NI Executive Board – Councillor Andrews was the representative for 2017/18. APSE had been asked whether they had a preferred term; however there was no reply to date.

NI Museums Council – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council would not be entitled to a representative on the Museums Council after September 2018 as the positions circulate among all member Councils.

Regional Elected Member Development Working Group – Councillor Harvey was representative as NILGA had advised that they preferred membership to be for the duration of a Council term.

Somme Advisory Council – the nominations for the Somme Advisory Council were shared among the 8 Unionist representatives.

RCN – the term was until October 2018 and in June 2018 RCN would be seeking nominations for the term October 2018 - October 2020 with the nominated person representing the statutory sector and not just one Council.

Noted: List circulated giving details of appointments.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COUNCIL FORUMS/WORKING GROUPS/PROJECT BOARDS/THEMATIC GROUPS

Read: List circulated giving details of Council Project Boards/Working Groups 2017-2018 (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway advised that any amendments to the parties/groupings' representation should be notified to Democratic Services staff so that the list could be updated for the Annual Meeting.

Mr Hannaway advised the Chair of Council would become Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

Noted: List circulated giving details of appointments.

TO AGREE SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO COUNCILLORS

Read: Draft Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway advised the Department for Communities had advised they had received additional information from NILGA that would affect the maximum limits for basic and SRA allowances from 1 April 2018, and they would update Councils as soon as possible. A final scheme of allowances would need to be agreed at the Annual Meeting.

Noted: The Scheme of Allowances payable to Councillors would be tabled for formal approval at the Annual Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 4 June 2018.

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/2019

Read: Schedule of Meetings for May 2018 to May 2019 (copy circulated)

Noted: The timetable of meetings to be tabled at Annual Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hannaway responded to queries advising:

- Chairing Skills Training was scheduled for 23rd May from 9.30am-11.30am in Newry office. Those taking up the positions of Chairs and Deputy Chairs should attend, if possible.
- Names for Committees should, where possible, be advised to Democratic Services as possible and names for the statutory positions of responsibility must be provided by the Nominating Officers at the Annual Meeting, and formally accepted by those taking up the positions.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

For noting at the Annual Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 4 June 2018.

Signed: Mr L Hannaway
Chief Executive

Appointments to Committees 2018/19

Committee	Total Membership	Allocated by Quota of Greatest Remainder		Remaining positions to be allocated by d'Hondt	Totals
Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism	15	SF	5	SDLP DUP Councillor Tinnelly	15
Active and Healthy Communities	15	SF	5	Alliance Councillor Hyland Councillor Enright	15
Regulatory and Technical Services	15	SF	5	UUP DUP Alliance	15
Strategy, Policy and Resources	15	SF	5	Alliance Councillor Hyland Councillor Enright	15
Planning	12	SF	4	SF DUP UUP	12
Audit	10	SF	3	Councillor Tinnelly Alliance Additional place to be allocated Additional place to be allocated	10

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMC/SC****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

In the Chair: Councillor R Mulgrew – 6.00pm – 6.50pm
Councillor W Clarke – 6.50pm – 7.55pm

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor M Carr	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor C Casey	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor G Craig	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor B O’Muirí
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor J Rice
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor R Howell	Councillor W Walker
Councillor D Hyland	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr S Richardson, DFI, Roads
Mr S Duffy, DFI, Roads
Mr I Campbell, DFI, Roads

SC/19/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Byrne, Curran, Devlin, Harte, Kimmins, Larkin, Loughran, Ruane, Sharvin, Stokes, Tinnelly and Trainor.

SC/20/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from DFI Roads to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation.

SC/21/2018

**PRESENTATION FROM DFI ROADS ON SOUTHERN
DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr Richardson introduced his two colleagues Mr Duffy and Mr Campbell and he then proceeded to talk through his Annual Report on the DFI Roads Southern Division work in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. (Copy Attached).

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

- 2017/2018 was a very challenging year in relation to budgets, however the 2018/2019 budget would have £15m allocated from a £75m structural maintenance budget to address the roads that had been worst affected by potholes.
- As a result of the increased budget for 2018/2019, any potholes 2" deep would be repaired as opposed to only 4" potholes for the 2017/2018 period.
- Although not included in the report and not in the NMDDC council area, a £500,000 safety barrier was to be constructed along the A1 dual carriageway, this would significantly increase safety controls and reduce head on collisions in that cars would be contained on one side of the carriageway.
- Two schemes that were not included in the report but confirmed to be carried out were Seaview, Warrenpoint and Dundalk Road, Newtownhamilton.
- Since July 2017, the Strangford Ferry had a 100% record in terms of cancellations due to operational or mechanical faults. There were 100 crossings cancelled due to adverse weather.
- The 20mph speed limit at Clonalig Primary School was on a part time basis only and was operating successfully. There were plans to roll out this initiative to other areas, subject to funding and the request to implement this initiative at Ballynahinch Primary School would be monitored.
- The one-way system in Edward Street, Ballynahinch was under review and would be reconsidered once works at Commons Corner were completed.
- The budget for pedestrian crossings was set at £200,000 and each crossing cost £30,000, however a crossing in Killyleagh was high priority and was under review.
- The commencement of the Ballynahinch by-pass was subject to funding being available.
- There were no plans in place to introduce variable speed recording equipment across the district.

- The Cluster Road in Newtownhamilton would need to be looked at as, although it was not a main road, due to subsidence on the road during the bad weather, school buses were unable to use it.
- The roads across the Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs were in an extremely bad state of repair.
- The severe winter and lack of funding had a severe impact on the roads in the Southern Division and it was not a personnel issue, therefore reallocating staff would not take place. The allocation of funding in terms of road repairs across the district was apportioned fairly and according to where it was most needed
- Statistics on the numbers of pothole damage claims across the district to be made available to Members.
- Funding had been secured to complete the development stage of the Southern Relief Road and it was important that due diligence was performed in this process.
- The Southern Relief Road was a strategic project that was key to unlocking the economic potential of South Down and Newry and as such, UK and ROI governments should be lobbied for EU funding, linked to potential funding from the Belfast Region City Deal. It would be hoped that it would be completed within the next ten years.
- Car parking at various rural tourism hotspots eg Trassey Road, Head Road and Bloody Bridge was an issue that needed to be addressed.
- With regard to parking issues for the residents of Valentia Place, Newcastle, Mr Richardson advised that a test case for residents parking was carried out in Belfast and the results would be fed back into the system, however, there was no prospect of this initiative being carried out in Newcastle in the foreseeable future.
- Roads DFI to look at completing a small piece of tarmacking during 2018/2019 that was not undertaken when the roads and footpaths were recently resurfaced in Ballymartin.
- The completion of a small piece of missing footpath between Ballymartin and Kilkeel was under review.
- Of the 21,000 surface defects across the district, 14,000 of these had been completed in the last quarter.
- Roads DFI were continuing to develop the fault reporting system and would investigate the possibility of alerting those who report faults when these had been resolved.

- An assessment of the speed limit at Seaforde to be undertaken, however speed limits had to be proportionate for the surrounding environment.
- DFI Roads to continue to bid for funding for the completion of works for the stretch of road from the Old Warrenpoint road – Newry side that was never completed.
- The bad state of repair on the Upper Burren Road to be reviewed.
- DFI Roads to check if work on all roads in Forest Hills had been carried out.
- An expansion of the Park & Ride facility at Newtowncloghogue would be a Roads issue not Translink.
- The sequencing of the lights along the Armagh Road into city centre to be looked at to reduce queuing time.
- The addition of a 2nd entrance / exit at the Damolly retail park to be explored.
- The erection of sound barriers along the A1 at the Fathom Line to be explored.
- DFI Roads to look at the damage done to properties at Ballymartin by contractors when road works had been carried out.
- DFI Roads to look at the possibility of a yellow traffic box being installed outside BE Aerospace to help alleviate traffic congestion.

Councillor Clarke proposed that a meeting take place with Council and Roads Service to discuss the realignment of Newcastle roundabout. This was seconded by Councillor Quinn.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Richardson for his very informative presentation and commended him and all staff for their hard work under such restrictive budgetary constraints.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Quinn that a meeting take place with Council and Roads Service to discuss the alignment of Newcastle roundabout.**
It was agreed that Roads Service officials respond in writing to the issues raised at the earlier DEA clinics as well as the issues raised during the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 11 June 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahan
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor G Stokes

Officials

in Attendance:

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

Also in Attendance: Councillor H Reilly

ERT/098/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Curran and Councillor Tinnelly.

ERT/099/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**ERT/100/2018: TO AGREE A START TIME FOR ERT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018 – APRIL 2019**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the proposed dates for the ERT Committee Meetings for June 2018 - May 2019 as circulated.

ERT/101/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018.

PRESENTATIONS**ERT/102/2018: PRESENTATION RE CITY DEAL**

Mr Hannaway addressed the Members saying the main purpose of the presentation was to bring them up to date on the Belfast Region City Deal. He then delivered his presentation after which the following issues were raised:
(Presentation attached)

- City Deal was a completely new initiative in Northern Ireland.
- It was important that key strategic projects were put forward for maximum impact.
- The Southern Relief Road was one of several proposed capital projects for consideration under the 'Economic Infrastructure' key theme and would be

eligible for additional funding from Treasury.

- The development of the Southern Relief Road would address the 'Investment in Connectivity' theme in that it would make the South Down area more accessible and would also mitigate against the effects of Brexit.
- Projects considered unsuitable for City Deal would continue to be worked on by Officers.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/103/2018: BELFASY REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding the Belfast Region City Deal – Update on emerging proposition. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. To Note report update on the Draft Emerging Proposition for the Belfast Region City Deal**
- 2. In order to develop economic impact, cost analysis and business case proposals against prioritised proposition proposals, to approve a financial contribution allocation of £50,000, which is available within 2018/19 revenue budget.**
- 3. Critical to City Deal Governance is a Members Engagement Forum. Given the changes in committees and political appointment, it is necessary to review member representation. It is proposed that our 8 members will be based on the following political breakdown based on Party Forum Representation:**
 - **2 Sinn Fein (Chair of ERT + preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **2 SDLP (Chair of Council + preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 UUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 DUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 Independent (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **Cllr Reilly**

ERT/104/2018: ARTISAN MARKETS

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Pilot Artisan Markets – Downpatrick and Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer asked if a scoping exercise could be carried out with producers to assess the viability of extending the monthly artisan market to include Warrenpoint. Mr McGilly replied that this could be investigated and brought back to a future meeting.

Councillor Hanna said the success of the markets was very encouraging, however he said it would be interesting to gauge if local businesses had experienced increased business on the days the markets had taken place.

In response to a query from Councillor Quinn regarding local producers becoming involved, Mr McGilly replied that every effort would be made to promote this, however, it was at a very early stage and as it progressed and gained momentum, he would expect the number of local producers to increase.

Councillor Mulgrew said the good weather had undoubtedly contributed to the large turnout but the overall success of the markets would have to be assessed over a twelve month period.

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

That the decision to enter into Service Level Agreements with Downpatrick Community Collective and Unit T to deliver the respective monthly Artisan markets in Downpatrick and Newcastle is confirmed.

Conduct a scoping exercise with artisan producers to assess if it would be feasible to consider extending the monthly artisan market to include Warrenpoint.

ERT/105/2018: ERDF FUTURE APPLICATIONS

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Business Development Funding applications to ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. Submit funding applications to INI ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs for future business development programmes, by current deadline of June 2018**
- 2. To allocate 20% match funding against eligible programme costs. (Estimate match funding requirement is £130,000 over 3 financial years (approx £45,000 per year). Estimate total grant drawdown is £520,000 over same period.)**

ERT/106/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. Approve and adopt contents of the attached Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 18.05.18.**
- 2. Proceed with HLF and DAERA applications based on the recommendations of consultant's reports.**
- 3. Review costs and look into other potential sources of funding.**
- 4. Review final application and consider a phased approach if other sources of funding are not available**

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS

ERT/107/2018: TOURISM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Tourism Business Engagement Programme. **(Copy circulated).**

Mr Patterson showed Members a video highlighting a Sales and Marketing Skills Course that had been delivered to various businesses within the tourism sector and

which contained very positive testimonials from the attendees.

Councillor Carr asked if it would be possible to find out who was participating in the various programmes, Mr Patterson replied that he would circulate these details to Members.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to deliver a facilitated cluster engagement and mentoring programme between September – April 2019**

Details of participants who attended the facilitated programmes to be circulated to Members.

ERT/108/2018 UNESCO GEOPARKS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Clarke as to the reaction so far from stakeholders, Mr Patterson replied that the feedback was mainly positive.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that the Chairperson of Council and one Council Official attend the 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2018 in Adamello – Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Trentino, Italy from 11-14 September 2018.**

ERT/109/2018: BALLYNAHINCH TOURISM EVENTS PAPER

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Ballynahinch Tourism Events. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn asked that post event, a breakdown of all costs be made available to Members.

Agreed: **1. On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to consider and approve the decision to develop an Autumn Harvest Tourism Festival in Ballynahinch, and that an Events Production Company is appointed to work with local**

tourism and hospitality stakeholders to develop and deliver the new event in September 2018.

- 2. Post event, a breakdown of all costs associated with the running of the festival be made available to Members.**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION - FOR NOTING

ERT/110/2018: IRISH STREET PUBLIC REALM

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Employment, Enterprise and Regeneration regarding Irish Street, Downpatrick, Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note that the Irish Street Public Realm Scheme will commence in Autumn 2018 and that Council will, upon receipt of the letter of offer from DFC, procure the granite.**

ERT/111/2018: REVITALISATION WARRENPOINT AND NEWRY CATHEDRAL CORRIDOR

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Employment, Enterprise and Regeneration regarding Revitalisation Projects – Cathedral Corridor and Warrenpoint. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note that the revitalisation schemes in Newry Cathedral Corridor and Warrenpoint will be commencing in July 2018.**

ERT/112/2018: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2018-2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew the following was agreed: Presentation of schedule of internal and external stakeholder meetings relating to the development of a**

**Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy, 2018 – 2022 and
Action Plan 2018 – 2020.**

ERT/113/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed the Action Tracker Update Sheet be noted.

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS – FOR NOTING

ERT/114/2018 TOURISM EVENTS FUNDING

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Financial Assistance Programme: Tourism Events Fund and Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed the Tourism Events Funding Report be noted.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ERT/115/2018 AGREEMENT FOR WORKS AT SLIEVE GULLION

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Agreement for works and surrender of lands at Slieve Gullion. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to enter into a tripartite agreement for works at Slieve Gullion to facilitate a water pumping station, the agreement is between NMDDC, NI Water and DAERA**

To accept a Deed of Surrender, to transfer back to DAERA lands at Slieve Gullion where the water pumping station is located to facilitate a lease between DAERA and NI Water

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

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

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

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th June 2018 (ERT)
Subject:	Belfast Region City Deal – Update on Emerging Proposition ERT Committee minute ERT/103/2018 UPDATED RECOMMENDATION Tabled at Full Council Monday 2nd July 18
Reporting Officer	Liam Hannaway Chief Executive
Contact Officer	Liam Hannaway Chief Executive

Decisions required:	
Members to give consideration to recommendations regarding Belfast Region City Deal – update on emerging proposition, as outlined at para. 3.1. Note: recommendations 1 and 3 are as agreed at ERT Committee meeting held on 11 June 2018, with recommendation 2 having been updated to seek approval of a financial contribution allocation of £90,000 (original recommended figure: £50,000) which is available within the 2018/19 revenue budget.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per ERT Report dated 11th June 2018
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>Additional information to be considered with Report Tabled at ERT on 11th June</p> <p><u>Members Engagement Forum</u></p> <p>The Joint Members Engagement Forum took place on Monday 25th June, hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. Members were updated on progress achieved in defining the investment proposition to date, and the critical next steps (below) to be implemented between June 18 – Sept 18, in order to secure agreement with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Belfast Region City Deal in the 2018 Autumn Statement.</p> <p><u>Next Steps are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July: Economic Modelling on projects, completed by KMPG, which will identify the economic impact of projects in maximising GVA and having a positive impact on deprived communities. This assessment will be critical for the prioritisation process. June: Detailed Costing on projects that is required for informing the ask for the City Deal investment Bid 10th July - Preparation of a First Look paper for UK Ministers, NIO and other key stakeholders which starts to better define the key investment proposals

	<p>that will deliver against the objective of increasing GVA and inclusive growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July – September: Developing Primary Projects to a state of readiness / completion of Strategic Outline Business Cases <p>Development of the City Deal for the Region is a fluid and fast pace process. At ERT on 11th June we had set a budget of £50,00 for the next phase of works, however in order to deliver requirements within this next phase a further £40,000 is required in addition to the ERT recommendation. Costs associated with the above next phase of developing the City Deal Proposition relate to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Modelling on NMD projects Cost analysis on NMD Projects Refining the Digital & innovation initiatives External support in developing NMD projects to Strategic Outline Business Case / Project readiness as required through City Deal <p>Costs outlined at (1), (2) and (3) are procured centrally by Belfast City Council, and are a 14.4% contribution of the overall cost of the work, apportioned on the basis of EEP. Cost outlined at (4) is external support that Council will procure directly.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>Recommendations below as presented to ERT on 11th June, with an update to recommendation (2) based on above information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To Note report update on the Draft Emerging Proposition for the Belfast Region City Deal In order to develop economic impact, cost analysis and business case proposals against prioritised proposition proposals, to approve a financial contribution allocation of £90,000, which is available within 2018/19 revenue budget. Critical to City Deal Governance is a Members Engagement Forum. Given the changes in committees and political appointment, it is necessary to review member representation. It is proposed that our 8 members will be based on the following political breakdown based on Party Forum Representation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Sinn Fein (Chair of ERT + preferably a member of ERT Committee) 2 SDLP (Chair of Council + preferably a member of ERT Committee) 1 UUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee) 1 DUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee) 1 Independent (Preferably a member of ERT Committee) Cllr Reilly
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Staff time
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	N/A
6.0	Appendices

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 June 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair:	Councillor M Savage	
In Attendance:	Councillor R Burgess Councillor S Doran Councillor O McMahon Councillor J Trainor	Councillor P Byrne Councillor C Enright Councillor M Ruane Councillor W Walker
Also in Attendance:	Councillor T Andrews	
Officials in Attendance:	Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting) Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Planning and Performance Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Employment, Enterprise and Regeneration Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Finance Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration) Mr A Grimshaw, Project Director Mr F O'Connor, Legal Advisor Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer	
Also in Attendance:	Mr R Moore, Deloitte	

SPR/077/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Hearty, McMurray and Sharvin and Mr Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

The Chairperson extended his condolences to Eileen McParland on the recent passing of her father.

SPR/078/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SPR/079/2018 TO AGREE A START TIME FOR STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018 TO APRIL 2019

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to keep the start time of the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meetings at 5pm**

SPR/080/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2018 (**Circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 17 May 2018 be noted, and actions removed as marked.**

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

SPR/081/2018 ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL CONSULTANCY

Read: Report dated 14 June from Mrs Alison Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services regarding Engagement of External Consultancy. (**Copy Circulated**)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane to procure consultancy support to assist in an information management transformation programme.**

SPR/082/2018 LEASE OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE TO YOUTH JUSTICE AGENCY ("YJA")

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs Alison Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services regarding the Lease of Office Accommodation in Downshire Civic Centre to Youth Justice Agency ("YJA"). (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to enter into a 5 year sub-lease for 80m² of office accommodation with Youth Justice Agency at a yearly rental to be confirmed by LPS and subject to completion of all necessary legal formalities.**

It was agreed to take the next two items together.

SPR/083/2018 CIVIC CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECTS, THEATRE, CONFERENCE & ARTS REPORT

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Civic Centre Regeneration Project, Theatre, Conference and Arts Report. (**Copy circulated**)

SPR/084/2018 CIVIC CENTRE REGENERATION (CCR) PROGRAMME STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Civic Centre Regeneration (CCR) Programme Strategic Outline Case. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Ward provided some background to the Civic Centre Regeneration Projects stating a comprehensive presentation had been delivered to Members previously along with updates to Newry Chamber of Commerce, Economic Forum and public and business sessions in Canal Court in order to inform stakeholders.

Mr Moore advised Deloitte had completed the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Civic Centre Regeneration project which indicated the preferred project option was option 7c. This option comprised Civic Hub, Theatre/Conferencing and Regeneration elements and was considered to provide the greatest regeneration potential, with strong economic impact, high non-monetary benefits and was considered lower risk than the next best option.

Councillor Enright stated while he recognised the need to rehouse staff in Newry, he expressed concern as to whether £20m was an appropriate amount of money to pay to do that. He stated there were other projects that could increase the rates base if Council were to carry them out.

Councillor Byrne stated the proposals would contribute to the regeneration of the urban centre of Newry and proposed that the Committee accept the officer's recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to:

- Note the continuing development of Council's Arts & Cultural Strategy as approved by ERT Committee, including vision and targets for growth, support and delivery, and potential alternate operational delivery models, benefits and associated risks;
- Note the installation of a box office system (and website) for the Arts and Culture venues as approved by SPR Committee;
- Acknowledge the displacement of function and long term viability of the existing Newry theatre and arts provision in the event of a new Theatre/Conferencing facility being provided, and to seek approval for the inclusion of an augmented Theatre/Conferencing facility located adjacent to and strengthening the Town Hall and Sean Hollywood Arts Centre's as part of the developing Strategic Outline Case for the CCR Project;
- Note the contents of the Strategic Outline Business Case presentation, and also the CBRE Office & Hotel executive summaries and presentations made to the Special Strategic Project Working Group on 7th June 2018;
- To approve the SOC recommendation to proceed with option 7c as part of an outline business case – as the next stage of the CCR Programme;
- To approve the procurement of consultants and advisors, site surveys and investigations for the purpose of developing and evaluating option 7c as part of an outline business case;

- Approve location of the augmented Theatre/Conferencing facility on the Ross Thompson site adjacent to and strengthening the Town Hall and Sean Hollywood Arts Centre;
- Approve the separate procurement of the Theatre/Conferencing project from the other Civic Centre Regeneration project elements.

SPR/085/2018 PRIVACY POLICY

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding Revised Privacy Notice (General Data Protection Regulation). **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the revised Privacy Policy.**

SPR/087/2018 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILTY ALLOWANCES 2018

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Officer, regarding Special Responsibility Allowances 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed that similar to arrangements made in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18, 50% of one unallocated SRA be paid to the Chair of the Planning Committee, with the remaining unallocated SRA monies being divided among the other positions which receive SRA payments and this arrangement be back-dated to 1 June 2018.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/086/2018 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-19

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mr Johnny McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance regarding Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright stated there were no plans within the Performance Improvement Plan to increase the rates base and the plan lacks ambition.

Councillor Byrne welcomed the document especially the involvement of youth councils. He stated he would like to see the DEAs strengthened as social partners had lost faith due to action plans not being enacted.

Mr McBride advised the performance improvement plans were part of the Community Plan and were not primarily focused on the internal efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation. He stated the Efficiencies Working Group had agreed to set up a Rates Working Party which could be where Councillor Enright's concerns could be brought to.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by**

Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the contents of the report and agree the Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19, including the five performance improvement objectives and summary document entitled 'Our Performance, Looking Back, Going Forward' and the publication of the Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19 by 29 June 2018, before full Council ratification, in order to meet the statutory deadline.

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

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

SPR/087/2018 SUB-LEASE TO DRUMANAKELLY POWER LIMITED

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mrs Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration) regarding Sub-Lease to Drumanakelly Power Limited. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para 3.1 to agree an extension of the area at Drumanakelly leased to Drumanakelly Power Ltd as outlined on the report map, for the purposes of regularising their land use, and subject to the Council's legal costs being met by Drumanakelly Power Ltd, following a check by officers regarding comments made by Councillor. Enright.

SPR/088/2018: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Management Accounts to 31st March 2018 **(copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, it was agreed to note the Management Accounts to 31st March 2018.

SPR/089/2018 **DEBT WRITE-OFF**

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Debt Write-Off (**copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the debt write off listings as detailed in the Officer's report.

SPR/090/2018 **EASEMENTS AT ANNALONG MARINE PARK**

Read: Report dated 14 June 2018 from Ms L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding Easements at Annalong Marine Park (**copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 to regularise the two easements at Annalong Marine Park required by a developer, at the charge outlined in the Officer's report.

SPR/091/2018 **ACTION SHEET FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group Meeting held on 7 June 2018 (**copy circulated**)

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the actions of Strategic Projects working group meeting of 7 June 2018.

SPR/092/2018 **ACTION SHEET FROM EFFICIENCIES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8 JUNE 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising from Efficiencies Working Group Meeting held on 8 June 2018 (**copy circulated**)

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the actions of Efficiencies Working Group meeting of 8 June 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.57pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 18 June 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire
Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor R Howell	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
 Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
 Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
 Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
 Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr A Herron, PlayBoard NI

AHC/114/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Harte.

AHC/115/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/116/2018: TO AGREE A START TIME FOR ACTIVE & HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018
TO APRIL 2019**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to approve the proposed dates for the AHC Committee Meetings for June 2018-April 2019 as circulated.

AHC/117/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/118/2018: PRESENTATION FROM PLAYBOARD

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Mr Herron provided some background stating Council had asked PlayBoard to undertake a further survey in order to identify the community's preferred site to focus investment on for future play investment. He stated the preferred option in order to meet the needs of all houses in the wider area, both existing and planned, was a new site which had been identified between Martins Lane and Loanda Crescent.

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

Councillor Kimmins asked if the new site was developed, what would happen to the existing playparks and whether it could be given to the community for their use.

Mr Herron advised that as part of the focused investment the other sites would not be replaced and would be removed over a period of time.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that the Committee approve the findings of the survey and that Council proceed with a view to developing the potential new neighbourhood play area at Martin's Lane/Loanda Crescent. This was seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick who stated the proposals looked fantastic.

Councillors Walker and Trainor, while acknowledging the work carried out by PlayBoard and officers, stated they could not support the proposals as the concerns regarding the naming of the play park remain.

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

FOR:	11
AGAINST:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was **CARRIED**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to approve the findings of the survey and proceed with a view to developing the potential new neighbourhood play area at Martin's Lane/Loanda Crescent.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/119/2018: DEA FOR A UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) For a Update. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 8 May 2018
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 17 May 2018

AHC/120/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out within para. 2.1 of the officer's report at a total cost of £75,800.

AHC/121/2018: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LAND AT BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Expression of Interest for land at Bessbrook Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí queried whether Craig Rua Hurling Club had been notified regarding the Expression of Interest as they had previously been interested.

Mrs Hillen advised she would find out and revert back to Councillor Ó Muirí on the issue.

Councillor Loughran advised, by way of information, the hurling club had been interested in a separate piece of land, not the one being discussed at the meeting.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to approve Council officials to draw up a suitable lease between Council and Sure Start South Armagh in relation to land at Bessbrook Community Centre.**

AHC/122/2018: ADDITIONAL VEHICLES COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Additional Vehicles Community Services Department. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the Fleet Department to procure 2 large panel vans and 2 small vans for the Community Services department.**

AHC/123/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2010 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to:**

- **Approve the funding applications in Call 2 for the 2018-2019 periods as set out in the appendix to the officer's report;**
- **To agree the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trustees of Thomas Davis GAC Newry, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in order to progress the delivery of the project.**

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/124/2018: NEW DLC TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding New Down Leisure Centre Transitional Arrangements. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to approve as follows:**

- **Closure of existing Down Leisure Centre immediately following new building handover;**
- **Allowing an approx. 21 day period for final 'fit out', key training, familiarisation and independent consultant health and safety procedural sign off;**
- **Development of marketing launch plan to include a 'soft launch' to test procedures.**

AHC/125/2018: STA APPROVED TRAINING CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding STA Approved Training Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray queried whether this training would help to improve the waiting times that parents have for children to get into swimming lessons and whether Council worked with Lecale Swimming Club to get young people into being coached rather than teaching to swim thereby freeing up swimming lessons for others.

Mr Gordon advised there would be additional lessons with the extended opening times when the new leisure centre opened. He stated that Council were fostering relations with Lecale regarding pathways however at present it was his understanding that there was no waiting list for swimming lessons in Down Leisure Centre and that lesson spaces would be advertised 1st come 1st served during designated enrolment sessions but will check the current up to date status with the centre.

Councillor Enright stated it had been previously agreed that a review on Council's association with STA which was based in England would be undertaken in order to ascertain if they would be better to associate with Swim Ireland.

Mr Lipsett advised the differences had been previously investigated and currently all lifeguards etc were qualified under STA.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to proceed to complete registration forms to apply to be an approved training centre for the delivery of training and qualifications.**

AHC/126/2018: BALLYKINLAR CO DOWN GAMES CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Ballykinlar Co Down Games Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Down County Board should submit a planning application which included the Council's current football pitch and agreed in principle to surrender the lease for Ballykinlar Football Pitch back to the MoD.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/127/2018: TRANSFER FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the progress report in the transfer of the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) function from the Northern Ireland Executive (NIHE) to Councils. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to approve:**

- **The Service Delivery Model of one lead employing Council and two cluster areas of remaining Councils on a geographical spread;**
- **A collaboration agreement permitting Belfast City Council to procure ICT systems for the delivery of the function.**

AHC/128/2018: AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the Affordable Warmth Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Members discussed the Affordable Warmth Scheme stating the postcode system used was unfair and, even when chosen, the process can take a long time to implement.

Councillor Quinn proposed to write to the Department expressing the need for the scheme that exists within the District as opposed to other areas and asking that the level of referrals be increased to, at least, what was in existence previously. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to write to the Department expressing the need for the scheme that**

exists within the District as opposed to other areas and asking that the level of referrals be increased to, at least, what was in existence previously. It was also agreed to sign the SLA.

AHC/129/2018: SAR PROJECT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding SAR project, Atlantic Area Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed that Council become a partner to the SAR Project.**

AHC/130/2018: MEMBERSHIP OF PORT HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Membership of Association of Port Health Authorities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the payment of Corporate membership fees of £1000 of the Association of Port Health Authorities for 2018/19.**

AHC/131/2018: REPORT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION MEETING HELD IN 3 MAY 2018

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding meeting to discuss Suicide Prevention in the Newry, Mourne and Down District held on 3 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin stated it had been raised at the meeting that links to organisations within the District that provide support should be added to the Council's website.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran it was agreed to approve the recommendations arising out of the meeting to discuss Suicide Prevention in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area held on 3 May 2018, to include the addition onto Council's website of organisations within the District that provide support.**

AHC/132/2018: SHIP SANITATION INSPECTION CHARGES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to approve the new Ship Sanitation Inspection charging regime outlined in para.2.1 of the officer's report.

AHC/133/2018: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Appointment of Public Analysts. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed that Council formally appoint the Public Analysts listed in para.3.1 of the officer's report employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd to provide services to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/134/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund – Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the update.

AHC/135/2018: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report and minutes.

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report and minutes.

AHC/136/2018: POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report. **(Copy Circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/137/2018: WARRENPOINT PSNI STATION

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Former Warrenpoint PSNI Station. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/138/2018: UPDATE REPORT ON LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR EVENTS 2017/18

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement regarding update report on logistical support for events 2017/18. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/139/2018: BESSBROOK AND CROSSMAGLEN AREAS AT RISK PROGRAMMES 2017/8

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Areas at Risk Community Education Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORT

AHC/140/2018: DUNDRUM COASTAL ROWING CLUB – PURCHASE OF SITE AT 32 MAIN STREET, DUNDRUM

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Dundrum Coastal

Rowing Club – Purchase of Site at 32 Main Street, Dundrum.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

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

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

AHC/141/2018: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – LEASING COUNCIL LAND

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding an Expression of Interest regards leasing Council Land. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Council grant a 5 year lease to each of the three successful clubs as outlined in para.3.1 of the officer's report, subject to a valuation from LPS, each club being responsible for the Council's legal costs in respect of the matter and legal formalities.

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

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson:	Councillor C Casey	
Vice Chairperson:	Councillor J Rice	
Members:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor G Craig Councillor H Harvey Councillor J Macauley Councillor G Stokes Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Clarke Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor L Kimmins Councillor M Ruane Councillor D Taylor
Officials in Attendance:	Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting) Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services (Waste) Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer	

RTS/091/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Curran.

Councillor Casey reminded Members about the Neighbourhood Services Committee Transformation Project Workshop with APSE to be held on 25 June 2018 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Downshire. He said the purpose of the Workshop would be to detail the requirements for the new Neighbourhood Services Directorate, as well as to present proposals for its future operation and to agree the next steps.

RTS/092/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

Councillor Casey declared an interest in an item on the Action Sheet relating to proposed replacement of heating system at Bunscoil an Iuir as he was on the Board of Governors of the school.

RTS/093/2018: TIMETABLE FOR R&TS MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018 TO APRIL 2019

Read: Timetable for Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meetings from June 2018 to April 2019 with a proposed start time of 6.00 pm. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the timetable for R&TS Meetings from June 2018 to April 2019, with a start time of 6.00 pm.

RTS/094/2018: **ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above action sheet.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION - PLANNING

RTS/095/2018: **MAY 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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

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

RTS/096/2018: **RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018**

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

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

RTS/097/2018: **CURRENT APPEALS – MAY 2018**

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

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

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/098/2018: **BUS SHELTER AT CLOUGHREAGH PARK, BESSBROOK**

Read: Report from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance dated 20 June 2018 regarding the bus shelter at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook. *(Circulated)*

The report outlined that Council approved a recommendation to install a bus shelter in Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook, Newry. The bus shelter was partially installed in February 2017 but works to complete the bus shelter did not proceed. Complaints were received concerning the location of the bus shelter and following consideration at a number of RTS Committees, Slieve Gullion Councillors Meetings and finally at the

Full Council Meeting in February 2018 it was agreed that the bus shelter be removed and that an alternative location be sought.

The bus shelter was subsequently removed and discussions with Transport NI had identified a number of potential locations within the development area. A Council Official was contacted by local residents from the Cloughreagh Park and John F Kennedy Park requesting attendance at a Public Meeting to discuss the issue of why the bus shelter had been removed. This Meeting was held on the 24th May 2018 and attendance included Elected Representatives of an MP, MLA and a number of local Councillors and a Council Official.

Following the Meeting an email was received by the Council Official who attended the Meeting, addressed as coming from a number of JFK & Cloughreagh Park residents. The email referred to the following points being noted from the Meeting.

- "1) NMDDC consult with residents in the JK Kennedy, Oak Close and Cloughreagh bungalow parks on their opinion on erecting a bus shelter on the originally approved site. NB See chronological paper for date of approval and site location. (This was not attached).**
- 2) NMDDC consult with residents outlined above on the options of erecting 2 bus shelters located at Cloughreagh Community Centre and Oak Close.**
- 3) Translink be asked by NMDDC why some residents and elected members are being told that site outlined in option 1 was feasible, but advising other residents and elected members that it wasn't and allegedly Translink are on record as stating this.**
- 4) Local residents speak directly to Translink to discuss this matter further seeking clarity as outlined in point 3."**

Mr Scullion advised it should be noted that the proposal in points 1 and 2 above to consult with residents in the John F Kennedy Park, Oak Close and Cloughreagh Bungalow Parks may go beyond current Council policy.

The report asked that the Committee provide direction in relation to the issues raised.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed the R&TS Committee note the contents of the report and recommend that the issues on which officers required direction be considered by full Council when the DEA Councillors would be in attendance.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION - WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/099/2018: REPORT RE: WASTE STRATEGY INITIATIVE: ISSUE OF FOOD WASTE

Read: Report from Joe Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management dated 20 June 2018 regarding the Waste Strategy Initiative: Issue of

Food Waste. **(Circulated)**. Members were asked to note the contents of the Report, and consider and agree to:

- Provide kitchen caddies to Primary and Pre-School free of charge.
- Implement further recycling for schools in conjunction with the AHC Directorate.
- Review school brown bin charges as part of the rates estimates.

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

- **A Meeting to be set up between Waste Management and AHC Directorate, to review current educational outreach to schools from a recycling perspective. An update report will then be submitted to the Strategic Waste Working Group in due course.**
- **Council to approve multiple issue of kitchen caddies to schools on a one off basis, at this stage based on a caddy to be made available for each school classroom, for primary schools collected by the Council.**
- **Caddies to be issued/made available free-of-charge and delivered by Council representative as part of the Outreach program.**
- **In relation to pre-school facilities, Officers to be enabled to issue a number of free food-waste caddies, where deemed beneficial to both educational and practical to reduce food waste collection tonnages.**
- **Consideration should also be given to the brown collection charge, once the collection service has improved, to promote additional usage of brown bins in schools.**

AGREED: **It was also agreed to recommend that the cut-off date for the free issue of brown bins be extended until the end of August 2018 and that Mr Parkes table a report at the August R&TS Committee Meeting reviewing the brown bin roll-out scheme, including uptake and costs and also the uptake and costs of the provision of liners for the brown bin caddies.**

RTS/100/2018: **DOG FOULING ISSUES**

Read: Report from Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing, dated 20 June 2018 regarding dog fouling issues. **(Circulated)**. The report identified key issues i.e. Dog fouling is a problem in the District and needed to be addressed, while dealing with the general litter problem; the Cleaner Neighbourhood's Report had highlighted the need to address dog fouling and litter; the opportunity needed to be taken to review the street cleansing operation as part of the implementation of the new Neighbourhood Directorate; Education/awareness and enforcement required attention, to ensure a more holistic approach to

the cleanliness of the District and an action plan needed to be developed to address the cleanliness of the District.

Members commented on the issues in the report stating that clear criteria needed to be in place as to where dog litter bins could be located; signage reminding people of fines for allowing a dog to foul; name and shame anyone who was prosecuted for allowing their dog to foul; the Council needed to be more pro-active in handing out fines including consideration being given to the need for additional enforcement officers; dog fouling bins needed to be strategically located in areas where there was the greatest need and they should be emptied regularly; a legal opinion could be sought to determine if a member of the public could take a photo of a dog owner allowing their dog to foul and this to be sent to Enforcement officers and if dog owners could be asked by Enforcement Officers to show evidence that they have dog fouling bags when walking their dogs.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the Report and agree to recommend the development of an action plan that would address the key issues, including a public campaign to tackle the issue of dog fouling and litter.**

It was noted there would also be an opportunity to discuss the issues of dog fouling and littering at the Neighbourhood Services Workshop to be held on Monday 25 June 2018.

FOR NOTING

RTS/101/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2018

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated Thursday 26 April 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 26 April 2018.**

RTS/102/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN 31 MAY 2018

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Monthly Bulletin 31 May 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Bulletin dated 31 May 2018.**

RTS/103/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET

Read: Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

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

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

The Chairperson advised that item Nos. 14 and 15 were exempt items under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the

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

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

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

RTS/104/2018: PROVISION OF BURIAL SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNCIL AREA

Read: Report from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance dated 20 June 2018 regarding a review of the Council's provision of burial services across the Council area.
(Circulated)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend approval of a review of the Council's provision of burial services being carried out which should consider structural arrangements for the service provision, costs of service provision, environmental considerations and the means by which the Council communicated with individuals who have burial rights within the municipal cemeteries.**

RTS/105/2018: PROPOSED VARIATION TO ARC21 MRF CONTRACT WITH BRYSON RECYCLING

Read: Report from Joe Parkes, Assistant Director Waste Management, dated 20 June 2018 regarding proposed variation to Arc21 MRF contract with Bryson Recycling. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend that as a participating Council, to approve the recommendations of the Arc21 Report, which had been endorsed by the Arc21 Joint Committee, in respect of the proposed variation to the terms of the arc21 MRF Contract with Bryson Recycling.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.00 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

**Signed: Councillor Charlie Casey
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee**

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



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Date 06 JUN 2018
Chief Executive
Liam Hannaway


Dear *Liam*,

Thank you for your correspondence of 14th May 2018 regarding Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's approval of the motion to waive the costs associated with the opening of a grave for those under 18 years of age.

I welcome the council's decision and I have also noted the steps being taken by other councils in considering waiving the fees set by councils to ease the burden on parents in dealing with the expenditure of a burial or cremation of a child.

The Department will ensure that the question of a Children's Funeral Fund is brought to the attention of incoming Ministers when they are available.

Yours sincerely,


LEO O'REILLY
PERMANENT SECRETARY





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CHILDREN'S FUNERAL FUND

Thank you for your letter of 14 May to the Prime Minister concerning the establishment of a Children's Funeral Fund in Northern Ireland. Your letter has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice which has responsibility for co-ordination of the Government's work to improve support for bereaved parents.

First, I note from your correspondence that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has taken the decision to waive burial and cremation fees for children. The Government is committed to ensuring that all families who lose a child are given the support they need at such a difficult time in their lives. The establishment of a Children's Funeral Fund for England, with the intention that no bereaved family will have to pay for the essential costs of burying or cremating their child, is a key step in delivering that commitment. I am pleased that what Newry, Mourne and Down are doing is in line with this general approach.

The establishment of such a scheme in Northern Ireland is a devolved matter. I sincerely hope that an Executive will be restored to give consideration to how best to provide support for those families in Northern Ireland who have had to endure the unbearable loss of a child.

Funding for children's burial and cremation fees in Wales was established and implemented by the Welsh administration, and it has recently been announced that the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities have agreed to work together to remove all local authority charges for child burials and cremations in Scotland.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and to the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Communities.

EDWARD ARGAR MP



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Liam M. Hannaway,

Thank you for your letters of 14 May to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary about Syria. I am replying as the Minister responsible for our relations with the Middle East and North Africa.

The chemical weapons attack that took place in Douma, Syria on 7 April was a shocking and barbaric attack, costing the lives of up to 75 people, including young children, with as many as 500 further casualties. It is truly horrific to think that many of the victims were reportedly families seeking refuge from airstrikes in underground shelters.

UK medical and scientific experts have analysed open-source reports, images and video footage from the incident and concluded that the victims were exposed to a toxic chemical. A significant body of information, including intelligence, indicates that the Syrian regime is responsible for this latest attack. The reports of this attack are consistent with previous regime attacks. Those include the attack on 21 August 2013, where over 800 people were killed and thousands more injured in a chemical attack also in Ghouta.

We have explored every possible diplomatic channel to deter the regime from further use of chemical weapons, but our efforts have been repeatedly thwarted. On 10 April, Russia vetoed a UN Security Council resolution which would have established an independent investigative mechanism. This follows their blocking of a similar resolution last year after the appalling chemical weapons attack in Khan Sheikhoun,

and is their 6th veto on the topic of chemical weapons use in Syria since February 2017.

Based on the regime's persistent pattern of behaviour and the cumulative analysis of specific incidents, we judged we needed to intervene rapidly to alleviate further human suffering. The UK, US and France therefore made targeted and limited strikes against three sites in Syria, specifically focused on degrading the Syrian regime's chemical weapons capability and deterring their future use. The targets were carefully selected to reduce the risk of civilian casualties.

We have published the legal basis for this action. It required three conditions to be met. First, there must be convincing evidence, generally accepted by the international community as a whole, of extreme humanitarian distress on a large scale, requiring immediate and urgent relief. Secondly, it must be objectively clear that there is no practicable alternative to the use of force if lives are to be saved. Thirdly, the proposed use of force must be necessary and proportionate to the aim of relief of humanitarian suffering, and must be strictly limited in time and in scope to this aim.

This military response was proportionate. It was a limited, targeted and effective strike to significantly degrade Syrian chemical weapons capabilities and deter their future use, with clear boundaries that expressly sought to avoid escalation and did everything possible to prevent civilian casualties.

It is in our national interest to prevent the further use of chemical weapons in Syria and to uphold and defend the global consensus that these weapons should not be used. We cannot allow the use of chemical weapons to become normalised within Syria, on the streets of the UK, or elsewhere.

This military action was not about intervening in the civil war in Syria or about regime change. But the UK remains determined to do our utmost to help resolve the conflict in Syria. That means concluding the fight against Daesh, which still holds pockets of territory in Syria. It means working to enable humanitarian access and continuing our efforts at the forefront of global response, where the UK has already committed £2.71 billion, our largest ever response to a single humanitarian crisis. And it means supporting international efforts to reinvigorate the process to deliver a political solution, for this is the best long-term hope for the Syrian people.

Your sincerely
Alistair Burt

THE RT HON. ALISTAIR BURT MP
Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa

I regret your Council saw no need to comment on the chemical weapons attacks.

23 May 2018

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Date 30 MAY 2018

Chief Executive

Liam Hannaway

Dear Mr Hannaway

Re: Newry, Nourne and Down Pensioners Parliament

The Newry, Mourne and Down Pensioners Parliament was held on Friday 18th May at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, as part of a programme of local events held in each local council area. The event was a great success, attended by 98 older people from across the council area.

On behalf of Age Sector Platform and the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council for its support which enabled us to stage this important event. In particular I would like to acknowledge the vital support provided by Lorraine O'Reilly, who was extremely helpful, acting as a link with councillors and other council staff and assisting with the development of the agenda for the day.

One of our key objectives in arranging the local parliaments was to deliver mutual benefits for Age Sector Platform and the councils in respect of our engagement with older people. I hope very much that the council's participation in the local parliament and direct engagement with older people will have assisted in capturing opinion and feedback on its Age Friendly initiatives and Community Planning Strategy from this key stakeholder base.

Without the financial support of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, it would have been difficult for us to stage the 2018 local parliament. Once again, please accept the sincere thanks and appreciation of everyone connected with Age Sector Platform and the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Mr Hannaway

Thank you for your letter of 14 May 2018 regarding the provision of a perinatal hospital facility or service for Northern Ireland.

Currently, all Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts across Northern Ireland provide support for families faced with a diagnosis of a severe, life limiting condition during pregnancy. This includes pre-natal, midwifery, obstetric and neo-natal care, psychology support, provision of information leaflets and signposting to voluntary organisations and charities which provide bereavement support such as The Miscarriage Association and SANDS. Where necessary, very poorly infants may be transferred for care to the regional neonatal intensive care unit at the Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital. A small number of babies may also be transferred to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice for palliative care and the hospice also provides bereavement and psychological support.

In addition, you may be aware that the Northern Ireland "Strategy for Children's Palliative and End-of-Life Care 2016-26" and the complementary "Strategy for Paediatric Healthcare Services Provided in Hospitals and in the Community (2016 – 2026)" were published by the Department in November 2016. The strategies are available online at:

www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/paediatric-strategy-palliative-end-of-life-care.PDF

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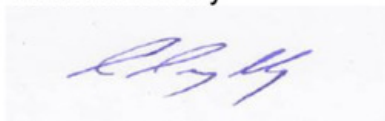
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The two strategies are designed to modernise and further improve the standard of treatment and care provided in hospital and community settings, as well as palliative and end-of-life care for children and their families.

Funding is now in place for implementation of the strategies, with initial action focussing on the establishment of a regional paediatric managed clinical network to ensure equity of access to high-quality services across Northern Ireland. It is envisaged that the network will encompass a number of sub-groups, including a paediatric palliative care subgroup to take forward the implementation of the Children's Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy.

One of the objectives of the palliative care strategy is that the network sub-group will review the current provision of bereavement services provided to parents in the circumstances of a pre-birth diagnosis of a potentially life limiting condition and make recommendations to the Department on further improving the delivery of services, including the role of perinatal hospice care.

Yours sincerely



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