



March 1st, 2019

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 4th March 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019

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4.0 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019

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5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 January 2019

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Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption

6.0 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2019

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7.0 Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2019

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7.1 Tracked Terms of Reference

Tracked changes on ERT & SPR Terms of Reference attached

Original and amended copies of Audit Committee Terms of Reference attached

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8.0 Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2019

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9.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2019

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10.0 Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2019

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Correspondence and Conferences

11.0 Agribusiness Conference

The event is taking place on Friday 8th March at Craigavon Civic Centre.

Cost = £252

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12.0 Conference - received from RICS World Built Environment Forum - Invitation to Chair of Council

The Future of Investment in Real Assets

13-14 May 2019, Summit New York

Please find programme for the World Built Environment Forum Summit attached. This document explains the agenda and lists the speakers for the two days. RICS will cover the US\$995 delegate fee, but is unable to pay for travel and accommodation costs.

The invitation to the Chairperson is to attend the two days of the Summit and join the VIP networking receptions as a guest of RICS UK MD Matthew Howell. There is no expectation for the Chairperson to perform any formal duties at the Summit. The Chairperson is invited as a senior executive and dignitary for a city region with an interest in development and foreign direct investment opportunities and as a valued stakeholder to RICS.

Please let me know if you require and further information.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Perryman adv.APS
Advertising and Sponsorship Sales Manager
RICS


Accommodation approx. £1000 for 3 nights

Flights approx. £600

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13.0 Correspondence received from the NI Office re. Independent Members to the NI Policing Board

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14.0 Unpacking the consultations: Extended producer responsibility for packaging, deposit return and plastics non-recycled content tax

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15.0 Correspondence received from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

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Notices of Motion

16.0 Notice of Motion - NI Air Ambulance

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Walker:

"That this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 54 times in the Newry, Mourne & Down area during the first 10 months of 2018.

And that this Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational and that we, as a Council, contribute to the running costs of the NI Air Ambulance which currently is 2 million pounds annually.

And furthermore this Council writes to the other 10 Councils urging them to financially support the NI Air Ambulance."

17.0 Notice of Motion - Call for NILGOSC to divest Local Government pension scheme from fossil fuel companies

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown:

"This Council calls on the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) to divest the Local Government pension scheme from any fossil fuel companies within 2 years. This will give NILGOSC ample time to exit the market at the best time ensuring no adverse impact on the pension fund."

18.0 Notice of Motion - Gating Lanes to Mitigate Anti-Social Behaviour

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Enright:

"Council notes that its published policy for applications to gate lanes to mitigate anti-social behavior gives responsibility to the PCSP to coordinate the required inter-agency action.

Council further notes that the PCSP has no procedures to implement this policy, no criteria to respond to such requests, and no budget to implement it. Council notes therefore that there currently no procedure for residents or police to request lane closures in areas that are not NIHE estates.

Council notes that gating lanes requires permission from the 3 emergency services, NIWater, Roads and the NIHE and Council where relevant. Any of these may request a standard format key to be used. .

Council directs that ;

1. **The Active and Healthy Directorate** to recognise either petitions from 90% of residents, or letters from the NIHE, PSNI or Fire Service as the criteria for triggering a formal request for inter-agency consideration and action via the PCSP.
2. To produce a written procedure for PCSP to follow in reflecting Council policy
3. **The Policy and Resources Directorate** to provide the PCSP with access to a small annual budget for capital projects to effect this policy and these new procedures.

19.0 Notice of Motion - Cycling

Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray:

"That this council recognises the multiple health, environmental, social and economic benefits of cycling and commits to itself to encouraging cycling. These are to be brought about by; practically encouraging cycling within and between our towns through the re-designation of some pathways as well as safer cycle corridors within our towns, working with external organisations to encourage recreational participation and safety measures such as 'stayin' alive at 1.5'.

It also acknowledges the recent study by the Department of Infrastructure that notes – regardless of being of primary or post-primary age, or whether they are urban or rural dwellers – the excessively low numbers of children who cycle to school. Council commits to working with external agencies to explore ways in which cycling, and other active means of transport, can be promoted and increased within our district."

20.0 Notice of Motion - UN Committee on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Stokes:

"This Council notes the Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Council recognises the valuable contribution that those living with disabilities make to our society and will

undertake to prepare a review on how the council meets local obligations within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

21.0 Notice of Motion - Transfer of Mournes DEA to Eastern Roads Division

Notice of Motion received from Councillors Reilly and Quinn:

"That this council requests the DFI Roads Service to fully transfer the Mournes District Electoral Area into the Eastern Roads Division in order to simplify roads maintenance and improve liaison with elected representatives in the Mournes ward by ensuring that all the roads in Mourne are in the same Electoral Ward."

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/ N
C/018/2019	To set a District Rate for the Financial year 19/20 as required under Section 3 of the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011	It was agreed to approve the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2019/20 rate setting process, and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2019/20 of 1.99% based on an estimated penny product of 2,347,835 meaning a non-domestic rate of 24.2403 pence and a domestic rate of 0.3893 pence; 2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2019-20 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1); 3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2019/20 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code. (See Appendix 2); 4. Approve the 4-year capital programme (see Appendix 3); 5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019-20 (see Appendix 4); 6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2019-20 (see Appendix 5). 	K Montgomery	Approved	
C/019/2019	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019	The action sheet was agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Adopted	
C/020/2019	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Adopted	
C/021/2019	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Adopted	

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	14 January 2019				
C/022/2019	Minutes of SP&R Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2019	It was agreed that Kilkeel Town Hall revert back to The Mourne DEA The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Adopted	
C/023/2019	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2019	It was agreed to write to Rivers Agency requesting they seek alternative options to alleviate the flooding risk at Jim Steen Park, Newtownhamilton. It was agreed, following a vote using proportional representation, that Councillors Andrews and Clarke be selected to sit on the All-Party Group on Sustainable Development. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted with the exception of AHC/013/2019	M Lipsett	Actioned Adopted	
C/024/2019	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2019	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	R Moore	Adopted	
C/025/2019	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2019	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Adopted	
C/026/2019	National Association of Councillors Conference – Environment and the Municipalisation of Energy	The correspondence received was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/027/2019	National	The correspondence received was noted.	Democratic	Noted	

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	Association of Councillor Events 2019		Services		
C/028/2019	Elected Members Workshop on Data and Evidence in Community Planning	The correspondence received was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/029/2019	Notice of Motion – Addressing Dog Fouling	The motion was referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting.	Democratic Services	Referred to Feb RTS	
C/030/2019	Notice of Motion – Request for Joint Departmental Task Force in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals	It was agreed that "this Council writes to the Department of Communities and the Department for Health asking that a joint departmental task force is formed to explore what interim measures can be taken in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT's) and calls on all bookmakers to extend the voluntary reduction in line with what other bookmakers in other jurisdictions had done. This Council also calls on the Department of Health to recognise that gambling is a public health issue and undertakes to ensure more support services are provided to address gambling problems. This should include public health education and awareness raising programmes and adequate funding to addiction service providers is made available to ensure service quality."	Democratic Services	Letter sent to: - Dpt of Communities - Dpt of Health	
C/031/2019	Notice of Motion – Failure to control littering, dog-fouling, fly-tipping and related issues	The motion was referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting.	Democratic Services	Referred to Feb RTS	
C/032/2019	Notice of Motion – Geographical	It was agreed that this Council notes with great concern the conclusions made from the National Geological	Democratic Services	Letters sent to: - Greg Clark MP	

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	Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management	<p>screening for a Geological Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management which suggests that Parts of Newry, Mourne and Down District and other areas in Northern Ireland might be suitable for a GDF. It was agreed that this Council will write to the Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy stating councils position as: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council does not consent, and never will consent to hosting a Geological Disposal Facility in our Council area or any part of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>It was also agreed that this Council write to the other 10 councils in the North to take a similar position and equally write to the Minister.</p>		<p>Dpt Bus/Energy/Ind Strategy - 10 No. Local Authorities</p>	

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Murnin**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 M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor O McMahan
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
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 J Trainor	Councillor B Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

C/016/2019

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzpatrick, Harte & Kimmins.

- The Chairperson advised Members that he would ask for a suspension of standing orders at the end of the meeting in order to discuss an emergency notice of motion.

- The Chairperson offered his congratulations and best wishes to Councillor Kimmins on the birth of her baby boy.
- The Chairperson extended best wishes to Clonduff Camogs who had recently reached the All Ireland final.
- The Chairperson advised the British-Irish Parliamentarians had visited Newcastle recently to hear about the partnership approach used to revitalise the Main Street.
- The Chairperson advised the YAFTAS had been launched recently and urged Councillors to submit nominations prior to the closing date of 22 February 2019.
- Councillor Curran thanked everyone for a very successful and emotional night to celebrate his 45 years in Council.
- The Chief Executive advised that the LMD Connect booklet had been distributed and would be available electronically and at Council venues across the District.

C/017/2019**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

CLlr Hanna declared an interest in item C/007/2019 – SPR Minutes of 17 January 2019 – SPR/009/2019: Renewal of Lease with Mourne Stimulus as he is a member of Mourne Stimulus.

C/018/2019**TO SET A DISTRICT RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 19/20 AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NI) 2011**

Read:

Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance dated 4 February 2019, regarding District Rate 2019-20
 Appendix 1 – Medium Term Financial Plan
 Appendix 2 – Capital Strategy Report 2019-20
 Appendix 3 – Four Year Capital Programme
 Appendix 4 – Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019-20.
 Appendix 5 – MRP Statement 19-20 **(Copies circulated)**

Mrs Carville advised Members that the Efficiencies Working Group had met over the year to consider in detail the rates estimates. She stated she was asking Members to approve an increase to the rates of 1.99%, highlighting the key factors that underpinned the increase, which she said had been considered in detail at the Efficiencies Working Group meetings.

Mr Hannaway advised that, as set out in the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011, he, as Chief Financial Officer, was required to assure Members on the robustness of the revenue estimates and the adequacy of reserves as part of the rate setting process. He stated there were significant uncertainties within the current estimates that had arisen due to current political instability at NI Executive level, Brexit and potential significant reduction of the Rates Support Grant.

Members thanked the officers for their hard work and diligence throughout the year in striking the rate.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2019/20 rate setting process, and:
1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2019/20 of 1.99% based on an estimated penny product of 2,347,835 meaning a non-domestic rate of 24.2403 pence and a domestic rate of 0.3893 pence;
 2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2019-20 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1);
 3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2019/20 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code. (See Appendix 2);
 4. Approve the 4-year capital programme (see Appendix 3);
 5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019-20 (see Appendix 4);
 6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2019-20 (see Appendix 5).

C/019/2019 **ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Action sheet arising from council meeting held on 7 January 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/020/2019 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor McAteer.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**C/021/2019 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Meeting held on 14 January 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Meeting held on 14 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor McMahon.**

**C/022/2019 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Meeting held on 17 January 2019 (copy circulated).

SPR/014/2019 – Report on Surplus Assets

Councillor Devlin asked if the lands at Linkside Park, Newcastle could be removed from list for further examination as the open space was used by local residents on a regular basis.

Mrs Carville responded that this had been raised at two previous meetings in legacy Down District Council, in October 2011 and again in the new Council in March 2018. Lands were held in conveyance with NIHE and it was agreed lands would revert back, however there was an issue at present with encroachment on the land and when rectified the land would revert back to NIHE.

Councillor Quinn proposed that Kilkeel Town hall revert back to the Mournes DEA, this was seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Councillor Clarke proposed that the building should be progressed as per the D1 process. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

The Chairman put the proposal to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows: (result of vote appended to these minutes)

FOR: 25

AGAINST: 13

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was CARRIED

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2019 were agreed, subject to the above amendment, and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig,**

seconded by Councillor Savage.

C/023/2019 **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**
MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2019

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2019 (copy circulated).

AHC/015/2019 – Flooding at Jim Steen Park, Newtownhamilton

Councillor Ó Muíri stated there had been a lot of uncertainty contained within the results of the Rivers Agency study and proposed that Council request Rivers Agency to seek alternative options to alleviate the flooding risk. This was seconded by Councillor Larkin.

Councillor Taylor commented that he had no objection in trying to find an alternative but still supported the Jim Steen Park project.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Larkin, that Council write to Rivers Agency requesting that they seek alternative options to alleviate the flooding risk at Jim Steen Park, Newtownhamilton.**

AHC/013/2019 - All Party Group on Sustainable Development

The Chairperson called for a vote for two Elected Members to be selected to sit on the All Party Group on Sustainable Development.

Councillor Andrews was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillor Enright was nominated on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillor Clarke was nominated on the proposal of Councillor O Muiri, seconded by Councillor Casey.

Councillor Burgess was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Macauley.

The Meeting did then adjourn – 6.47pm.

The Meeting did then recommence – 6.54pm

The Chief Executive advised that following the vote that had been carried out using proportional representation, the results were as follows:

1st Preference Votes	Councillor Andrews	16
	Councillor Clarke	12

Councillor Burgess	6
Councillor Enright	5

Councillor Andrews having reached the quota, was elected on the first count. Councillor Enright was eliminated on the first count and his votes were redistributed with 4 to Councillor Clarke and 1 to Councillor Burgess.

2nd Preference Votes	Councillor Clarke	14
	Councillor Burgess	7

Councillor Clarke was elected on the second count. Councillor Burgess was eliminated.

**Results of the vote were:
Councillors Andrews and Clarke elected.**

Agreed: It was agreed, following a vote using proportional representation, that Councillors Andrews and Clarke be selected to sit on the All-Party Group on Sustainable Development.

Agreed: The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, with the exception of AHC/013/2019.

C/024/2019 **MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2019 (copy circulated).

RTS/010/2019 – Planning Committee Performance Report – December 2018

Councillor Hearty raised concerns with regard to response times from Planning officials stating it was an ongoing problem that needed urgent attention as it was having a dramatic effect on planning application times and affecting housing problems in rural areas. Members supported the concerns raised highlighting that there seemed to be a breakdown in communication within the Newry office.

Mrs Ward advised that a Scheme of Delegation had recently been implemented which she hoped would go some way towards alleviating the issues identified. She acknowledged there were challenges which she would take on board.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the backlog in applications had dropped from 1600 to less than 1000 and that this Council had the second highest amount of applications submitted in Northern Ireland.

- Agreed:** The Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Craig.
- C/025/2019** **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2019**
- Read:** Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2019 (copy circulated).
- Agreed:** The Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Ruane.
- C/026/2019** **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE – ENVIRONMENT AND THE MUNICIPALISATION OF ENERGY**
- Read:** Correspondence dated 15 January 2019 received from National Association of Councillors, regarding National Association of Councillors Conference – Environment and the Municipalisation of Energy (copy circulated)
- Noted:** The correspondence received was noted.
- C/027/2019** **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLOR EVENTS 2019**
- Read:** Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors regarding National Association of Councillor Events 2019.
- Noted:** The correspondence received from National Association of Councillors was noted.
- C/028/2019** **ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOP ON DATA AND EVIDENCE IN COMMUNITY PLANNING**
- Read:** Correspondence received from NILGA, regarding Elected Members Workshop on Data and Evidence in Community Planning.
- Noted:** The correspondence received from NILGA was noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION**C/029/2019 NOTICE OF MOTION – ADDRESSING DOG FOULING**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hanna.

"That this Council is proactive in addressing the dog fouling problem in Newry, Mourne and Down Council area, by enforcing the by-laws of this Council, rigorously, with fines. This Council should increase staffing in this enforcement area until this problem is under control."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andrews and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting.

C/030/2019 NOTICE OF MOTION – REQUEST FOR JOINT DEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE IN RELATION TO FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS

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

"This Council will write to the Department of Communities and the Department for Health asking that a joint departmental task force is formed to explore what interim measure can be taken in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT's) and reduction of their maximum stake in line with other jurisdictions across these islands. This Council calls on the Department of Health to recognise that gambling is a public health issue and undertakes to ensure more support services are provided to address gambling problems. This should include public health education and awareness raising programmes and adequate funding to addiction service providers is made available to ensure service quality."

In proposing the motion, Councillor Clarke stated that the legislation regarding Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT's) had recently been passed in England which would see the maximum stake reduced from £100 to £2 on the machines, unfortunately however, this would not apply in Northern Ireland. He stated these machines were highly addictive and were mainly clustered in the most economically deprived areas which could lead to rising levels of debt, poor mental health problems, relationship breakdowns and even suicide. He urged Members to support the motion.

Councillor Casey seconded the motion stating the use was widespread across Northern Ireland and the machines were highly destructive both to the user and their families. He stated that gamblers in the North bet up to £0.5million annually on these machines and action was required on the issue urgently.

Members discussed the issue and pledged their support for the motion, recognising this was a growing concern across the District and affected huge swathes of people from all walks of life.

Councillor Savage asked for a slight amendment to be made to include 'that this Council calls on all bookmakers in Northern Ireland to extend the voluntary reduction in line with what other bookmakers in other jurisdictions had done.'

This was accepted by Councillor Clarke.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Casey that this Council writes to the Department of Communities and the Department for Health asking that a joint departmental task force is formed to explore what interim measures can be taken in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT's) and calls on all bookmakers to extend the voluntary reduction in line with what other bookmakers in other jurisdictions had done.**

This Council also calls on the Department of Health to recognise that gambling is a public health issue and undertakes to ensure more support services are provided to address gambling problems. This should include public health education and awareness raising programmes and adequate funding to addiction service providers is made available to ensure service quality."

C/031/2019 **NOTICE OF MOTION – FAILURE TO CONTROL LITTERING, DOG-FOULING, FLY-TIPPING AND RELATED ISSUES**

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

"This Council censures Newry Mourne and Down management over the failure to control of littering, dog-fouling, fly-tipping and related issues. We note with concern the stark contrast between the statistics for this Council and the statistics for Ards and North Down Council. We do not accept the contention that the legislation is 'not fit for purpose' and direct Council management to learn from Ards and North Down."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hyland and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting.

C/032/2019 **NOTICE OF MOTION – GEOGRAPHICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY BY RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Trainor and by qualified majority vote to suspend Standing Orders at this point in the meeting, to allow for the tabling of the following Motion, the suspension having been agreed unanimously.

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

“This Council notes with great concern the conclusions made from the National Geological screening for a Geological disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management which suggests that Parts of Newry, Mourne and Down District and other areas in Northern Ireland might be suitable for a GDF. This Council will write to the Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy stating Councils position as: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council does not consent, and never will consent to hosting a Geological Disposal Facility in our Council area or any part of Northern Ireland. This Council asks the other 10 councils in the North to take a similar position and equally write to the Minister.”

In proposing the motion Councillor Trainor urged Members to support the motion against consent being given to hosting a geological disposal facility in the Council area or any part of Northern Ireland. He also asked that consideration be given to write to the other 10 Councils to take a similar view. He reiterated this motion was not Political but was a health and safety issue.

Councillor Clarke seconded the motion stating there was fear in the community that this sort of proposal could occur within the District. He stated Sinn Fein were in total opposition to any underground disposal facility in the District or indeed anywhere in the island of Ireland.

Members from all Parties discussed the motion stating that the South Down Coast had been one of the most exposed coasts over the last 50 years to potential nuclear incidents and agreed that a geological disposal facility should not be hosted within the District.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Clarke that this Council notes with great concern the conclusions made from the National Geological screening for a Geological Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management which suggests that Parts of Newry, Mourne and Down District and other areas in Northern Ireland might be suitable for a GDF. It was agreed that this Council will write to the Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy stating councils position as: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council does not consent, and never will consent to hosting a Geological Disposal Facility in our Council area or any part of Northern Ireland. It was also agreed that this Council write to the other

10 councils in the North to take a similar position and equally write to the Minister.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.51pm

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMC/SC

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 January 2019 at 6pm in the
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick**

In the Chair: Councillor O McMahon

In attendance:

(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr. L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

Mrs E Creery, Head of Communications & Customer
Engagement
Mr. D Keys, Customer Service Manager

SC/01/2019 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Casey, Clarke, Enright, Harte, Kimmins, Murnin, McMurray and Trainor.

SC/02/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**SC/03/2019 PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND
ELECTRICITY NETWORKS**

The Chairperson welcomed the delegation from Northern Ireland Electricity Networks and invited them to make their presentation. A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

Mr Keys asked Members to encourage constituents with specific medical equipment at home to ensure they joined the NIE Networks Medical Customer Care Register.

Mrs Creery advised NIE Networks was developing plans to meet the changing energy needs of the future to achieve the best possible technical solutions at the lowest cost to customers. Members were urged to respond to a consultation which was due to be launched mid February 2019. Details to be made available at www.nienetworks.co.uk/future.

Members raised the following points:

- Were there plans to update the network within the Crossmaglen area, particularly to get the best from renewable energy?
- The cost of domestic supply had increased dramatically.
- Reference was also made to the cost of three phase connections. Was there assistance or grants available particularly for small business start-up costs?
- There had been occasions when the Department for Infrastructure had attributed street lighting issues to be because of a NIE Networks supply issue. Was this the case?
- The Annalong area continued to experience intermittent cuts to supply.
- Concerns were raised about the timing and wording of letters from NIE Networks advising customers of maintenance work.
- Was it possible to have an electric pole within Killyleagh repositioned to free up car parking spaces. Was it the case that the cost to do so was £12,000?
- Was there ongoing rollout for installation of new electric meters? Concerns were raised regarding problems associated with old meters in the Kilkeel area, in particular two charities which had been left with substantial payments to make.
- Was there any plans to upgrade supply in those areas at the end of the line of supply e.g. South down, Warrenpoint Harbour?

- Was it possible to simplify the numbering system on street lighting poles to assist with identifying and reporting faults. Ivy growth on poles was also problematic.
- Was there any assistance for line changes for those renovating or building within rural areas?
- Concerns were raised regarding the length of time to deal with repairs to a breakage in cable at Kelly Park, Newry.
- NIE Networks were asked to resolve problems associated with a break in cable at Sugar Island, Newry.

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- All Members were urged to respond to the consultation process to help get the best from service provision in the future. It was stressed that input from Councillors from different areas was required to help shape electric provision for customers in all areas.
- NIE Networks' connections were designed with safety at the forefront. As a regulated business, they must provide the customer with the 'Least Cost Technically Acceptable' solution, so the price quoted is the absolute lowest they can deliver it for. The connection market was however open to competition with alternative providers.
- NIE Networks had a good working relationship with the Department for Infrastructure. Issues with street lighting could be examined on a case to case basis and details should be forwarded to have matters resolved.
- NIE Networks as an organisation wanted to be as accessible as possible and encouraged contact to be made through Customer Relations Managers.
- The figure for 'Customer Minutes Lost' had reduced significantly over the last number of years however any issues being experienced should be reported to NIE Networks.
- Councillors played a vital role in communicating with customers and providing reassurance, particularly when problems occur.
- Installation of new meters was included in the NIE Networks Investment Plan. An update on the Kilkeel area to be provided.
- There was an ongoing programme to clear vegetation from NIE Networks' equipment. Details of problematic areas should be reported so they could be addressed.
- The delegation confirmed they were unaware of any assistance for connections in rural areas. NIE Networks had agreed a plan of work with the Regulator over the next few years.
- Matters raised regarding Sugar Island, Newry were to be examined as soon as possible.

The delegation responded to the questions that were raised and have committed to follow up with Councillors directly on some specific issues highlighted.

Mrs Creery thanked Members for the opportunity to meet with Council and appealed to all Members to contact NIE Networks about any issues they come across within their respective areas.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 4 March 2019.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

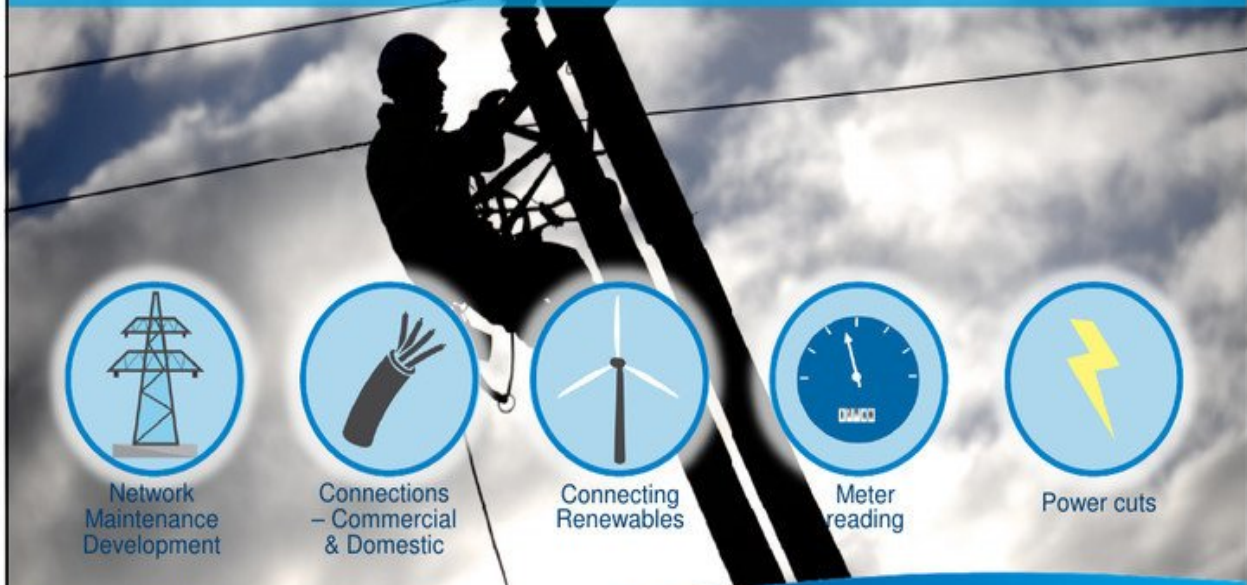




NIE NETWORKS OVERVIEW

Newry, Mourne & Down Special Council meeting


Monday 28th January 2019

NIE Networks - We own and manage the electricity network in Northern Ireland







Network Maintenance Development




Connections – Commercial & Domestic



Connecting Renewables



Meter reading




Power cuts


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NIE Networks Overview



Customers	c880,000
Annual Electricity Demand	c8 TWh
Transmission Network	c2,200 km
Distribution Network	c47,000 km
Substations	c300 major
Price Control Overall Total Expenditure (October 17– March 2024)	c£1.2bn



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Connecting with our customers



EVERYONE
in Northern Ireland is a
CUSTOMER

Everything we
do is for the
benefit of our
customers



We're helping to
grow communities



We're
enabling NI Plc to
flourish
on a global stage



We connect
6,000
homes &
businesses per
year

We're a
CUSTOMER FOCUSED
business


We're
**powering
businesses**



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Investment in Newry, Mourne and Down during RP6 (up to March 2024)



Category	Detail
Network Reinforcement	(5 projects)
Network Refurbishment	Substation plant and switchgear (5 projects)
	Overhead lines (702km)
	Subtotal
Total Costs	£6m

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Weather Ready – Preparation and Resource



- Emergency Plan reviewed annually and always post an event
- 9000 critical care customer contacted annually
- Powercheck tool developed to give public near-real time information in their area
- 12 Local Incident Centres across NI
- Winter Ready Campaign launched each year – use traditional press, digital media, radio
- We write to Councils to remind Councillors of their Hotline Number
- Staff receive refresher training
- Storm simulations completed every year
- All employees have a storm role but we use ESB and GB resources through agreement
- The Critical National Infrastructure Provider (CNIP) Mutual Aid Protocol

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What happens in a Storm? Storm Ali Example



- At 11:00hrs on 18 September we escalated i.e.
 - ❖ mobilised the Duty Incident Team and opened the Incident Centre in Craigavon from 06:00hrs 19th Sept.
 - ❖ Mobilised all 12 Local Incident Centres from 07:00hrs.
 - ❖ Planned work cancelled
 - ❖ Additional call handling resources and control engineers were mobilised.
- Trees brought down overhead lines and windborne debris disrupted electricity supplies to c102,000 customers mainly across Co. Antrim, Armagh & Down
- 209 broken poles & 1066 faults on the distribution network
- Repairs started once safe to do so
- c95% customers restored < 24 hours
- All customers restored < 72 hours




Resources deployed



- >600 employees and local contractors 'in the field' to repair storm damage and restore supplies
- On 20 September resources moved from North and West to South and East counties (to the areas worse affected)
- Operational field staff working from c07:00 to c23:00 each night (and in some cases into the early hours)
- Call agents and Duty Incident Teams working round the clock





Restoring Power to Your Community



When it is safe to do so, emergency teams locate the fault, survey the damage and start repairs

Process of restoration

- 1) High voltage transmission lines
- 2) Major power lines that serve a large number of customers
- 3) Distribution power lines that serve a smaller number of customers
- 4) Individual homes and businesses still without power

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Communication with customers



- c35,600 telephone fault calls answered between 19-21 September by call agents and High Volume Call Handling (HVCA)
- c7300 customers logged faults via 'Report a Powercut' on nienetworks.co.uk
- 47,000 customers used Powercheck to access latest fault restoration information
- 500 private or direct messages managed through social media
- Up to 52 call agents (at any one time) were deployed to answer calls
- By mid-night on 20 September fault calls being answered almost entirely by agents
- By evening on 21 September able to gradually reduce number of call agents
- Our media team had direct communication with broadcast and press media
- Social Media engagement was considerably higher than previous storms.
- Increased use of on-line reporting



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Critical Care & Stakeholder Communication



- c9000 customers on our Medical Customer Care Register
- Calls from Critical Care customers were given priority and call agents provided these customers with the best available information on restoration times
- Teams of dedicated staff regularly contacted 327 Critical Care customers
- 42 small generators were installed and maintained
- Dedicated Stakeholder Engagement Manager supported the Duty Incident Manager in ensuring effective communication with key stakeholders
- Key stakeholders (including DfE, Utility Regulator and Consumer Council) regularly updated during the storm and until all customers restored
- Positive feedback received



The Future of Energy – The Potential Customer Benefits



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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 11 February 2019 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Byrne
Councillor R Burgess
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J Tinnelly

Officials

in Attendance: Ms M Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr M Robinson

ERT/016/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received for:

Councillor G Hanna
Councillor B Quinn

Councillor Ruane introduced Mr Martin Robinson who would soon take up the post of Assistant Director of Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, which was the post formerly held by Mr Jonathan McGilly.

ERT/017/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**ERT/018/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AN
TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/019/2019: FORKHILL PLAY AREA

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding a Licence Agreement with the Department of Communities for Forkhill Play Area. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To proceed to put in place the relevant Licence Agreements with the Department of Communities (DFC) to enable the proposed Forkhill Play Area to be both constructed and maintained thereafter by the Council.
- (b) The Council to maintain it's interest in the site as part of the ongoing D1 site disposal process to ensure those elements that the Council are maintaining are transferred into Council ownership.

**ERT/020/2019: PUBLIC REALM SCHEME
- WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the appointment of a consultancy team for a Public Realm Scheme at Warrenpoint Front. **(Copy circulated)**

Ms Ward said that a task and finish working group for this location would not be established until after the Local Government Elections in May 2019.

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

- (a) **Approve the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme, to proceed to procurement of an Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT). If within Budget, proceed to appointment.**
- (b) **Council establish a relevant Task and Finish Working Group for the Design and Delivery (Subject to DFC funding) of the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.**
- (c) **Officers to look at the possible renaming of the Public Realm scheme to include Cole's Corner, Dock Street and the Baths.**

ERT/021/2019: NEWRY CITY - PURPLE FLAG ACCREDITATION RENEWAL

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding accreditation renewal for Newry City Purple Flag status. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed as follows:**

- (a) **The Council renew the annual Purple Flag Accreditation Membership for 2019.**
- (b) **The Chairperson of Council and relevant Council Official to attend the Purple Flag Awards in Dublin to be held on Wednesday 6 March 2019.**

ERT/022/2019: RING OF GULLION - TRAMLINER FEATURE

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding a partnership agreement with Translink for the siting of a refurbished tram carriage at the Translink Train Station Newry. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed the Council enter into a partnership agreement with Translink for a refurbished tram carriage to be hosted on their site at Newry Train Station as a Ring of Gullion welcome feature, for a minimum of 10 years, to be maintained by Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership (RoGLPS) or AONB volunteers.**

**ERT/023/2019: ENVIRONMENT FUND APPLICATION
RING OF GULLION AONB
STRANGFORD LOUGH & LECALÉ AONB**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms Marie Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the renewal of DAERA funding for the delivery of actions in the Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONBs action plans. **(Copy enclosed)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To submit an application to Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Environment Fund funding for a period of 4 years from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 for the delivery of actions in Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONB (RGSLL).
If the application is successful, to accept and commence project implementation.**
- (b) Continue to provide support for RGSLL and the work to deliver the AONB Action Plans and Marine Site MPA Scheme in support of the councils role in heritage based projects and activity based tourism and the conserving of landscape as a resource, rural economic development, outdoor recreation, biodiversity, environmental sustainability legislation , and healthy and active communities.**

TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/024/2019: LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK (LFFN)

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms A Smyth Head of Regeneration & Business regarding the Department of Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) Local Full Fibre Networks programme designed to stimulate commercial investment in full fibre networks in rural and urban locations across the whole of the UK. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To finalise the Consortium agreement in conjunction with NMDDC legal department and Belfast Legal Services.**
- (b) Following notification of the successful application to DCMS on behalf of FFNI, it is recommended to enter into a Consortium Agreement with NMDDC acting as lead Council.**

- (c) Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism to provide detail to Councillor D McAteer regarding the issues raised in relation to how FFNI will benefit the creation of network connections in rural areas.

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/025/2019: NEWCASTLE AND WARRENPOINT BEACHES

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding the provision of an artificial beach at Newcastle and Warrenpoint beaches. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Clarke expressed concerns at having a pop up beach in Newcastle. He said if the beach was better managed with a designated area provided it would bring a better experience for users. He added that a pop up facility would be difficult to secure in terms of antisocial issues and dog fouling and would present a health and safety risk and that discussion was needed with NIEA to seek a licence agreement to take sand from Ballykinler back to Newcastle beach as people using the beach will still want to access the water.

In response to concerns from Councillor Carr regarding the 3 year period for the designation of water quality for bathing at Warrenpoint Beach, Mr Patterson explained there was a requirement by NIEA for 3 years testing data for water quality at Warrenpoint Beach before it could be designated as bathing water.

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

- (a) The development of the beach front area in Warrenpoint to be included in the development brief for the Environmental Improvement scheme and that the Council enters into a period of Water Quality Testing to establish water quality and the potential for a bathing water designation in three year's time.**
- (b) To host a workshop with officials of the Marine Strategy and Licensing Branch of DAERA to discuss proposals for the beach front at Warrenpoint and to discuss obtaining a Marine Licence for the necessary works required at Newcastle Beach.**
- (c) Refer a request to the Neighbourhood Services Directorate to improve the provision of litter bins and cleansing on Newcastle Beach and surrounding area.**

**ERT/026/2019: SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS
GLOBAL TOP 100 AWARDS**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding County Down being recognised in the world top 100 Sustainable Destinations and recommending the attendance fo 2 No. delegates to attend the Awards Ceremony in Berlin in March 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Tinnelly it was agreed to note the achievement of County Down being recognised as the only destination in the UK/Ireland to be included in the prestigious ‘Sustainable Destinations Global Top 100’ award and to approve the attendance of 2 No. delegates (the Council Chairman and one officer) at the ITB Earth Award Top 100 Awards Ceremony in March 2019 in Berlin to receive the award.**

**ERT/027/2019: RESURFACING OF ENTRANCE ROAD
- DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding resurfacing works to the entrance road into Delamont Country Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to appoint a contractor through the CPD Framework to undertake resurfacing works to the entrance road at Delamont Country Park, before the Easter period, at a cost of £70,000.**

It was also agreed Officials look at providing additional woodchip at the Play Area in Delamont Country Park to address wet areas around play equipment ie, slide and swings.

ERT/028/2019: SPAIN VISIT

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding an invite from the Mayor of Vimianzo Spain for the Chairperson of Council to visit the region on 1 – 3 March 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to accept an invitation from the Mayor of Vimianzo Spain for the Chairperson of Council to visit the region from 1-3 March 2019.**

ERT/029/2019: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2019/20

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism providing details of the Tourism Events Programme 2019/20 financial year. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed as follows:**

(a) To approve the Tourism Events Programme for the 2019/20 Financial Year.

(b) To approve funding to the following events, by way of Service Level Agreement; Letter of Offer and Contractual Documents:

- **Ulster Pipe Band Championship Newcastle - £20,000**
- **Ulster Fleadh 50th Anniversary - Castlewellan - County Down and Castlewellan CCE - £25,000**
- **UK and Ireland Pride – Newry Rainbow Community - £50,000**
- **Maidens of Mourne 30th Anniversary - £20,000**
- **DownTime Festival – Down Community Arts in partnership with Down Community Collective - £30,000**
- **Skiffies Festival – to be delivered by way of Service Level Agreement with Coastal Rowing Association - £40,000**

FOR NOTING**ERT/030/2019: SPIRIT OF LIVE HERE LOVE HERE AWARDS 2019**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Coastal Guardian Volunteer nomination for a Spirit of Live Here Love Here Award at the LHLH Community Awards 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the following:**

(a) In addition to the attendance of the Chairman of Council, SLLP propose to nominate: the Chair/Deputy Chair of SLLP committee, SLLP officer and two volunteers who have been involved in the project for invitation to the award ceremony.

(b) Regarding volunteers: SLLP propose to invite 2 members of the Down Danderer Rambling Club to the LHLH community awards for their role as SLLP Coastal Guardian volunteers.

Note: **The Down Danderers have been constant supporters of any beach cleaning activity organised by SLLP. Their secretary, Pauline McCandless gives of her own time to help SLLP to**

organise the members to attend beach cleans. They have attended 4 beach clean-ups 2017/2018. By volunteering as SLLP Coastal Guardians, at these events the Down Danderers have helped to clean-up approx. 3 mile of coastline and remove approx 3 tonnes of litter from our shores and given 70 hrs volunteer time.

ERT/031/2019: EU SWIM PROJECT

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the provision of a site for an electronic sign to be installed next to the beach at Newcastle that will provide the public with live updates of the water quality, as part of the EU Swim Project which is a project funded by the Special EU Programmes Body. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note Report dated 11 February 2019 from Ms Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the provision of a site for an electronic sign to be installed next to the beach at Newcastle that will provide the public with live updates of the water quality, as part of the EU Swim Project which is a project funded by the Special EU Programmes Body.

ERT/032/2019: MUSEUM LATES – CARNIVAL OF DELIGHTS

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding an evaluation of the Carnival of Delights event which was held as part of the Museum Late Shift initiative which took place in 5 local museums in autumn 2018 and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Tourism NI and Department for Communities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding an evaluation of the Carnival of Delights event which was held as part of the Museum Late Shift initiative which took place in 5 local museums in autumn 2018 and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Tourism NI and Department for Communities.

**ERT/033/2019: BIGGER PICTURE
- PEACE IV PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding The Bigger Picture EU Peace IV Project where Down County Museum as part of Building Positive Relations programme funded by the EU PEACE IV initiative, has engaged consultants to coordinate a programme of activities

relating to the work of Francis Joseph Bigger in Lecale in the period 1890-1920. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the programme of activities in Down County Museum relating to the work of Francis Joseph Bigger in Lecale in the period 1890-1920, and promote same to residents in the District.

ERT/034/2019: ST PATRICK'S DAY - NOTTINGHAM

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding an invite from Mr Paul Curtis Chairman of the Nottingham St Patrick's Day Parade for an official from Newry Mourne & Down Council to lead the Nottingham St Patrick's Day Parade on 17 March 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note that Councillor Terry Andrews Deputy Chairperson of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee will attend the Nottingham St Patrick's Day Parade on 17 March 2019 on behalf of the Council.

ERT/035/2019: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation.

ERT/036/2019: ERT ACTION TRACKER UPDATE

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

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the ERT Action Tracker Update.

It was also agreed to note in relation to Minute No. ERT/176/2018, that the Draft Heads of Term have now been received by the Chief Executive and discussions will reopen regarding the work on Brexit and border corridors.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor McMahon, 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/037/2019: RDP TOURISM APPLICATION – SLIEVE GULLION

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding an Economic Appraisal update required as part of the full application to be made to DAERA for Rural Tourism Funding for projects at Slieve Gullion Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/038/2019: TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK – TEA ROOMS

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding a draft Lease Agreement with DAERA Forest Service and the Council for Café service provision at Tollymore Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/039/2019: WARRENPOINT BATHS

Read: Report dated 11 February 2019 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding works at Warrenpoint Baths to facilitate use of the store for storage facilities assessment of the walkway and upper level for future use as potential outdoor space. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

ERT/037/2019 – RDP Tourism Application – Slieve Gullion

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Due to significant investment required in Chambre House and initial findings from the Economic Appraisal, it is recommended not to proceed to full application to the DAERA Programme for the Chambre House project as Council objectives to maximise visitor return at the site is unlikely to be achieved.**
- (b) To submit an Expression of Interest to the DAERA Rural Development Programme under the new time-limited call which would consider the following project elements at Slieve Gullion Forest Park:**

- Events Space and programme
- Technological innovations
- Visitor Servicing

ERT/038/2019 – Tollymore Forest Park – Tea Rooms

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed Council Officials engage Forest Service further on the terms of the Lease Agreement to ensure the costs of maintaining and managing the building over this period, including the upkeep and liability of the building, is considered in any Lease Agreement.

It was also agreed that issues regarding the cleaning of signage in Tollymore Forest Park be raised with Neighbourhood Services for attention.

ERT/039/2019 – Warrenpoint Baths

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Carr seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To appoint a contractor to undertake remedial Health and Safety works to facilitate use of the store for storage purposes. The estimated cost is expected to be £5000.
- (b) To undertake a detailed structural assessment of the walkway and upper level to consider future use of the walkway as a potential outdoor space, at an estimated cost of £10,000.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 March 2019.

Signed: Councillor M Ruane

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Ms M Ward

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2019 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor B Ó Muíri
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

Also in Attendance: Councillor A McMurray Councillor M Larkin

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management
Mr F O'Connor, (Acting) Head of Legal Administration
Mr J McGilly, (Acting) Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance
Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer
Miss S Taggart, (Acting) Democratic Services Manager
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/022/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no apologies received.

SPR/023/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/024/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2019

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 17 January 2019 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/025/2019

REPORT ON TUAIRISC CHONRADH NA GAEILGE AGUS AN COISTE UM RIAR AN CHIRT AR CHOMHAIRLÍ ÁITIÚLA DUALGAIS AGUS AN GHAEILGE: CREATLACH COMHLÍONTA 2018/CONRADH NA GAEILGE & COMMITTEE ON THE ADMINISTRATION JUSTICE 2018 REPORT ON 'LOCAL COUNCILS, OBLIGATIONS AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE: A FRAMEWORK FOR COMPLIANCE'

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Ms U Mhic An tSaoir Irish Language Development Officer and Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, regarding report on Conradh na Gaeilge & Committee on the Administration Justice 2018 report on 'Local Councils, Obligations and the Irish Language: A Framework for Compliance' **(Copy circulated)**

Cllr. O'Muiri stated the report was very reassuring and praised officers and Councillors involved in the Working Group.

Councillor Byrne stated his frustration at the lack of uptake by Councillors of the Irish Language training provided by Council and the fact that he wasn't able to attend the training along with staff. He asked that following the elections, training be organised for both Councillors and staff in Irish Language. Councillor Enright concurred with Councillor Byrne.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the findings of the Conradh na Gaeilge & Committee on the Administration Justice 2018 Report on 'Local Councils, Obligations and The Irish Language: A Framework for Compliance'

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SPR/026/2019: **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2018**

Read: Minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group Meeting 12 October 2018

Agreed: The Minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group meeting 12 October 2018 were agreed to be noted as an accurate record.

SPR/027/2019: **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – TIMETABLE REVISION**

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer, regarding the Local Development Plan – Timetable Revision **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the contents of the report and agree to:

- The draft revised Timetable as set out in Appendix 2;
- That following Council approval, the Planning Department liaises with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) and other key stakeholders prior to submitting the revised Timetable to Department for Infrastructure for its agreement;

- That following agreement of the revised Timetable by the Department for Infrastructure, that it be made available and published in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

SPR/028/2019: REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Mr D Patterson, Head of Community Planning, regarding Review of Community Planning Structures (**Copy circulated**)

Members discussed the issue of a reduction in Elected Members on the Thematic Working Groups voicing their concern at such drastic reduction from ten members to one.

Councillor Trainor proposed one member from each political group be appointed and that the Chair be rotated on an annual basis. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The Chief Executive confirmed that poor attendance was one of the factors in deciding to reduce the membership. This was acknowledged by Councillor Byrne, however, he stated if the meetings were more focused they may result in higher attendance.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed in principle to:

- Approve amendment to elected Members representation on Thematic Groups to one member from each political party with the Chair to be rotated on an annual basis and a review to take place at the next AGM .
- Approve the timetable of work with Community Planning partners to re-focus Thematic Groups on a smaller number of more strategic and shared priorities

SPR/029/2019: GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2019-2023

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance (Acting), regarding Governance Arrangements 2019 - 2023 (**Copy circulated**)

Councillor Byrne expressed his concern at limiting the number of Notice of Motions and proposed to accept the officer's recommendations, with the exception of point 5 – Council consider limiting the numbers of Notice of Motions to be tabled at a Council Meeting.

Councillor Trainor seconded the proposal stating that to limit the numbers would be restricting discussions in the chamber.

Councillor Walker stated that Motions should be signposted to Committees prior to coming to Council with Councillors invited to attend the Committee for discussion on the motion.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Traynor, it was agreed to accept the officer's recommendation, with the exception of point 5, as follows:

- Council approve the Annual Meeting of Council will take place at 6pm on 20 May 2019 in Downshire Civic Centre, in accordance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, which states that in an election year the Annual Meeting of Council must take place within 21 days of the election.
- Delegated authority be given to CEO to make essential urgent decisions as required during period from 24 April 2019 to the first Full Council Meeting (3 June 2019) after the Annual Meeting.
- Council agree that Task and Finish groups will not meet during Purdah period and will be reviewed by respective Committees post AGM.
- Council adopt the recommended changes to Standing Orders as detailed in the officer's report.
- Council adopt the changes proposed to Committee Terms of Reference as detailed in the officer's report.
- Council adopt the recommendations outlined in the officer's report in respect to Planning decision making process and that the changes were reflected in the relevant Committee Terms of Reference for term of new Council.
- It was further agreed that the number of motions was not to be limited.

SPR/030/2019: PARTY REPRESENTATIVES FORUM INTERIM TERMS OF REFERENCE 3 MAY – 20 MAY 2019

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance (Acting), regarding Party Representatives Forum Interim Terms of Reference 3 May – 20 May 2019 (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed proceed with Option 1- Maintain the current membership and terms of reference as detailed in para 2.1 of the officer's report and to approve the following recommendations:

- Council agree to utilise the principle of Party Representatives Forum to make recommendations and assist Officers prepare for AGM, with a new structure being agreed after the AGM if the new Council so agrees;
- Council agree representation on the Party Representatives Forum as the current membership for the interim period between elections on 2 May 2019 and AGM on 20 May 2019 (provisional Date subject to Full Council approval at March Council Meeting)

CORPORATE SERVICES

SPR/031/2019: PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGISTRATION SERVICE (BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES)

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration) and Mr G McBride, Head of Administration and Customer Services, regarding Proposed Changes to Registration Service (Births, Deaths and Marriages) **(Copy circulated)**

Cllr. Byrne noted the good service provided by the Registration Department and indicated that the appointment system should be promoted.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Traynor, the following recommendations were agreed:

- From 1 May 2019 introduction of a fixed appointment system for members of the public seeking to access the Registration service in person (births, deaths and marriages), with flexibility that a member of the public calling in without an appointment will be attended to if a member of Registration staff is available.
- From 1 May 2019 introduction of fixed times for officiating at weddings and civil partnerships across the District of 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm, with flexibility for special circumstances.

SPR/032/2019: REPLACEMENT FENCING AT WINDY GAP PAD

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Ms H. Wilson, Land Management Officer, regarding Replacement Fencing at Windy Gap Pad **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Rice, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed that quotes for the work be obtained and the fencing be replaced.

FOR NOTING

SPR/033/2019: KEY OUTCOMES REPORT CENTRAL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM – 18 JANUARY 2019

Read: Report dated 18 January 2019 from NILGA, regarding Local Government Political Partnership Forum **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the report received from NILGA.

SPR/034/2019 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NI – POSTPONEMENT OF DISSOLUTION DATE

Read: Correspondence dated 30 January 2019 from The Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland, regarding Postponement of Dissolution Date **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the correspondence received from Local Government Staff Commission NI – Postponement of Dissolution Date.

SPR/035/2019 ALBERT BASIN PARK

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019 from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the progress of the Working Group and the proposed Delivery Programme attached to the officer's report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, 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 para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (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/036/2019: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Management Accounts to 31 December 2018 (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report showing budget expenditure for the first nine months of the 2018/19 financial year, comparing actual expenditure and revenue for the same period.

SPR/037/2019: PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, RATHFRILAND ROAD, NEWRY

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Services, regarding Public Right of Way, Rathfriland Road, Newry (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Doran to note the contents of the officer's report and instruct Legal Services to apply for an injunction against the landowner and refer the matter to Newry DEA Councillors for further consideration.

SPR/038/2019: RECRUITMENT: ATLANTIC CULTURESCAPES

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Mr D Rice, Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne , seconded by Councillor Ruane , to recruit two new posts within the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate to deliver the Atlantic CultureScape project as described in the application form from April 2019 to March 2022

SPR/039/2019: CORRY SQUARE CARPARK

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Corry Square Carpark **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve the request from Matt D’Arcy Company Limited to sub lease the area of Corry Square car park as marked on the officer’s report from Europarks up to the 1st November 2019

SPR/040/2019: NI PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINT

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer, regarding NI Public Services Ombudsman Complaint **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Byrne to accept the recommendations contained within para 1.1 in the officer’s report, including the £100 conciliatory payment to the Complainant.

SPR/041/2019: UPDATE ON D1 PROCESS RE: RAYMOND MCCREESH PARK

Read: Report dated 14 February 2019, from Ms D Carville, Director Corporate Services and Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, regarding D1 process re: Raymond McCreesh Park **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Walker, by way of vote, results of which were as follows:

FOR:	6
AGAINST:	0

ABSTENTIONS: 5
to confirm categorically that further consultation will take place with the community, if any expressions of interest are received, under the D1 process, and before any further decision is made about whether to continue with disposal or not.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.59pm

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
 Chairperson

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

ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

-TERMS OF REFERENCE-

Scope

The **Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee** ("the Committee") will be responsible for clustering enterprise, regeneration and tourism activity across the District, and for protecting both the natural and built environment of the District in accordance with the discharge of specified statutory functions and services, including planning development management and control, in order to drive and support the local economy.

Responsibilities

- Developing and implementing an integrated enterprise, regeneration and tourism product for the District.
 - Maximising and securing opportunities for regional, national and international investment for enterprise, regeneration and tourism.
 - Leading on the promotion and marketing of the District, and the engagement of key stakeholders for enterprise, regeneration and tourism.
 - Contributing to the delivery of both Corporate and Community Plan objectives as advocate of the economic strand.
 - Developing the District as a notable premier tourism destination on the island of Ireland.
 - Leading on the renewal, regeneration and development of the District's city, towns, villages and rural settlements, and maximising and securing opportunities for job creation and retention throughout the District.
 - Developing and implementing a vibrant cultural, arts and events programme for the District.
 - Responsible for the provision of the building control function, including building regulations; safety in the built environment; licensing; postal numbering.
 - ~~Leading on issues relating to outdoor recreation, countryside access and Rights of Way.~~
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- Approved by Council on 7 November 2016.
 - Terms of Reference shall be kept under review to ensure they remain appropriate annually. A full review of Council's Committee structures, and the corresponding Terms of Reference will be undertaken within the first 3 months of a new Council. Review of Terms of Reference shall be undertaken by the Council.

- The effective stewardship of delegated responsibilities for the District's resources and assets (physical, financial, people and property based) for enterprise, regeneration and tourism.

Membership

The Committee is comprised of the fifteen (15) Elected Members appointed to the Committee at the Council's Annual Meeting.

Quorum

No business shall be transacted unless at least 4 Members are present.

Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

Meetings

All meetings of the Committee shall be governed by the Council's Standing Orders and the Northern Ireland Code of Conduct for Councillors.

A timetable of meetings shall be agreed annually by the Council.

Sub-Committees and Working Groups

The Committee has the power to establish and appoint any number of Sub-Committees, Task and Finish Working Groups, Project Boards and Forums as are necessary, to consider in more detail the work of the Committee, (see appendix 1 attached).

Communication and Reporting

The Minutes of the Committee shall be tabled at each meeting of the Council in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Declarations of Interest

A Declaration of Interests Register will be kept for all Committee Members. Each Member shall take responsibility to declare proactively any potential conflict of interest arising out of business undertaken by the Council.

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APPENDIX 1

Council Task and Finish Working Groups/Project Boards/Forums
Reporting Arrangements

	Task & Finish	Committees			
		AHC	ERT	RTS	SPR
Anti-Litter Working Group				√	
Camlough Lake Task and Finish Board	√		√		
Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board	√		√		
Chief Executive Appraisal Group					√
Councillors Website Reference Group	√				√
DEA Fora		√			
Decade of Centenaries Working Group					√
Economic Forum			√		
Efficiency Working Group					√
Elected Member Development Working Group					√
Equality and Good Relations Reference Group					
Health Forum	√	√			
Implementation of Irish Language Strategy Working Group	√				√
Marine Task Force				√	
Newry and Mourne Travellers Forum		√			
Strategic Waste Issues Working Group				√	
St Patrick's Day Cross Party Working Group	√				√
Strategic Projects Forum					√
Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force		√			
Tourism Strategy Task and Finish Project Board	√		√		

Community Planning Thematic Partnerships – report to Community Planning Partnership Board

Community Planning Partnership Board – report to Council

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STRATEGY POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

-TERMS OF REFERENCE-

Scope

The **Strategy Policy & Resources Committee** (“the Committee”) will be responsible for the effective and efficient operation of the Council, as well as setting its future strategic direction.

Responsibilities

- Responsibilities for the development, and monitoring implementation, of the key strategic plans of the Council, including the Community Plan, ~~Area Development Plan~~, Equality Scheme, Disability Action Plan, Corporate Plan, Performance Improvement Plan.
- Responsible for the effective planning and stewardship of the Council’s entire resources and assets (financial, employees, information technology and land/property assets).
- Responsible for the management of the Council’s policy development framework, including the statutory duties of equality and disability, and development of policy on matters including the Irish Language, disability and safe guarding strategies.
- Responsible for the development of an equality action measures plan to address corporate key inequalities identified under the audit of inequalities.
- Responsible for the Council’s corporate performance management framework, including the setting and monitoring of performance targets and the oversight of performance across the organisation.
- Responsible for leading on the development and implementation of future organisational change in support of the Council’s strategic objectives
- Responsible for the development and delivery of key corporate projects.
- Responsible for the Council’s corporate communications and policy, including public consultation; public relations and media; marketing and publications.
- Leading on the development and implementation of suitable strategies, policies and programmes to assist with the effective and efficient operation of the Council, to include matters relating to finance and systems; ~~grants administration~~; human resources; estates and capital projects; management; legal; administration and registration.
- Approved by Council on 7 November 2016; Revised 1 June 2017
- Terms of Reference shall be kept under review to ensure they remain appropriate annually. A full review of Council’s Committee structures, and the corresponding Terms of Reference will be undertaken within the first 3 months of a new Council. Review of Terms of Reference shall be undertaken by the Council.

Membership

The Committee is comprised of the fifteen (15) Elected Members appointed to the Committee at the Council's Annual Meeting.

Quorum

No business shall be transacted unless at least 4 Members are present.

Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

Meetings

All meetings of the Committee shall be governed by the Council's Standing Orders and the NI Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors.

A timetable of meetings shall be agreed annually by the Council.

Sub-Committees and Working Groups

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

-TERMS OF REFERENCE –

Scope

The Audit Committee (“the Committee”) will be responsible for assisting the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities for the integrity of the Council's financial and operational results, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and monitoring performance of internal and external audit.

Responsibilities

- To consider the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements, the control environment and governance arrangements including anti-fraud policies, whistleblowing processes and arrangements for special investigations.
- To be satisfied that the Council's assurance statements, including the Governance Statement, properly reflects the risk environment and any actions required to improve it.
- To approve (but not direct) the planned activity, performance and results of internal and external audit.
- To review internal audit reports and the main issues arising and monitor and ensure management responses have been actioned.
- To review the financial statements and accounting policies, the external auditor's opinion and reports to those charged with Governance, and seek assurance that action has been taken where necessary.
- To consider any reports of external and/or inspection agencies.
- To monitor management responses and actions in response to the issues raised by external audit.

Membership

The Committee is comprised of the ten (10) Elected Members appointed to the Committee at the Council's Annual Meeting, plus one independent suitability qualified person, who will be recruited for the 4-year term of the Council.

- Approved by Council on 7 November 2016
- Review arrangements: Terms of Reference shall be kept under review to ensure they remain appropriate annually. A full review of Council's Committee structures, and the corresponding Terms of Reference will be undertaken within the first 3 months of a new Council. Review of Terms of Reference shall be undertaken by the Council.

Quorum

No business shall be transacted unless at least 4 members are present.

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be the independent Member of the Committee and they shall serve as Chairperson for the 4-year term of the Committee.

The head of Internal Audit and the representative from External Audit will have free and confidential access to the Chair of the Committee.

Meetings

The frequency of the meetings will be driven by the scale and nature of the business with the Committee meeting at least four times per year to enable it to discharge its duties adequately and effectively. The Chair of the Audit Committee may convene additional meetings, as they deem necessary.

All meetings of the Committee will be governed by the Council's Standing Orders and the Northern Ireland Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Chief Executive and Internal Audit will attend all meetings. The Northern Ireland Audit office will be invited to attend all meetings. The Director of Corporate Services and Audit Risk Manager will also be invited to attend. The Committee may also ask any other officials of the Council to attend to assist it with its discussions on any particular matter.

Communications and Reporting

The Committee will provide the Council and Chief Executive with an Annual Report, timed to support the finalisation of the Accounts and the Governance Statement, summarising its conclusions from the work it has done during the year.

The Minutes of the Committee will be reported at a Meeting of the Council by the Director of Corporate Services or, in their absence, by an alternative official (of Council).

Declarations of Interest

A Declaration of Interests Register will be kept for all Committee Members. Each Member should take personal responsibility to declare proactively any potential conflict of interest arising out of business undertaken by the Council.

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Efficiency Working Group					√
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Health Forum	√	√			
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Marine Task Force				√	
Newry and Mourne Travellers Forum		√			
Strategic Waste Issues Working Group				√	
St Patrick's Day Cross Party Working Group	√				√
Strategic Projects Forum					√
Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force		√			
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AUDIT COMMITTEE

-TERMS OF REFERENCE-

Scope

1. The Audit Committee (“the Committee”) is a key component of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’s corporate governance arrangements. It provides an independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.
2. The purpose of the Committee is to provide independent assurance to those charged with governance on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides independent review of the council’s governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

Responsibilities

Governance, risk and control

3. To review the council’s corporate governance arrangements against the good governance framework and consider annual governance reports and assurances.
4. To review the Annual Governance Statement prior to approval and consider whether it properly reflects the risk environment and supporting assurances, taking into account internal audit’s opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council’s framework of governance, risk management and control.
5. To consider the council’s arrangements to secure value for money and review assurances and assessments on the effectiveness of these arrangements.
6. To consider the council’s framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the council.
7. To monitor the effective development and operation of risk management in the council.
8. To approve the council’s risk management strategy and monitor progress in addressing risk-related issues reported to the Committee, including the corporate risk register and assurance information on the management of key corporate risks.
9. To consider reports on the effectiveness of internal controls and monitor the implementation of agreed actions.
10. To monitor the council’s fraud and whistleblowing policies and monitor the implementation of these policies, including the counter-fraud strategy, actions and resources.
11. To be advised of the Council’s structures, processes, systems and related arrangements for performance management.

Internal audit

12. To review proposals made in relation to the appointment of external providers of internal audit services and to make recommendations.
13. To approve the risk-based internal audit plan, including internal audit’s resource requirements, the approach to using other sources of assurance and any work required to place reliance upon those other sources.
14. To approve significant interim changes to the risk-based internal audit plan and resource requirements.
15. To make appropriate enquiries of both management and the Internal Auditor to determine if there are any inappropriate scope or resource limitations.
16. To consider the Internal Audit annual report.

17. To consider summaries of all internal audit reports on the Internal Audit plan.

External audit

18. To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.
19. To consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditor.

Financial reporting

20. To review the annual statement of accounts. Specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the council.

Membership

21. The Committee is comprised of ten (10) Elected Members appointed to the Committee at the Council's Annual Meeting, plus one independent suitably qualified person, who will be recruited for the 4 year term of Council.

Quorum

22. No business shall be transacted unless at least four (4) Members are present.

Chairperson

23. The Chairperson shall be the independent member of the Committee and they shall serve as Chairperson for the four year term of the Committee. The Head of Internal Audit and the representative from external audit will have free and confidential access to the Chair of the Committee.

Meetings

24. The frequency of the meetings will be driven by the scale and nature of the business with the Committee meeting at least four times per year to enable it to discharge its duties adequately and effectively. The Chair of the Audit Committee may convene additional meetings, as they deem necessary.
25. All meetings of the Committee will be governed by the Councils Standing Orders and the Northern Ireland Code of Conduct for Councillors.
26. The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and the Audit Services Manager will attend all meetings. Internal and External Audit will also be in attendance. The committee may also ask any other officials of the Council to attend to assist it with its discussion on any particular matter.

Communication and Reporting

27. The Committee will provide the Council and the Chief Executive with an Annual Report, timed to support the finalisation of the Annual Statement of Accounts, summarising its conclusions from the work it has done during the year.

28. The Committee will report to those charged with governance on the committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of their governance, risk management and internal control frameworks, financial reporting arrangements, and internal and external audit functions.
29. The minutes of the Committee will be reported at a meeting of Council by the Director of Corporate Services or, in their absence, by an alternative official (of Council).

Declarations of Interest

30. A Declaration of Interests Register will be kept for all Committee Members. Each member should take personal responsibility to declare proactively any potential conflict of interest arising out of business undertaken by the Council.

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on Friday 15 February 2019
at 2.15pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Mr J Campbell, Independent Chairperson

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**
Councillor P Brown
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor L Devlin
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor M Murnin
Councillor M Ruane

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms D Carville, Director Corporate Services
Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services
Manager (Acting)

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

AC/22/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no apologies received.

AC/23/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ruane advised he was named in the ASM Report as Chair of Council in 2014.

Mr Hannaway, Mrs Carville and Mr Byrne advised they had been named within the ASM Report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murnin, 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 para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (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.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session and the following actions were agreed:

AC/24/2019: ASM REPORT: INVESTIGATION INTO THE COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT, AND ERECTION, OF THE 'BIG SCREEN' IN NEWRY

Agreed: When in closed session, it was agreed to note the ASM Report Investigation into Council's procurement and erection of the big screen in Newry on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

AC/25/2019: VERBAL UPDATE ON FURTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 'BIG SCREEN' REPORT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the verbal update on further matters arising into the 'big screen' report by Director of Corporate Services.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.46pm

Signed: Ms D Carville
Director of Corporate Services

Signed: Mr J Campbell
Independent Chairperson

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCILRef: **AHC/2019**

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 18 February 2019 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 D Hyland
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
 Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
 Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
 Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/018/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte, Kimmins, Ó'Muiri and Taylor

- The Chairman offered his congratulations to Councillor Taylor and his wife on the birth of their new baby.
- The Chairman congratulated the Health and Wellbeing Department on the 'Be Safe Campaign' which had been a hugely productive initiative.
- The Chairman offered best wishes and good luck to the officials and volunteers from the District who were taking part in a Special Olympics in Dubai at beginning of March.
- The Chairman extended his congratulations to the local groups who had been successful at the 'Live Here Love Here Awards'.
- The Chairman congratulated St Patrick's Grammar School who had progressed to the final of McLarnon Cup Final to be held on 18 March in Armagh.
- The Chairman extended his condolences on behalf of all Members to the family of Conor Murphy who sadly passed away in Amsterdam.
- The Chairman encouraged all Community Groups to get involved and register for this year's St Patrick's day parade.

- Councillor Fitzpatrick congratulated Aoife Trainor on her Scor na Og win in Castlebar and the Chair had been made aware of her endeavours.

AHC/019/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

AHC/020/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2019

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 January 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/052/2018 – Apologies and Chairperson’s Remarks

Councillor Andrews asked for an update on recognising contribution of carers in the District.

Mr Gordon advised officers would bring forward proposals for the April 2019-March 2020 Scale of Charges with a report being brought back to a future AHC meeting on membership eligibility and criteria to provide further clarity.

AHC/014/2019 – Update Proposal for Camlough Peace Centre

Councillor Loughran asked for an update on the proposal for Camlough Peace Centre.

Ms Hillen stated the matter had been taken to appeal with SEUPB and Members would be kept updated.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/021/2019: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairman asked whether the seven DEA’s could further deliver a programme in relation to Mental Health across the District as a recent report had been released that showed 35,000 teenagers were experiencing problems in mental health, seeking treatment and support.

Ms Hillen responded stating she would refer the matter to the DEA Coordinators for inclusion on the DEA action plans.

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

- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 29 November 2018;
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018.
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to progress the Carlingford Play Park Project.

AHC/022/2019: **POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrew, it was agreed to note the report; to note the minutes of Policing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018, and the Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

It was also agreed to approve at risk spend for the PCSP to go to tender for the four services named below, the current contracts for which end on 31 March 2019; and to extend the current four contracts named below for a period of six months from 1 April 2019;

- > Provision of Locks & Bolts Scheme for vulnerable members of the community. Current provider is Confederation of Community Groups (CCG). Total value of contract is £25,000 per annum.
- > Provision of Good Morning, Good Neighbour Scheme. Current providers are CCG & Good Morning Down. Total value of contract is £15,000 per annum.
- > Provision of Domestic Violence intervention programme. Current provider is Women's Aid, Newry & Armagh. Total value of contract is £10,000 per annum.
- > Provision of Community Safety Wardens. Current provider is Elite Security. Total value of contract is £53,000 (£33,000 PCSP and £20,000 NIHE subject

to NIHE approval).

AHC/023/2019: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, to agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as detailed in the officer's report at a total cost of £1,422.562.**

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/024/2019: RDP UPGRADED FUNDED PARKS

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Doran expressed his frustration at the loss of RDP funding for the provision of the playpark in Newtownhamilton and he proposed to accept the officer's recommendation to reallocate the rural development funding to Cullaville. This was seconded by Councillor Howell.

Councillor Doran further proposed that a fresh consultation be carried out in Newtownhamilton, given the extraordinary ill-feelings that had been caused by the last secret vote. Councillor Howell seconded the proposal. This proposal was not considered at this stage in the meeting.

Councillor Loughran expressed her disappointment that once again, Newtownhamilton was losing out and the fact that the playpark would not be completed by March. She asked whether money existed within the Council's budget to replace the RDP funding to complete the park.

Mr Lipsett confirmed the delay in the development of the park was due to the issues encountered around the flood plain and money was ringfenced for the playpark within the Council's budget.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howell, to accept the officer's recommendation to reallocate the rural development funding to Cullaville; continue to deliver the park within Newtownhamilton from Council's own budgets; to allocate £10,000 from the Council's Play Parks Capital budget to Cullaville for additional Civil Works to be carried out.**

AHC/025/2019: LEISURE AND SPORTS SCALE OF CHARGES 2019/20

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms K McConnell, Commercial Development Officer, regarding Leisure and Sports Scale of Charges **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the Committee adopt the Indoor Leisure Scale of Charges 2019/20 as set out in section 2.1.**

AHC/026/2019: SELECTED INDOOR LEISURE MEMBERSHIP REVISION (TRANSFORMING HEALTH, PREVENTING DISEASE – COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL)

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms K McConnell, Commercial Development Officer, regarding selected Indoor Leisure Membership revision (transforming health, preventing disease – Community Planning Partnership Proposal) **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that the Committee agree to:**

- **Maintain existing annual pricing for access to swimming (to be reviewed)**
- **Monthly membership at £15 per month to include access to fitness suites**

AHC/027/2019: RDP UPGRADED FUNDED PARKS – CLARIFICATION OF MINUTE AHC/024/2019

At this stage, the Chairman stated he needed to clarify minute AHC/024/2019 to ensure the correct minute had been recorded. He asked Councillor Doran to clarify his proposal.

Councillor Doran advised he had proposed to accept the officer's recommendation to reallocate the rural development funding to Cullaville and that a fresh consultation be carried out in Newtownhamilton, given the extraordinary ill-feelings that had been caused by the last secret vote. Councillor Howell seconded the proposal.

Councillors Fitzpatrick, Loughran and Walker, along with the Chairman, stated they had not heard the second part of Councillor Doran's proposal and that the site had been agreed previously. They stated any further consultation would further delay the construction of the playpark.

Councillor Doran stated the Chairman had asked for clarification on the proposal, which had been seconded and approved previously, and queried why the matter was being discussed again.

The Chairman advised he did not originally hear the section of the proposal relating to going back to consultation, neither had the Director, the Democratic Services Officer, nor other Members of the Committee, therefore, in order to ensure an accurate minute of the meeting, he had asked for clarification.

The Chairperson asked if everyone agreed with Councillor Doran's proposal, and as there was no unanimous agreement, he put the matter to a vote, the results of which were:

FOR: 3
AGAINST: 7
ABSTENTIONS: 1
The proposal was LOST

Councillor Walker proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, this was seconded by Councillor Loughran.

The Chairperson asked whether everyone was in agreement with Councillor Walker's proposal, and as there was not unanimous agreement, he put the matter to a vote, the results of which were:

FOR: 7
AGAINST: 3
ABSTENTIONS: 1
The proposal was CARRIED.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Loughran to accept the officer's recommendation to reallocate the rural development funding to Cullaville; continue to deliver the park within Newtownhamilton from Council's own budgets; to allocate £10,000 from the Council's Play Parks Capital budget to Cullaville for additional Civil Works to be carried out..

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/028/2019: FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY'S REPORT ON NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE DELIVERY OF OFFICIAL CONTROLS NORTHERN IRELAND

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms S Murphy, Head of Environmental Health (Commercial), regarding Food Standards

Agency's report on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Organisation and **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed that the Committee agree to the planned improvements listed in the Action Plan in Annexe A of the circulated report.

AHC/029/2019: **CONSULTATION ON THE FOOD STANDARD'S AGENCY'S GUIDANCE ON FOOD TRACEABILITY, WITHDRAWALS AND RECALLS WITHIN THE UK FOOD INDUSTRY**

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms S Murphy, Head of Environmental Health (Commercial), regarding Consultation on the Food Standard's Agency's Guidance on Food Traceability, Withdrawals and Recalls within the UK Food Industry **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, the circulated Consultation responses to the Food Standards Agency was agreed and as the closing date had passed the response had been provided with the advice that it was still subject to Council approval.

AHC/030/2019: **FUNDING REQUEST FROM SUSTAINABLE NI**

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Funding Request from Sustainable NI **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright voiced his concerns that senior management had not availed of renewable energy training and asked Mr Lipsett to raise the issue at a future SMT Meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed:

- 1) That Council provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2019-20.
- 2) Council agree the 2019-2024 SNI Workplan.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/031/2019: **INDOOR LEISURE FACILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019/20 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, regarding Indoor Leisure Facility Arrangements for 2019/20 Public Holidays **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed that the Committee note the amendments to the previous decision in October 2018 due to the agreement obtained via the recent rates estimates process – ie. Continue to open DLC, KLC, NLC and Newcastle and close Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre and St Colmans Sports Complex Newry for specific public holidays for 2019/20 as per table set out in 2.1 and subject to change with any future agreements through management and trade unions**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/032/2019: PLAY PARK STRATEGY UPDATE

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Play Park Strategy Update **(Copy circulated)**

Members asked for updates on playparks in Crossgar; Kilclief and Ballymartin.

Mr Haughey responded to the queries as follows:

- Weather had held up progress of Westlands, Crossgar, however, contractors would be back on site within the next week.
- The report should read 2021/2022 for Kilclief and that it would be included in that financial year.
- Ballymartin was to complete within the incoming financial year, however a site was yet to be identified prior to public consultation taking place.

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update on Play Park Strategy.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/033/2019: NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL SPORTS AWARDS

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr P Power, Sports Development Manager, regarding Newry Mourne and Down District Council Sports Awards **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update on Newry Mourne and Down District Council Sports Awards.**

AHC/034/2019: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and the attached minutes of Newry DRP Meeting held on Wednesday 14 November 2018.**

AHC/035/2019: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 18 February 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding Social Investment Fund Update **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Andrews that Council Officers would meet with Downpatrick Football Club to support the club in delivering their project with consideration being given to the contribution that the legacy Council had committed to this project.**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update on Social Investment Fund**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.43pm.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**Chair** Councillor Casey**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor J Rice

Members: Councillor T Andrews Councillor W Clarke
 Councillor G Craig Councillor G Fitzpatrick
 Councillor H Harvey Councillor A McMurray
 Councillor M Ruane

Non-Committee Members: Councillor Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting)
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/019/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor L Kimmins. Councillor Macauley, Councillor Curran, Councillor Stokes, Councillor Trainor and Councillor Taylor.

Apologies were also received from Councillor Hanna, who was not a Committee Member, but had a Notice of Motion tabled for discussion at the meeting.

RTS/020/2019: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

RTS/021/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 January 2019. *(Circulated)*.**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed the Action Sheet of Wednesday 23 January 2019 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION**RTS/022/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Hanna (referred from the Council Meeting of 4 February 2019).

“That this Council is proactive in addressing the dog fouling problem in Newry, Mourne and Down Council area, by enforcing the Bye-Laws of this Council, rigorously, with fines. This Council should increase staffing in this enforcement area until this problem is under control.”

RTS/023/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Enright (referred from the Council Meeting of 4 February 2019).

“That this Council censures Newry, Mourne and Down Management over the failure to control littering, dog-fouling, fly-tipping and related issues. We note with concern the stark contrast between the statistics for this Council and the statistics for Ards and North Down Council. We do not accept the contention that the legislation is “not fit for purpose” and direct Council management to learn from Ards and North Down.”

A discussion followed on both Motions during which Members raised the following issues:-

- Frustration expressed that the dog fouling problem was persisting and the Council needed to get tougher in terms of enforcement action and increased fines.
- Members placed on record their appreciation for the work carried out by the Council’s Enforcement Officers and several Members said they disagreed with the sentiment in the second Motion which referred to failures of Management over this issue. The Council had just completed its rates process and if there were additional resources required this should have been identified as part of this process.
- Dog owners who were caught allowing their pets to foul should be named and shamed, in the same way as people caught littering etc. were.
- Concerns that the Council’s poster for dog fouling was not getting a strong enough message across and reference made to an initiative by Craigavon Council for strong signage in dog fouling hot spot areas. Important to learn from good practise in other Council areas and for other Council areas to learn from good practise in Newry, Mourne and Down.
- There should be an onus on dog owners to carry dog fouling bags to clean up mess and Enforcement Officers should be able to approach dog owners and ask if they had these bags when walking their dogs.
- The general public should be encouraged to report serial offenders and elected members should also be more pro-active in this role.
- More enforcement in hot spot areas such as Castlewellan Lake and a requirement that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times to lessen then opportunity for them to foul at a distance from their owners.
- Importance of bringing this message to schools, vets etc.
- Members welcomed the organisation of workshop for all Councillors to consider improvements to the Council’s enforcement activities.

RTS/024/2019: FLY-TIPPING AND DOG FOULING ENFORCEMENT

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting) regarding improvements to the Council's fly-tipping and dog fouling enforcement activities. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend that an Elected Member workshop (for all forty-one Councillors) be organised on Friday 22 March 2019 to consider improvements to the Council's enforcement activities.**

PLANNING**RTS/025/2019: CURRENT APPEALS – JANUARY 2019**

Read: Report of current appeals in January 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/026/2019: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2018-2019 – FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Report on Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives December 2018-2019 – February 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/027/2019: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2019

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for January 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to note the above report.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES TRANSFORMATION**RTS/028/2019: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Mr Roland Moore, Director, Neighbourhood Services regarding seeking approval of Members to the Neighbourhood Services Working Group Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to recommend approval of the Action Sheet from the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Working Group held on 30 January 2019.**

RTS/029/2019: OLD CRAG GRAVEYARD AND CHURCH RUINS, ROSTREVOR

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Aidan Mallon, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance giving an update on a crack in the gable end wall of the Church ruins in the Council owned Old Crag Graveyard, Rostrevor. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to recommend that the contents of the report dated 20 February 2019 be noted and to agree to the appointment of an Architect who specialised in restoration of historic buildings to develop a programme of works for the repair of the structure and to manage this process on behalf of the Council.**

At the request of Councillor Ruane it was also agreed Officials ensure the general public be advised of the reasons for restricted public access to the site via messages through local Churches and other information streams.

RTS/030/2019: UPDATE ON PUBLIC CONVENIENCE PROJECT AND DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Gail Kane, Head of Facilities giving an update on public conveniences project and the development of a strategy. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the contents of the above report and that an Interdepartmental Study Group would be formed and supported by the British Toilet Association in compiling a development strategy for the Council's Public Convenience Provision Service (Council has a capital programme of £1.2 million for upgrading its Public Convenience Service which currently comprises 31 facilities). This strategy would be presented to the Neighbourhood Services Committee in June 2019 for their consideration.**

Councillor Clarke said it was essential that the public conveniences in Newcastle be cleaned and maintained to a very high standard throughout the Easter period.

RTS/031/2019: APPOINTMENT OF DESIGN TEAM FOR CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECTS

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Gail Kane, regarding the appointment of a design team for Cemetery Extension Projects. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to note the content of the above report and to recommend the appointment of a suitably qualified Design Team to provide the technical support required to assist the**

Council in taking forward Phase 3 of Monkshill Cemetery and Phase 2 of Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/032/2019: COMMERCIAL WASTE – SCALE OF CHARGES 2019-2020

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing and Enforcement re: Commercial Waste – Scale of Charges for 2019-2020. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend approval of the proposed scale of charges for commercial waste services for 2019-2020 as detailed in Appendix 1 circulated at the Meeting.**

RTS/033/2019: NI LOCAL AUTHORITY WASTE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2018)

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting) regarding NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics (Quarter 2: July to September 2018). *(Circulated)*. The report presented a positive period and Members were advised the Council would endeavour to continue to reduce its waste arisings and increase recycling rates.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the above report. Members welcomed the increase in the Council's recycling rate.**

RTS/034/2019: ACTION SHEET FROM STRATEGIC WASTE WORKING GROUP NOVEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet from Strategic Waste Management Group 20 November 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the above Action Sheet.**

FOR NOTING

RTS/035/2019: ARC 21 MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN – 31 JANUARY 2019

Read: ARC 21 Members Monthly Bulletin January 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above monthly bulletin.**

RTS/036/2019: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 4 DECEMBER 2018**Read:** ARC 21 Joint Committee Minutes 4 December 2018 (*Circulated*).**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above Joint Committee Minutes.****RTS/037/2019: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET****Read:** Historic Action Sheet. (*Circulated*).**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed the Historic Actions Sheet be noted and actions removed as marked.**

Mr McBride referred to the item re: old furniture at Council recycling sites and said this would be picked up as part of the Household Recycling Centre review and recommendations would be brought forward as part of this review.

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

Items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 were deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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

RTS/038/2019: ARC 21 PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by representatives from arc21 on the arc21 Organic Waste Treatment Contract.

RTS/039/2019: ARC21 ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACT**Read:** Report dated 20 February 2019 from Johnny McBride, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: Organic Waste Treatment Service Contract. (*Circulated*)**RTS/040/2019: INCLUSION OF LEGACY NMDC ORGANIC WASTE IN THE ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACT****Read:** Report dated 20 February 2019 from Johnny McBride, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: inclusion in the legacy NMDC Organic Waste in the Organic Waste Treatment Services Contract. (*Circulated*)**RTS/041/2019: ARC21 MDR PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

An update was provided by Officials.

RTS/042/2019: REPORT OF BUSINESS CASE FOR CLEANING SERVICES

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management re: Business Case for the appointment of a contractor to undertake Commercial Cleaning Services (2year contract).
(Circulated)

RTS/043/2019: MONKSHILL CEMETERY

Read: Report dated 20 February 2019 from Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management re: Business Case to proceed with Phase 2 Extension of Monkshill Cemetery. *(Circulated)*

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Andrews seconded to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairman reported the following had been agreed:-

Arc21 Presentation

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the Arc21 Presentation.

Arc21 Organic Waste Treatment Service Contract and Inclusion of legacy NMDC waste in Organic Waste Treatment Service Contract

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed, following a vote of FOR: 7 AGAINST: 2 – to convene a Special Council Meeting, to which all Councillors would be invited to attend, along with representatives from arc21, to consider issues relating to the arc21 Organic Waste Treatment Contract.

Arc21 MDR Procurement Update

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick it was agreed to note the update on Arc21 MDR Procurement as provided by Officials.

Report on Business Case for Cleaning Services

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 20 February 2019 and associated Business Case and to accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 2 was the preferred option for the appointment of a contractor to undertake daily cleaning at Downshire Civic Centre and Strangford Road Depot, Downpatrick.

Monkshill Cemetery – Phase 2 Extension

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 20 February 2019 and associated Business Case and to accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 2 was the preferred option for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the works required to complete Phase 2 of Monkshill Cemetery and make ready an additional 280 burial plots.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.30 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 March 2019.

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

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

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A panel of high-profile speakers and respected industry analysts has been gathered to provide their views on the challenges and opportunities that will confront the industry in the post-Brexit era.

Agriculture will be the sector of Northern Ireland's economy most impacted by Brexit. Currently between 70% and 80% of the annual income generated by farmers in this part of the world is generated courtesy of the Single Farm Payment through the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Once we leave the EU, the CAP will have no bearing on farmers in Northern Ireland. What will replace the CAP and how well will this new support system be funded?

This is only a very small part of the conundrum that will confront agriculture in Northern Ireland as it looks to the future. How will the future budget be shared out among the various regions of the UK? Northern Ireland will have to fight its corner, particularly against the likes of Scotland, when it comes to securing finance.

The recent UK Agriculture Bill focuses on improving soil and water quality, enhancing biodiversity and putting conservation measures front and centre. Will these principles resonate with farmers in Northern Ireland?

Agriculture in Northern Ireland will also be at the heart of the trade dimension to Brexit. Currently over one billion litres of milk are sent south for processing each year. Add to this the millions of livestock crossing the border each year. How will Brexit impact on these trading practices that have a direct bearing on agribusiness?

Join us for what promises to be a tremendously insightful event as agriculture in Northern Ireland shapes up to go 'Beyond Brexit'.

Key discussion topics

- 📍 Brexit and future agricultural policy
- 📍 Rural proofing Northern Ireland
- 📍 Research and development
- 📍 The Food Heartland
- 📍 Challenges facing the dairy industry
- 📍 Farm quality assurance
- 📍 Agriculture, environment and conservation

Food Heartland Forum

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has identified the agri-food sector as one of its priority growth sectors and has established The Food Heartland Forum – a network of people from all parts of the sector who work together to drive the sector forward. The Forum is developing the sector by highlighting the importance of food and drink competitions and awards, as well as encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship within the agri-food industry throughout the borough.



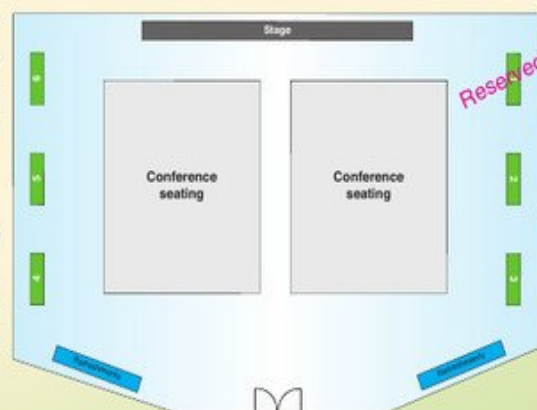
Exhibition opportunities

There are a number of available exhibition opportunities at this conference. This event is an excellent way for organisations to raise their profile with a key audience of senior decision-makers from across the agri-food sector in Northern Ireland. There are a limited number of high quality exhibition opportunities which will be of interest to companies and organisations with products or services they wish to promote to this key audience.



For further information on how your organisation can benefit, contact **Fiona McCarthy** on +44 (0) 28 9261 9933 or email fiona.mccarthy@agendaNi.com

Exhibition floorplan



Conference programme

0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Conference chair: **Richard Halleron, Agricultural Journalist**

Welcome from the **Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Councillor Julie Flaherty** and **Eoin Donnelly, Agribusiness Manager, First Trust Bank**

Overview: Agriculture and food in Northern Ireland
Richard Halleron, **Agricultural Journalist**

The farming perspective from Scotland
Scott Walker, Chief Executive, **NFU Scotland**

Rural proofing Northern Ireland
Professor Sally Shortall, Duke of Northumberland Chair of Rural Economy, **Newcastle University**

The Food Heartland of Northern Ireland: Promoting the local agri-food sector
Roger Wilson, Chief Executive, **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

Brexit: Potential challenges for agricultural governance across the UK
Dr Mary Dobbs, Agricultural Law Lecturer, **Queen's University Belfast**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1115 Coffee / networking break

1145 **Research and development: Looking to the future**
Dr Elizabeth Magowan, Director of Sustainable Agri-Food Sciences Division
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

Farm quality assurance in Northern Ireland
Ian Stevenson, Chief Executive, **Livestock and Meat Commission Northern Ireland**

Future opportunities for the dairy industry
Nick Whelan, Chief Executive, **Dale Farm**

Agriculture: The environment and conservation
John Martin, **Nature Matters NI**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1300 Conference lunch, exhibition viewing and networking

1400 **Panel: How do we survive as an all-island food industry after Brexit?**

Declan Billington, Chief Executive, **John Thompson & Son Ltd**
Conall Donnelly, Director, **Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association**
Angus Wilson, CEO, **Wilson's Country**
Mike Johnston, Chief Executive, **Dairy Council for Northern Ireland**
Speaker TBC

1530 Conference close



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Delegate fee £210 + VAT @ 20% = £252
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Who should attend?

This conference should be attended by key stakeholders from across the agriculture and food industries, and wider economic sectors in Northern Ireland. This will include:

- Government departments and agencies
- Representative groups in agriculture and food
- Agricultural producers
- Food processing companies
- Economic policy-makers
- Legal and financial advisors
- Consultants advising agri-food industry
- Agricultural and food science educators
- Local government officers and councillors
- NGOs and community organisations
- Rural interest groups
- Academics and researchers

Benefits of attending conference

Delegates attending the conference will:

- Discuss the impact of Brexit on the farming industry
- Meet with fellow industry professionals
- Understand the challenges & opportunities facing the local agri-food industry
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the strategies for the long-term growth in agri-food
- Get an overview of global agricultural and food security issues

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- The changing nature of work and workplace
- The impact of algorithms and tokenisation
- The real-world outcomes for cities and citizens
- New finance models for energy and transport
- Investment risk allocation

Over two days, participants will build a picture of how technology is changing the landscape of investment in real assets. To conclude, we will outline a workable approach to building public and investor trust in these new and emerging approaches.

Monday 13 May 2019

08:00 Registration, networking and refreshments

09:00 Multimedia summit opening

Opening keynote address

09:15 Opening keynote address: Connectivity, competition and capital: The new landscape for investors

“The global system is characterised by certain megatrends that are so robust they have withstood every obstacle, every conflict, every financial crisis and every plague in history.”

For bestselling author, scenario-based strategy advisor and summit keynote speaker Parag Khanna, the 4th Industrial Revolution does not mark a departure from history, but its repetition: the previous 75,000 years of civilisation provide a blueprint for prosperity in this age of disruption. The session will centre on three pivotal observations:

- the central role of cities and megacities in international commercial activity
- the paramount importance of interconnectivity in driving competition and co-operation between cities
- the emergence of the global supply chain as a geopolitical priority.

What does China’s Belt and Road initiative mean for long-established transatlantic trade relationships? Can globalisation weather the apparent crisis of faith in the markets that most benefit from it? How vulnerable are the global infrastructure chokepoints on which we depend so heavily?

Join “one of the most influential people of the 21st century” to consider how the global system’s long history of resilience can inspire confidence in its future.

Parag Khanna, Founder & Managing Partner, FutureMap

10:30 People, place, possibility: Impactful investment in the 21st century's cities

The defining demographic development of the 20th century was the 400% increase in the global population. Projections suggest that the defining demographic development of this century will be the mass migration of the world's people to urban areas. At a macro level, how can built environment professions, in partnership with policymakers and international institutions ensure our metropolitan regions are resilient and economically vibrant?

Panellists will include:

Jennifer Vey, Senior Fellow – Metropolitan Policy Program, **Brookings Institution**

Chris Johnson, Senior Vice President – Head of Global Enterprise, **Nokia Group**

11:45 Networking refreshment break

Breakout 1: New behaviors, new businesses and the new built environment

12:15 Breakout topic A – New work, new workplaces: How technology and changing human habits are reshaping commercial real estate markets

What makes commercial real estate investible in the 21st century? In an age of rapid, tech-driven cultural change, the traditional "*bricks, mortar, walls and windows*" perception of buildings is out of date. Considering shifting patterns of work and leisure, this session will assess how popular expectations of the built environment have evolved, and what this means for buildings as viable, revenue-generating assets.

Moderator:

Kate North, Vice President – Workplace Innovation Advisory, **Colliers International**

Panellists will include:

Dror Poleg, Founder, **Rethinking.RE**

12:15 Breakout topic B – Building for the future: Modernising the construction industry

Global economic prosperity is heavily reliant on the construction industry, a sector that has yet to futureproof itself for the demands of the 21st century. Exploratory funding falls markedly short of levels seen in comparable industries, with estimates suggesting that less than 1% of global construction revenues are reinvested into research and development. Disruptive technology poses a stark choice to the construction industry: modernise or become obsolete. With 13% of global GDP and 7% of the world's workforce in question, the significance of the challenge, and the scale of the opportunity, is great.

13:30 Networking lunch and exhibition

Plenary

14:45 Tokenisation and next-generation investment in real assets

Over \$1.3bn was invested in blockchain-related companies in the first six months of 2018. New York City Economic Development Corp's blockchain resource centre will provide a physical hub for the industry, delivering on the city's ambition to become the world's blockchain capital. The increase in tokenisation of property on blockchain is one of 2018's most notable trends. How do we maximise the benefits of the technology, including immutability and greater transparency, to unlock capital for positive impact? How do we respond to the challenge of disintermediation, and what does tokenization mean for asset valuations?

16:00 Networking refreshment break

16:30 Responsible investment in a complex risk landscape

Be part of an Investment Committee meeting, in which senior investment figures from around the globe analyze the interconnected and yet distinctive risks of competing commercial real estate investment propositions. In an extended investment cycle and a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainty, what are the best strategies for institutional investors to achieve satisfactory risk-adjusted returns while acting responsibly on their clients' behalf? The RICS Investment Risk Forum is the only group of its kind, bringing together Chief Investment Officers and Chief Risk Managers from leading institutional investors, responsible for more than US\$1tn of assets under management worldwide

Moderator:

Martin Brühl, Chief Investment Officer, **Union Investment Real Estate**

Panellists will include:

Philip Barrett, Managing Director – Global Head of Business and Investment Operations, **PGIM**

Catherine Pfeiffenberger, Senior Vice President – Capital Markets, **Skanska USA**

Karen Horstmann, Portfolio Manager, **Norges Bank Investment Management**

Lucy Fletcher, Senior Vice President – International Real Estate Portfolio Management, **QuadReal**

17:45 Chair's summary and close of Day 1

19:00 Networking reception and dinner

For details of Day 2, please scroll down

Tuesday 14 May 2019

Breakfast panel discussion

07:45 Navigating climate risk and opportunity in real estate

Overall losses from world-wide natural disasters in 2017 totalled \$330 billion dollars, up from \$184 billion in 2016. While not all these disasters were climate-made, it is likely that climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. In this session, ULI will share new research on how investment managers are beginning to factor climate risk into their investment strategy, as well as how they are working with owners, asset managers, insurers, and the public sector to build more resilient real estate portfolios. Further attention will be given to creative ways in which leading real estate developers are leveraging sustainability to unlock value in new and existing assets.

Panellists will include:

Ed Walter, Global CEO, **Urban Land Institute**

Billy Grayson, Executive Director – Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance, **Urban Land Institute**

09:00 Chair's opening remarks

Opening keynote address

09:15 A new American century: Emerging global economic priorities and the need for leadership

Although the global outlook remains healthy, growth momentum is slowing. Projections for North America, Europe and Asia to 2020 are trending downwards, reflecting ongoing trade tensions and climate concerns. As the economies of the world wrestle with the political fallout of the global financial crash of 2008, Day 2's opening keynote will focus on collaborative, sustainable and inclusive approaches to kickstarting an era of widespread international economic wellbeing. Former Senator Jeff Flake will consider pathways to progress and state the need for America to renew its commitment to decisive, rather than divisive, global leadership.

Jeff Flake, formerly **Senator for Arizona (R)**

10:15 Global cities: Common future agendas

Summit partners, 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) defines urban resilience as 'the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.' This panel session will focus on proven approaches to building resilience infrastructure in cities. With over half of their member cities having already completed resilience strategies, panelists will discuss structuring a resilience infrastructure fund to assess potential projects against both financial viability and resilience criteria. Participants will include 100RC network cities, 100RC's infrastructure and finance partners, and members of 100RC's technical project development teams.

Moderator:

Elizabeth Yee, Vice President – Resilience Finance, **100 Resilient Cities**

11:30 Networking refreshment break

Breakout 2: Next-generation investments – Exploring emerging asset classes

12:00 Breakout topic A – Alternative energy infrastructure investment

Global energy demand, driven partly by rapid growth in developing markets, is set to rise by 40% against current levels over the next 20 years. With energy security threatened by geopolitical uncertainties, the challenge of accelerating flows of capital into energy innovations is pressing. To what extent do new technologies promise the democratisation of energy generation and provision, and how are the market's established players responding?

Panellists will include:

Todd Foley, Senior Vice President of Policy & Government Affairs, **American Council on Renewable Energies**

Michael Ferguson, Director – US Energy Infrastructure and Sustainable Finance, **S&P Global Ratings**

12:00 Breakout topic B – Transport infrastructure investment

With the global infrastructure funding gap to 2030 estimated at US\$57tn, competition for investment is fierce. At the same time, rapid innovation in transport could render new and costly infrastructure projects obsolete before they can begin to return dividends. With governments continuing to favour infrastructure renewal as a means of stimulating sustainable growth globally, this session will question how investors can prioritise public benefit without compromising on yields. Further consideration will be given to the potential of obsolete infrastructure to reverse the decline and disappearance of the urban public realm.

Panellists will include:

Tim McManus, Vice President – Major Projects, **McKinsey & Company**

13:15 Networking lunch and exhibition

Plenary

14:15 Valuing Real Estate in the 21st Century: How technology is redefining the art and science of valuation

How will enhanced automation in valuation re-shape the CRE appraisal landscape over the next 3-10 years? Our panel of leading banking experts will discuss the pros and cons and the variables and risks in automating the valuation process. Will predictive analytics shift the emphasis of valuation from current to future value? What does this mean for the next generation of professional appraisers, and how will that impact more complex real estate landscapes such as Manhattan?

Moderator:

John Busi, President – Valuation and Advisory, **Newman Knight Frank**

Panellists will include:

Catherine Agnew, Executive Director, **Natixis**

Therese Rutherford, Managing Director – Head of CIB Appraisal, **JP Morgan Chase**

Alyce DeJong, Global Chief Real Estate Appraiser, **PGIM**

Wayne Miller, Senior Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor – Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, **Bank of America Corporation**

Thomas Boyle, Senior Vice President – Senior Appraiser, **US Bank**

Tye Neilson, Chief Appraiser, **Wells Fargo**

Mark Snow, Managing Director – Chief Appraiser, **Citibank**

15:30 Networking refreshment break

16:00 A time for action

As human behaviours and investment decisions are increasingly shaped by technology, how do we assure city leaders and their citizens that investments are made responsibly? Can algorithms ever be transparent and do they magnify human biases? Does their innate amorality in pursuit of optimisation lead to extreme actions? How can real estate investors effectively collaborate in the consistent and coherent regulation of crypto-currencies, to the benefit of the real estate investment community?

Panellists will include:

Andrew Yang, seeking nomination for **Democratic Presidential Candidate 2020**

17:15 CEO's closing address: World Built Environment Forum Summit New York 2019 in Summary

17:30 Summit close



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Mr Liam Hannaway
Newry Mourne and Down District Council
(via email: liam.hannaway@nmandd.org)

27 February 2019

Dear Liam,

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Under the terms of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, I have interim responsibility for certain appointment functions normally exercised by Northern Ireland Ministers including the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB).

Following the recent resignation of one of the independent members, there is a current vacancy on the NIPB. Furthermore five independent members' terms of appointment are due to expire in June 2019, so there will be a need to make further appointments.

As you may be aware there has been significant change at senior level within the PSNI over the last 12 months at both Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable level. In addition the Chief Constable will also stand down in June. These along with the implications of Brexit have resulted in developing and ever-changing challenges for the NIPB to address in comparison to this time last year.

It is imperative that appropriate appointments are made to the NIPB to ensure it possesses the necessary skills and experiences to navigate through these challenging times. Given the significant change over the last 12 months, I am minded to launch a new competition to fill the current vacancy and others that will become vacant at the end of June. It is envisaged that the criteria for the competition are likely to include a need for candidates to demonstrate ability in Change Management; Building Effective Relationships; Communication and Negotiation Skills; Performance Oversight; Strategic Thinking; and Leadership.

In light of the importance of forthcoming senior appointments to the PSNI, there may be a need to reflect further on the appropriate timing of the appointment of new independent members to the Board.

Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 1 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 requires consultation with the First Minister and deputy First Minister, district councils, and such other bodies as are considered appropriate before making any appointment of independent members to the Board.

In seeking to appoint independent members to the Board, I am committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit, with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. I would welcome your views on this matter before I consider next steps.

I should be grateful if you could provide your response by email to sos.bradley@nio.gov.uk by Friday 8 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,



KAREN BRADLEY MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Unpacking the consultations: Extended producer responsibility for packaging, deposit return and plastics non-recycled content tax

Tuesday 12 March 2019

Belfast Metropolitan College, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9DT

Programme:

Chair: Paul Vanston, Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment (INCPEN)

09.30 - 09.35 Welcome

09.35 - 09.50 Keynote and Overview John Mills, Director of Environmental Policy Division DAERA

09.50 - 11.20 Session One: Introduction to the consultations & Northern Ireland context

- Linda Crichton, Defra
- Simon Stringer, ACP & NIPAC
- Jonathan Travis, Head of Energy & Environmental Tax, HM Treasury (tbc)

11.20 - 11.40 Refreshments & Networking

11.40 - 12.30 Session Two: Chaired Q&A with Session One panel

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

Chair: John Mills, Director or Environmental Policy Division DAERA

13.30 - 15.00 Session Three: Sector perspectives with chaired Q&A

- Richard Burnett, Arc 21
- Recycle NI representative
- Brand representative (tbc)
- Packaging sector representative (tbc)

15.00 - 15.10 Closing remarks from the Chair

15.10 - 15.30 Refreshments & Networking

15.30 - Close

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29 January 2019

Mr L Hannaway
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
District Council Offices
O'Hagan House
Monaghan Row
Newry
BT35 8DJ



Dear ~~Mr Hannaway~~ *Liam*

Public Enquiry in Relation to ill Treatment of Patients at Muckamore Abbey

At a meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held on 22 January 2019, the following Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed:

"Following the recent revelations of ill treatment of patients at Muckamore Abbey, this Council calls on the Department of Health to hold a public Enquiry. If a decision cannot be made in the absence of a Minister, this Council calls on the Secretary of State to step in and authorise such an Enquiry".

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion be forwarded to all other councils in Northern Ireland seeking their support in calling for a Public Enquiry into the treatment of patients in Muckamore Abbey and, accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have this matter considered by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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