May 29th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 1st June 2026** at **5:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

Please note it is important that Party Nominating Officers and Independent Councillors are in attendance

1.0 Apologies

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Appointment of Statutory Positions of Responsibility

Year 4 Chairs and Deputy Chairs to be nominated

Other statutory positions nominated for 4 years

Attachment: Order of Pick Year 4.pdf ***Page 1***

4.0 Newly Appointed Chair will then assume the Chair

5.0 Appointments to Statutory Committees

Note: At the Annual Meeting of Council on 5 June 2023, the Council agreed by a qualified majority vote, and in accordance with Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Part 4 and Schedule 2, to use the default method of Quota of Greatest Remainder for appointment to Committees, with the remaining 7 positions being allocated using the d'Hondt method.

First picks: Sinn Féin, UUP, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Tinnelly

Picks at Mock AGM (Sinn Féin - Planning; UUP - S&E; Cllr Gibbons - AHC; Cllr Tinnelly - ERT)

Second picks: UUP, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Tinnelly

Picks at Mock AGM (UUP - SPR; Cllr Gibbons - Audit; Cllr Tinnelly - Planning)

Available for picking: 1 position on ERT; 1 position on SPR; 1 position on S&E; 2 positions on Planning; 1 position on Audit

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6.0 To appoint representatives to External Bodies and Organisations (excluding Statutory Positions of Responsibility) and Internal Bodies and Forums

Attachment: External and Council Bodies List 2025-26.pdf ***Page 4***

7.0 To agree Schedule of Meetings for incoming year

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8.0 To agree Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Mr Caolain Boyd

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Aurla King

Ms Elaine Kirk

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Niall Lawlor

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Jonathan McGilly

Mr Colm McGrath

Mr Martin McKibbin

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Alison Robb

Cllr Michael Ruane

Conor Smyth

Mrs Amanda Smyth

Donna Starkey

Sarah Taggart

Cllr David Taylor

Mr David Telford

Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly

Ms Sinead Trainor

Cllr Jill Truesdale

Mrs Marie Ward

Cllr Helena Young

PARTY	POSITION	ORDER OF PICK
DUP	Chair of Council Year 4 - DUP	6
SDLP	Deputy Chair of Council Year 4 – SDLP	9
SDLP	Chair of ERT Year 4 – SDLP	27
Sinn Féin	Deputy Chair of ERT Year 4 – Sinn Féin	57
Alliance	Chair of AHC Year 4 – Alliance	30
Sinn Féin	Deputy Chair of AHC Year 4 – Sinn Féin	33
Sinn Féin	Chair of S&E Year 4 – Sinn Féin	31
SDLP	Deputy Chair of S&E Year 4 – SDLP	59
DUP	Chair of SPR Year 4 – DUP	29
Sinn Féin	Deputy Chair of SPR Year 4 – Sinn Féin	58
Sinn Féin	Chair of Planning Year 4 – Sinn Féin	28
Sinn Féin	Deputy Chair of Planning Year 4 -Sinn Féin	61

PARTY	POSITION	ORDER OF PICK
Sinn Féin	NI Housing Executive: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	36
DUP	Reserve Forces & Cadets' Assoc for NI: 4 Year Term - DUP	55
Sinn Féin	Arc21 - Position 1: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	42
Alliance	Arc21 - Position 2: 4 Year Term – Alliance	63
SDLP	Arc21 - Position 3: 4 Year Term - SDLP	64
Sinn Féin	Partnership Panel for NI: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	49
Sinn Féin	PCSP Position 1: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	13
Sinn Féin	PCSP Position 2: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	26
SDLP	PCSP Position 3: 4 Year Term – SDLP	32
Sinn Féin	PCSP Position 4: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	34
UUP	PCSP Position 5: 4 Year Term – UUP	35
DUP	PCSP Position 6: 4 Year Term – DUP	37
SDLP	PCSP Position 7: 4 Year Term – SDLP	38
Alliance	PCSP Position 8: 4 Year Term – Alliance	39
SDLP	PCSP Position 9: 4 Year Term – SDLP	44
Sinn Féin	PCSP Position 10: 4 Year Term – Sinn Féin	45

Appointments to Committees 2025/26

Committee	Total Places available	Allocated by Quota of Greatest Remainder	Remaining positions allocated by d'Hondt (7) Sinn Féin x1 UUP x2 Cllr Gibbons x2 Cllr Tinnellyx2
Active and Healthy Communities	15	Sinn Féin 7 SDLP 3 DUP 2 Alliance 2	1 position
Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism	15	Sinn Féin 7 SDLP 3 DUP 2 Alliance 2	1 position
Strategy, Policy and Resources	15	Sinn Féin 7 SDLP 3 DUP 2 Alliance 2	1 position
Sustainability & Environmental Services	15	Sinn Féin 7 SDLP 3 DUP 2 Alliance 2	1 position
Planning	12	Sinn Féin 6 SDLP 2 DUP 1 Alliance 1	2 positions
Audit	10	Sinn Féin 5 SDLP 2 DUP 1 Alliance 1	1 position

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

2025 - 2026 Appointments

Chairperson:
Cllr Philip Campbell

Deputy Chairperson:
Cllr Geraldine Kearns

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2. Statutory Positions of Responsibility – Annual Meeting 2 June 2025

POSITION - Year 3		**Councillor Name**
Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Philip Campbell
Deputy Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Geraldine Kearns
Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 3	Alliance	Cllr David Lee-Surginor
Deputy Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 3	SDLP	Cllr Killian Feehan
Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3	DUP	Cllr Callum Bowsie
Deputy Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3		Cllr Mark Gibbons
Chair – SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Oonagh Magennis
Deputy Chair - SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Martin Hearty
Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
Deputy Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	SDLP	Cllr Declan McAteer
Chair - PLANNING Year 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr Mickey Larkin
Deputy Chair - PLANNING Year 3	DUP	Cllr Glyn Hanna
Partnership Panel for NI: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Jim Brennan
NI Housing Council: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Martin Hearty
Reserve Forces & Cadets' Assoc for NI: 4 Year Term	DUP	Cllr Henry Reilly
Arc21 - Position 1: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Kate Murphy
Arc21 - Position 2: 4 Year Term	SDLP	Cllr Terry Andrews
Arc21 - Position 3: 4 Year Term	Alliance	Cllr David Lee-Surginor
PCSP Position 1: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
PCSP Position 2: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Kate Murphy
PCSP Position 3: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Aidan Mathers
PCSP Position 4: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	Cllr Declan Murphy
PCSP Position 5: 4 Year Term	SDLP	Cllr Terry Andrews
PCSP Position 6: 4 Year Term	SDLP	Cllr Conor Galbraith
PCSP Position 7: 4 Year Term	SDLP	Cllr Killian Feehan
PCSP Position 8: 4 Year Term	DUP	Cllr Henry Reilly
PCSP Position 9: 4 Year Term	Alliance	Cllr Jill Truesdale
PCSP Position 10: 4 Year Term	UUP	Cllr David Taylor

3. Council Project Boards and Forums

Chief Executive Appraisal Group

Membership	
1 Sinn Fein	Cllr O Hanlon
1 SDLP	Cllr L Devlin
1 DUP	Cllr J Jackson
1 Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale
1 Independent/UUP	

Economic Forum

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	Cllr A Quinn Cllr S Murphy
2 SDLP	Cllr L Devlin Cllr K Feehan
1 DUP	Cllr C Bowsie
1 Alliance	Cllr D Lee-Surginor
1 Independent/UUP	

Elected Member Development Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein Sinn Fein	Cllr R Howell Cllr O Magennis
SDLP SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr D Finn
DUP	Cllr G Hanna
Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale
Independent/UUP	

Equality and Good Relations Reference Group

Membership	
Sinn Féin (2)	Cllr P Campbell
	Cllr V Harte
SDLP (2)	Cllr L Devlin
	Cllr D McAteer
DUP	Cllr J Jackson
Alliance	Cllr D Lee-Surginor
Independents (1)	Cllr J Tinnelly
UUP	Cllr D Taylor

Health Working Groups

Membership	Southern Trust Area	SE Trust Area
3 Sinn Fein	Cllr C King Cllr K Murphy	Cllr O Hanlon Cllr P Campbell
2 SDLP	Cllr D McAteer Cllr K Feehan	Cllr T Andrews Cllr C Galbraith
1 DUP	Cllr H Reilly	Cllr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Cllr H Young	Cllr J Truesdale
1 Independent	Cllr J Tinnelly	Cllr J Tinnelly
1 UUP	Cllr D Taylor	Cllr D Taylor

Irish Language Strategy Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein Sinn Fein	Cllr M Hearty Cllr O Hanlon
SDLP SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr D McAteer
1 DUP	
1 Alliance	Cllr D Lee-Surginor
1 Independent	Cllr J Tinnelly
1 UUP	

Local Development Plan Steering Group – (All Planning Committee Members)

New Ireland Working Group

Membership open to all Elected Members

Newcastle Gateway to the Mournes

Membership	
Sinn Fein (2)	Cllr W Clarke Cllr O Hanlon
SDLP (2)	Cllr P Byrne Cllr L Devlin
DUP	Cllr G Hanna
Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale
Independent/UUP	

Newry City Centre Regeneration Project

Membership	
Sinn Féin (2)	Cllr D Murphy Cllr A Mathers
SDLP (2)	Cllr D Finn Cllr K Feehan
DUP	Cllr H Reilly
Alliance	Cllr H Young
Independent/UUP	

Newry and Mourne Travellers Forum

Membership	
3 Councillors appointed to Local Government Partnership for Travellers	
Plus 3 Councillors: 1 Sinn Fein	Cllr D Murphy
1 SDLP	Cllr D Finn
	Cllr H Young
Chairperson of Council	Cllr P Campbell

Party Representatives Forum

Membership	
Sinn Fein (2 Members if not holding Chair of Council position)	Cllr V Harte
SDLP (2 Members if not holding Chair of Council position)	Cllr P Byrne Cllr L Devlin
1 DUP	Cllr G Hanna
1 Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale
Chair of Council	Cllr P Campbell

- **One Special Responsibility Allowance to Sinn Féin and SDLP for role as Party Representative.**
- **Position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, if on forum, count towards allocation of two places for Sinn Fein and SDLP**

Peace Plus

Membership	
3 Sinn Fein	Cllr C King Cllr O Hanlon Cllr N Lawlor
2 SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr D McAteer
1 DUP	Cllr C Bowsie
1 Alliance	Cllr D Lee-Surginor
1 Independent	Cllr J Tinnelly
1 UUP	Cllr D Taylor

Planning Call in Panel

Membership
Cllr M Larkin Cllr D McAteer Cllr G Hanna

***Membership to be rotated on 6 monthly basis**

Strategic Finance Working Group

Membership	
2 Sinn Féin	Cllr O Hanlon Cllr V Harte
2 SDLP	Cllr P Byrne Cllr
1 DUP	Cllr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale
1 Independent/UUP	

Sustainability & Environmental Working Group

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	Cllr M Hearty Cllr K Murphy
2 SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr D Finn
1 DUP	Cllr J Jackson
1 Alliance	Cllr H Young
1 Independent/UUP	

All Party Group on Sustainable Development - Regional

Membership	
Sinn Féin	Cllr W Clarke
SDLP	Cllr T Andrews

Women's Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein	Cllr S O'Hare Cllr A Quinn
SDLP	Cllr D Finn
DUP	Cllr C Bowsie
Alliance	Cllr T Howie
Independent (1)	Cllr J Tinnelly
UUP	Cllr D Taylor

4. Task & Finish Working Groups

Camlough Lake Task & Finish Working Group

Slieve Gullion Councillors	P Byrne
	M Hearty
	M Larkin
	O Magennis
	D Murphy
	A Quinn
	D Taylor

Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	Cllr R Howell
	Cllr S O'Hare
2 SDLP	Cllr L Devlin
	Cllr
1 DUP	Cllr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Cllr H Young
1 Ind/UUP	

Church Street, Downpatrick Revitalisation Steering Group

Downpatrick Councillors	
	P Campbell C Enright C Galbraith O Hanlon A King

Downpatrick Regeneration Project

Downpatrick Councillors	
	P Campbell C Enright C Galbraith O Hanlon A King

Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Working Group

Membership
Crotlieve Cllrs

5. Appointments to External Bodies/Organisation

APSE NI Executive Board

Membership	
1 Member	Cllr T Andrews

Belfast Region City Deal

Sinn Féin (2)	Cllr D Murphy Cllr M Ruane
SDLP (1)	Cllr P Byrne
Unionist (1)	Cllr H Reilly

Carlingford Lough Commissioners Board

Sinn Fein	Cllr S Murphy
SDLP	Cllr D McAteer

Community Planning Partnership Board

Membership	
Sinn Féin 2 Members	Cllr M Hearty
	Cllr S Murphy
SDLP 2 Members	Cllr T Andrews
	Cllr K Feehan
DUP 1 Member	Cllr C Bowsie
Alliance 1 Member	Cllr T Howie
Ind/UUP 1 Member	
Chairperson of Council	Cllr P Campbell

(Chairperson will change annually)

Diversity Ambassadors

Councillors and Officer	
Sinn Féin	Cllr A Quinn
SDLP	Cllr P Byrne
DUP	Cllr J Jackson
Alliance	Cllr D Lee-Surginor

Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor

Sinn Féin	Cllr D Murphy
SDLP	Cllr P Byrne
DUP/Alliance Member	Cllr T Howie
Council Officer	

East Border Region
3 elected members as Directors
3 elected members for Members Forum

Sinn Féin	Cllr M Larkin Cllr C King
SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr D McAteer
DUP	Cllr A Lewis
Alliance	Cllr H Young

Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues

Sinn Féin	Cllr D Murphy
SDLP	Cllr D Finn
1 other	Cllr H Young

Louth, Newry, Mourne and Down (LNMD) Joint Committee

Sinn Féin	Cllr M Hearty
Sinn Féin	Cllr C King
Sinn Féin	Cllr D Murphy
Sinn Féin	Cllr M Ruane
SDLP	Cllr P Byrne
SDLP	Cllr D McAteer
DUP	Cllr G Hanna
Alliance	Cllr H Young
Indp/UUP	

National Association of Councillors (4 year appointment)
8 elected members

4 Sinn Féin	Cllr J Brennan Cllr V Harte Cllr M Larkin Cllr K Murphy
2 SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr C Galbraith
1 DUP	Cllr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Cllr H Young

NILGA

4 Sinn Féin	Cllr J Brennan Cllr O Hanlon Cllr D Murphy Cllr K Murphy
2 SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr
1 DUP	Cllr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Cllr H Young

Ring of Gullion AONB Management Board/ Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Management Board

Slieve Gullion Councillors	Cllr P Byrne
	Cllr M Hearty
	Cllr M Larkin
	Cllr O Magennis
	Cllr D Murphy
	Cllr A Quinn
	Cllr D Taylor

SANDSA (Sports Association Newry, Down & South Armagh)

5 Councillors	Cllr M Rice
	Cllr J Jackson
	Cllr D McAteer
	Cllr
	Cllr T Howie

Somme Advisory Council

Year 1 Cllr A Lewis/Cllr T Andrews	Year 2 Cllr H Reilly
Year 3 Cllr J Jackson/Cllr T Andrews	Year 4 Cllr C Bowsie

Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership

2 Councillors Years 1 & 3	Sinn Féin	Cllr O Hanlon/P Campbell
	DUP	Cllr C Bowsie
2 Councillors Years 2 & 4	SDLP	Cllr
	Alliance	Cllr J Truesdale

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

Sinn Fein	Cllr
SDLP	Cllr
DUP	Cllr J Tinnelly

(INTERNAL LIST)

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Schedule of Meetings for period
June 2026 - May 2027
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Mock Annual Meeting 26 May 2026	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Annual Meeting 1 June 2026	5.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Council Meeting 1 June 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
6 July 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
3 August 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
7 September 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
5 October 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
2 November 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
7 December 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
11 January 2027 *pushed from 04/01	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
1 February 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
1 March 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
5 April 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Mock Annual Meeting 20 May 2027	2.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Annual Meeting 24 May 2027	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - PRESENTATIONS

Date	Time	Location
29 June 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
24 August 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
28 September 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
26 October 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
30 November 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
22 February 2027	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
22 March 2027	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
1 July 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
5 August 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
2 September 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
7 October 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
4 November 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
2 December 2026	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
6 January 2027	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
3 February 2027	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
3 March 2027	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
7 April 2027	10.00 am	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
8 June 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
10 August 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
14 September 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
12 October 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
9 November 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
14 December 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
18 January 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
8 February 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
8 March 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall

STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
11 June 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
13 August 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
17 September 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
15 October 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
12 November 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
17 December 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
21 January 2027	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
11 February 2027	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
11 March 2027	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
15 June 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
17 August 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
21 September 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
19 October 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 November 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
21 December 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
25 January 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
15 February 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
15 March 2027	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
17 June 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
19 August 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
23 September 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
21 October 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
18 November 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
22 December 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
27 January 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
17 February 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall
16 March 2027	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall

AUDIT COMMITTEE
(held quarterly)

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 30 July 2026	2.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Thursday 24 September 2026	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Thursday 14 January 2027	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Thursday 22 April 2027	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

PCSP MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 28 July 2026	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 29 September 2026	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 24 November 2026	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 26 January 2027	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 30 March 2027	6.00 pm	MS Teams

PARTY REPRESENTATIVES' FORUM

Date	Time	Location
4 June 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
9 July 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
6 August 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
10 September 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
8 October 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
5 November 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
10 December 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
14 January 2027	4.30 pm	MS Teams
4 February 2027	4.30 pm	MS Teams
4 March 2027	4.30 pm	MS Teams
15 April 2027	4.30 pm	MS Teams

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors

This Scheme is made under Part 3 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 and will take effect from 1st April 2025.

1. Definitions:

In this scheme 'approved duty' and committee member are as defined in the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019.

2. Commencement Date:

This scheme of allowances shall be operational from 1 April 2026.

3. Basic Allowance:

An annual basic allowance of £18,916 shall be paid to each Councillor. Where applicable this will be paid pro-rata.

4. Special Responsibility Allowance:

4.1 A special responsibility allowance shall be paid to those Councillors who hold the special responsibilities specified in Schedule 1.

4.2 The amount of allowance shall be the amount specified against that special responsibility in the Schedule. The allowance is only payable whilst the Councillor is carrying out that duty.

4.3 At any time, only one special responsibility allowance will be paid to a Councillor.

4.4 Where applicable any special responsibility allowances will be paid pro-rata.

5. Chairperson/Deputy Chairperson Allowance:

5.1 An allowance of £22,246.00 will be payable to the Chairperson of the Council. Where applicable this allowance will be paid pro-rata.

5.2 An allowance of £6,924.00 will be payable to the Deputy Chairperson of the Council. Where applicable this allowance will be paid pro-rata.

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5.3 The Chairperson/Deputy Chairperson may incur and be reimbursed in respect of expenses, which are wholly and exclusively incurred in the conduct of Chair/Deputy Chair duties. The expenses which may be reimbursed include:

- Reasonable (receipted) donations to individuals or organisations, charitable or otherwise, providing the proposed done would not be deemed by the Council to be incompatible with the Council's role in society and the purpose of the donation is compatible with the Council's core values;
- Reasonable (receipted) hospitality expenses (relative to the numbers entertained) where any expenditure relating to alcohol at any one function is generally limited to either the higher of £100 or 20% of the total bill for food and alcohol;
- Reasonable (receipted) gifts (excluding alcohol and tobacco) subject to full disclosure of done, gift (description and cost) and occasion in an appropriate gifts and hospitality register;
- Reasonable (receipted) travel and subsistence costs of the Chair/Deputy Chair subject to the requirement that no other reimbursement has/will be made by the Council or any other individual, organisation or authority;

5.4 The Council will:
a) Make payments towards expenditure reasonably incurred by the Chair/Deputy Chair in making official or courtesy visits, on behalf of the Council; and
b) Defray any expenses reasonably incurred in the reception and entertainment by way of official courtesy of distinguished persons residing in or visiting the Council district or persons representative of or connected with local government or other public services.

5.5 The amounts payable by the Council in respect of the making of official or courtesy visits will be made on the same basis and subject to the same limits, etc. as equivalent amounts payable to Councillors under this Scheme, e.g. travel and subsistence.

6. Dependents' Carers ' Allowance:

6.1 Councillors are entitled to claim a dependents' carers' allowance (DCA) towards reimbursement of actual reasonable costs necessarily incurred in providing care for an eligible dependent, while carrying out an approved duty.

6.2 A dependents' carers' allowance shall be payable based upon actual receipted costs or at the appropriate hourly rate, whichever is the lower; up to the monthly maximum.

6.3 The hourly rate of dependents' carers' allowance for standard care shall be from 1st April 2024 £12.21 and for specialised care £24.42. The monthly maximum for standard care payable is £635 and the monthly maximum for specialised care is £1,270. Councillors may claim only one DCA in respect of each occurrence of approved duty. Only one DCA rate is payable even if there are 2 or more children/dependents being cared for.

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7. Travel and Subsistence Allowances:

7.1 A Councillor or committee member shall be entitled to claim travel and subsistence allowances where expenditure on travelling or subsistence has been necessarily incurred, (refer to schedule 2 for further information). The amount claimed should not exceed expense incurred. The amount claimed for subsistence should be inclusive of VAT and should not include any alcohol.

7.2 The rates of travel allowance for travel by private vehicle shall be as shown in the table below:

Type of Vehicle	Rate per Mile
A pedal cycle	20.0p
A motor cycle (all engine capacities)	24.0p
A motor car of cylinder capacity exceeding 450cc but not exceeding 999cc	46.9p *13.7p
A motor car of cylinder capacity exceeding 999cc but not exceeding 1,199cc	52.2p *14.4p
A motor car of cylinder capacity exceeding 1,199cc	65.0p *16.4p
An electric car	45.0p **25.0p
Passenger rate (per passenger)	5.0p

* For mileage above 8,500 miles
** For mileage above 10,000 miles

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7.3 The rates of subsistence shall be as shown in the table below.

PERIOD/MEAL	RATES	
	British Isles	London
Accommodation allowance - An absence involving an overnight stay, away from the normal place of residence. This rate does not include any meal allowance.	100.70	122.45
Breakfast allowance - (more than 4 hours away from the normal place of residence or, where approved by the council, a lesser period before 11 am)	11.50	
Lunch allowance - (more than 4 hours away from the normal place of residence or, where approved by the council, a lesser period including the period between 12 noon and 2pm)	13.50	
Tea allowance - (more than 4 hours away from the normal place of residence or, where approved by the council, a lesser period including the period between 3pm and 6pm)	4.70	
Evening meal allowance - (more than 4 hours away from the normal place of residence or, where approved by the council, a lesser period ending after 7pm)	20.95	

8. Councillors' Support Services:

8.1 Newry, Mourne & Down District Council have provided a mobile device and printer to all 41 Councillors in order to carry out their Council duties. Members can claim up to £35 per month towards their actual home broadband costs on production of broadband receipts. Amounts claimed for broadband expenses should not exceed the expense incurred.

8.2 Council also provide general secretarial services, business cards and headed paper to Councillors. As IT readable devices have been provided, Council will not provide hard copies of electronic documents to Members.

9. Claims and Payment:

9.1 Payments regarding basic allowance and special responsibility allowance shall be made monthly.

9.2 Claims for dependants' carers' allowance, travelling allowance or subsistence allowance should be made in writing within three months, and should be accompanied by receipts, where appropriate

10. General:

10.1 This scheme may be revoked or amended at any time.

10.2 The amounts stated in paragraphs 3-5 will be subject to any indexing increase during the year.

10.3 The amounts stated in paragraph 6 will be subject to any increase to the national living wage for age 25+.

10.4 Where a Councillor is suspended from carrying out the duties of a Councillor, in accordance with Section 59 (5) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, the part of basic allowance, special responsibility allowance, or Chairperson/Deputy Chairperson allowance payable to the Councillor in respect of the period for which the Councillor is suspended, must be withheld.

10.5 Councillors may, if they wish, renounce their entitlement to basic, chairperson, vice-chairperson or special responsibility allowances. They can do this by writing to the Chief Executive. A Councillor can subsequently withdraw the renunciation. They can also amend a renunciation (for example, to limit it to one kind of allowance only). The withdrawal or amendment cannot have retrospective effect.

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Schedule 1 to the Scheme of Allowances
Special Responsibility Allowances

The following table provides details of the duties which attract a special responsibility allowance and the associated allowance amount.

Special Responsibility	Special Responsibility Allowance Rate (per annum)	Per Month (£)
Chairperson of Council	£22,246.00	
Deputy Chairperson of Council	£6,942.00	

Special Responsibility	Special Responsibility Allowance Rate (per annum)	Per Month (£)
Chairperson (Economy, Regeneration and Tourism	£4439.80	£369.98
Chairperson (Active and Healthy Communities Committee)	£4439.80	£369.98
Chairperson (Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee)	£4439.80	£369.98
Chairperson (Sustainability & Environment Committee)	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 1	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 2	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 3	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 4	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 5	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 6	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 7	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 8	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 9	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 10	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 11	£4439.80	£369.98
Planning Committee Member 12	£4439.80	£369.98
Party Representative (Sinn Féin)	£4439.80	£369.98
Party Representative (SDLP)	£4439.80	£369.98
Party Representative (DUP)	£4439.80	£369.98
Party Representative (Alliance)	£4439.80	£369.98
Total Special Responsibility Allowance	**£88,796**	

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Annual Meeting 01/06/2026.

Schedule 2 to the Scheme of Allowances - travel and subsistence

Duties for which payment may be claimed:

1. Council meetings.
2. Committee meetings and meetings of working groups/forums of which the Councillor is a member.
3. Committee meetings and meetings of working groups/forums of which the Councillor is not a member, if they are attending at the specific invitation of the Council.
4. Attendance at approved conferences, study visits or seminars as a representative of the Council.
5. Attendance at briefings/training courses approved by the Council.
6. Attendance by appointed Councillors at meetings of PCSP and Policing Committee.
7. Attendance by appointed Councillors at meetings of outside bodies. Expenses cannot be claimed where remuneration is made to the Councillor from the outside body.

Duties for which payment may not be claimed:

1. Committee Meetings of which the Councillor is not a member (with exception of point 3 above).
2. Events/ launches to which an official invitation has not been issued by Council (with exception of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson or Member deputizing).
3. Any constituency business.
4. Party political meetings.

This list provides information but is not intended to be exhaustive.