



May 27th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 2nd June 2025** at **5:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN PRIOR TO MEETING

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 3 Chairs and Deputy Chairs to be nominated

Other statutory positions nominated for 4 years

[📄 Year 3 Statutory Positions of Responsibility.pdf](#)

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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 will pick Deputy Chair of AHC, Cllr Tinnelly

Second picks: UUP, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Tinnelly

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

[📄 List of Committee picks 25-26.pdf](#)

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

Any amendments to external bodies and organisations to be advised.

[📄 External and Council Bodies List 2025-26.pdf](#)

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7.0 To agree Schedule of Meetings for incoming year

8.0 To agree Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors

📄 *Scheme of Allowances 2025-26.pdf*

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Callum Bowsie
- Fionnuala Branagh
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Mr Gerard Byrne
- Cllr Philip Campbell
- Cllr William Clarke
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Killian Feehan
- Cllr Doire Finn
- Ms Joanne Fleming
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Cllr Martin Hearty
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Tierna Howie
- Ms Catherine Hughes
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
- Miss Veronica Keegan
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Cathal King
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
- Ms Tracie McLoughlin
- Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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Statutory Positions of Responsibility – Year 3

POSITION - Year 3		Councillor Name
Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 3	Alliance	
Deputy Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 3	SDLP	
Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3	DUP	
Deputy Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3		Cllr Mark Gibbons
Chair – SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair - SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	SDLP	
Chair - PLANNING Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair - PLANNING Year 3	DUP	
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 Willie Clarke
Arc21 - Position 2: 4 Year Term	SDLP	Cllr Terry Andrews
Arc21 - Position 3: 4 Year Term	Alliance	Cllr Cadogan Enright
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

Appointments to Committees 2025/26

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



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

2025 - 2026 Appointments

Chairperson:
Sinn Féin

Deputy Chairperson:
Sinn Féin

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1. Committee List

Active and Healthy Communities 2025-26

	Contact Details
Chairperson DUP	
Deputy Chairperson Mark Gibbons	

Strategy, Policy and Resources 2024-25

	Contact Details
Chairperson Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chairperson SDLP	

Policing and Community Safety Partnership 2023 – 2027 (4 Year Term)

	Contact Details
Terry Andrews	11 Woodside Gardens, Crossgar, Downpatrick, BT30 9DA terry.andrews@nmandd.org
Killian Feehan	5 Charlemont Square West, Bessbrook, Co Armagh BT35 7AF Killian.feehan@nmandd.org
Conor Galbraith	69 Saul Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6NG conor.galbraith@nmandd.org
Oonagh Hanlon	4 Malone Crescent, Downpatrick, BT30 6UJ oonagh.hanlon@nmandd.org
Aidan Mathers	33 John F Kennedy Park, Bessbrook, Newry, BT35 7EN aidan.mathers@nmandd.org
Declan Murphy	19 Quarter Road, Camlough, Newry, BT35 7EY declan.murphy@nmandd.org
Kate Murphy	18 Newcastle Road Castlewellan BT31 9DP roisin.howell@nmandd.org
Henry Reilly	5 Ballynahatten Road Ballyardle Killeel BT34 4LG henry.reilly@nmandd.org
David Taylor	25 Main Street Bessbrook Newry BT35 7DJ david.taylor@nmandd.org
Jill Truesdale	4 Kenway Drive, Newcastle, BT33 0TD jill.truesdale@nmandd.org

Plus Independent Members

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

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Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair of COUNCIL Year 3	Sinn Féin	
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Deputy Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 3	SDLP	
Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3	DUP	
Deputy Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 3		Cllr Mark Gibbons
Chair – SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair - SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	Sinn Féin	
Deputy Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 3	SDLP	
Chair - PLANNING Year 3	Sinn Féin	
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3. Council Project Boards and Forums

Chief Executive Appraisal Group

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

Economic Forum

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	Clr P Campbell Clr G Kearns
2 SDLP	Clr L Devlin Clr K Feehan
1 DUP	Clr C Bowsie
1 Alliance	Clr D Lee-Surginor
1 Independent/UUP	

Elected Member Development Working Group

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

Equality and Good Relations Reference Group

Membership	
Sinn Féin (2)	Clr O Hanlon Clr V Harte
SDLP (2)	Clr L Devlin Clr G Sharvin
DUP	Clr J Jackson
Alliance	Clr D Lee-Surginor
Independents (1)	Clr J Tinnelly
UUP	Clr D Taylor

Health Working Groups

Membership	Southern Trust Area	SE Trust Area
3 Sinn Fein	Cllr A Mathers Cllr K Murphy	Cllr O Hanlon
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	Cllr J Brennan
Sinn Fein	Cllr O Hanlon
SDLP	Cllr T Andrews
SDLP	Cllr D McAteer
1 DUP	
1 Alliance	Cllr C Enright
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
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Newcastle Gateway to the Mournes

Membership	
Sinn Fein (2)	Cllr W Clarke Cllr M Rice
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	Clr D Murphy
1 SDLP	Clr D Finn
	Clr H Young
Chairperson of Council	Clr P Byrne

Party Representatives Forum

Membership	
Sinn Fein (2 Members if not holding Chair of Council position)	Clr O Hanlon
SDLP (2 Members if not holding Chair of Council position)	Clr G Sharvin
1 DUP	Clr J Jackson
1 Alliance	Clr J Truesdale
Chair of Council	Clr P Byrne

- **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	Clr P Campbell Clr C King Clr D Murphy
2 SDLP	Clr T Andrews Clr D McAteer
1 DUP	Clr C Bowsie
1 Alliance	Clr D Lee-Surginor
1 Independent	Clr J Tinnelly
1 UUP	Clr D Taylor

Planning Call in Panel

Membership	
Clr C Enright Clr M Larkin Clr D McAteer	

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

Strategic Finance Working Group

Membership	
2 Sinn Féin	Clr O Hanlon Clr D Murphy
2 SDLP	Clr P Byrne Clr G Sharvin
1 DUP	Clr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Clr C Enright
1 Independent/UUP	

Sustainability & Environmental Working Group

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	Clr W Clarke Clr A Mathers
2 SDLP	Clr T Andrews Clr D Finn
1 DUP	Clr J Jackson
1 Alliance	Clr C Enright
1 Independent/UUP	

All Party Group on Sustainable Development - Regional

Membership	
Sinn Féin	Clr W Clarke
SDLP	Clr T Andrews

Women's Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein	Clr S O'Hare Clr A Quinn
SDLP	Clr D Finn
DUP	Clr C Bowsie
Alliance	Clr T Howie
Independent (1)	Clr J Tinnelly
UUP	Clr 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	Clr R Howell Clr S O'Hare
2 SDLP	Clr L Devlin Clr G Sharvin
1 DUP	Clr A Lewis
1 Alliance	Clr H Young
1 Ind/UUP	

Church Street, Downpatrick Revitalisation Steering Group

Downpatrick Councillors	
	P Campbell C Enright C Galbraith O Hanlon G Sharvin

Downpatrick Regeneration Project

Downpatrick Councillors	
	P Campbell C Enright C Galbraith O Hanlon G Sharvin

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 W Clarke Cllr D Murphy
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 Byrne

(Chairperson will change annually)

Diversity Ambassadors

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

Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor

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

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

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

Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues

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

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

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

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

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

NILGA

4 Sinn Féin	Cllr O Hanlon Cllr A Mathers Cllr D Murphy Cllr K Murphy
2 SDLP	Cllr T Andrews Cllr G Sharvin
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 G Sharvin
	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 G Sharvin
	Alliance	Cllr C Enright

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

Sinn Fein	Cllr J Brennan
SDLP	Cllr L Devlin
DUP	Cllr G Hanna (until end August 24) Cllr J Tinnelly (from end August 24)

(INTERNAL LIST)**Newry, Mourne & Down District Council****Schedule of Meetings for period
June 2025 - May 2026****(N.B. venues to remain under review to include MS Teams)**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Mock Annual Meeting 29 May 2025	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Annual Meeting 2 June 2025	5.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Council Meeting 2 June 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
7 July 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
4 August 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
1 September 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
6 October 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
3 November 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
1 December 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
12 January 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
2 February 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
2 March 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
13 April 2026 **Easter**	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
5 May 2026 **May Day**	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Mock Annual Meeting 28 May 2026	2.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Annual Meeting 1 June 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - PRESENTATIONS

Date	Time	Location
30 June 2025	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
26 August 2025	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
22 September 2025	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
27 October 2025	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
24 November 2025	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
23 February 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre
23 March 2026	6.00pm	Downshire Civic Centre

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
25 June 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
23 July 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
20 August 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
17 September 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
15 October 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
12 November 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
10 December 2025	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
14 January 2026	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
11 February 2026	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
11 March 2026	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
8 April 2026	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
6 May 2026	10.00 am	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
9 June 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
11 August 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
8 September 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
13 October 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
10 November 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
8 December 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
19 January 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
9 February 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
9 March 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
20 April 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
11 May 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
12 June 2025	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
14 August 2025	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
11 September 2025	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 October 2025	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
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23 April 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
14 May 2026	6.00 pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
16 June 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
18 August 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
15 September 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
20 October 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
17 November 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
15 December 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
26 January 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 February 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 March 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
27 April 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
18 May 2026	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
18 June 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
19 August 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
16 September 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
22 October 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
19 November 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
17 December 2025	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
28 January 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
18 February 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
18 March 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
29 April 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
20 May 2026	6.00 pm	Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

AUDIT COMMITTEE
(held quarterly)

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 31 July 2025	2.00pm	Downpatrick
Thursday 25 September 2025	2.00 pm	Downpatrick
Thursday 29 January 2026	2.00 pm	Downpatrick
Thursday 30 April 2026	2.00 pm	Downpatrick

PCSP MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 29 July 2025	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 30 September 2025	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 25 November 2025	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 27 January 2026	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 31 March 2026	6.00 pm	MS Teams
Tuesday 26 May 2026	6.00pm	MS Teams

PARTY REPRESENTATIVES' FORUM

Date	Time	Location
5 June 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
10 July 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
7 August 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
4 September 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
9 October 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
6 November 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
4 December 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
15 January 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
5 February 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
5 March 2026	4.30 pm	MS Teams
16 April 2025	4.30 pm	MS Teams
7 May 2025	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 2025.

3. Basic Allowance:

An annual basic allowance of £18,329 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.

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

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.

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)	£4302.15	£358.51
Chairperson (Active and Healthy Communities Committee)	£4302.15	£358.51
Chairperson (Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee)	£4302.15	£358.51
Chairperson (Sustainability & Environment Committee)	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 1	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 2	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 3	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 4	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 5	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 6	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 7	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 8	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 9	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 10	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 11	£4302.15	£358.51
Planning Committee Member 12	£4302.15	£358.51
Party Representative (Sinn Féin)	£4302.15	£358.51
Party Representative (SDLP)	£4302.15	£358.51
Party Representative (DUP)	£4302.15	£358.51
Party Representative (Alliance)	£4302.15	£358.51
Total Special Responsibility Allowance	£86,043	

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.