



26 May 2015

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 2nd November 2015** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire.**

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2. Memorandum for Sale and Lease in triplicate relating to ownership of land at Shimna Park, Newcastle (MS/3815)
3. Disposal of Land at 29 Belfast Road, Saintfield - NMDDC and Andree Rea (L/P/38)
4. Purchase of Land adjacent to 45 St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick - Conveyance x2 (L/P/27)
5. Deed of Conveyance and Licence Agreement - Sale of Portion of Land at 16 The Square, Rostrevor
6. Agreement for Car Loan - Staff Member

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*Notice of Motion*

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**Notice of Motion received from Councillor Andrews**

"We would like to extend a very warm invitation to Pope Francis to visit Newry, Mourne and Down District and during his time with us to follow in the footsteps of St Patrick who landed near Saul in 432AD at the very start of his mission to bring Christianity to Ireland."

**Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly**

"That this Council works with relevant bodies to ensure the extension of the shopmobility facility to Kilkeel and Warrenpoint in order to allow people with mobility problems access to town centre shopping and related facilities."

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**ACTION SHEET- COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015**

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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed</b>
<b>C/112/2015</b>	Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks	<b>It was agreed that the issue of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation would be discussed at the next Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.</b>	Referred to Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.
<b>C/114/2015</b>	Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015	<p><b><u>C/96/2015 – Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26/8/2015</u></b>  <b>Chief Executive to circulate to Members details from Transport NI regarding the Information Day in Downpatrick.</b></p> <p><b>Delegation Meeting with the EU Commission to explore alternative sources of funding for the Southern Relief Road to include Councillors.</b></p> <p><b>Sinn Fein Representative on the Delegation is Councillor Hearty.</b></p>	<p>Information Day 28 October 2015.</p> <p>Briefing in Monaghan Row – 21 October 2015.</p>
<b>C/115/2015</b>	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015	<b>Chief Executive to liaise with Simon Richardson, Transport NI, regarding the occurrences of serious incidents in Bull's Hill, Newry.</b>	Letter sent to S Richardson 13.10.15.
<b>C/117/2015</b>	Minutes of SPR Committee held on 17 September 2015	<p><b><u>SPR/146/2015 – Councillor's Website Reference Group</u></b>  <b>Nominations to the Councillor's Website Reference Group agreed as follows:</b>  <b>Sinn Fein – TBC</b>  <b>SDLP – Cllr Carr</b>  <b>DUP – Cllr Harvey</b>  <b>UUP – Cllr Taylor</b>  <b>Independents – Cllr Enright.</b></p>	R Mackin notified of nominations 12.10.15.
<b>C/119/2015</b>	Minutes of RTS Committee held on 23 September 2015	<p><b><u>RTS/90/2015 – Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting 19 August 2015</u></b>  <b>C O'Rourke to provide information to Members on liaison with Newry Parish and bus shelters on the Camlough Road.</b></p>	Email sent to C O'Rourke 12.10.15

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
		<p><b><u>Anti-Litter Working Group</u></b>  <b>Nominations to the Anti-Litter Working Group agreed as follows:</b>  <b>Sinn Fein – TBC</b>  <b>SDLP – Cllr Stokes</b>  <b>DUP – Cllr Walker</b>  <b>UUP – Cllr McKee</b>  <b>Independents – Cllr Tinnelly</b></p> <p><b><u>RTS/91/2015 – Report on Council’s Scheme of Delegation</u></b>  <b>Clarification to be provided to Members regarding Council’s Scheme of Delegation with particular reference to the planning function.</b></p>	<p>Email sent to C O’Rourke 12.10.15.</p> <p>Email sent to A McKay requesting info 12.10.15.</p>
<b>C/120/2015</b>	Suggested Date Changes for Committee Meetings – December	<b>It was agreed that the suggested date changes for the Committee Meetings in December 2015 be accepted.</b>	Actioned
<b>C/121/2015</b>	Appointment of Members to the Board of the Carlingford Lough Commissioners	<b>It was agreed that to write to the Board of Carlingford Lough Commissioners to request their acceptance of the 3 nominations received: Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Doran and McKee.</b>	Email sent 12.10.15.
<b>C/122/2015</b>	Borough Status	<b>It was agreed that a Special Council Meeting be held on 9 November 2015 to enable the progression of the Council’s decision to apply for Borough Status to secure the position of Mayor.</b>	Meeting arranged for Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6pm in the Downshire Civic Centre
<b>C/123/2015</b>	Letter from Tourism Ireland – Lord Mayor’s Show, London – 14 November 2015	<b>It was agreed that the invitation to the Lord Mayor’s Show in London on 14 November 2015 be accepted.</b>	Actioned

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
C/125/2015	Sealing Documents	<p><b>It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Meigh Community Centre – Wayleave Agreement for the installation of a broadband antenna, Newry, Mourne and Down DC and The Clanrye Group.</b></li> <li><b>2. Disposal of Land Adjacent to 45 St Patrick’s Avenue, Downpatrick – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to Larne Chemists Ltd L/P/27.</b></li> <li><b>3. St. John Bosco GFC Contribution Agreement.</b></li> <li><b>4. Public Path Temporary Closure Order – Public Right of Way Millvale Road (at the Old Mill) to Derrymore, Road, Bessbrook.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Clarification to be provided to Councillor Carr regarding the installation of broadband antenna at Meigh Community Centre.</b></p>	<p>Documents signed and sealed.</p> <p>Referred to Assistant Director, Regulatory and Technical Services, Mr K Scullion requesting information.</p>
C/126/2015	Notice of Motion – Marine Litter Survey	<p><b>It was agreed to note with major concern the recent Marine Litter Survey which identified major failings in the cleanliness of local beaches, and calls upon the Council to establish an urgent Taskforce in partnership with relevant statutory agencies and community organisations to address the issue.</b></p>	<p>Referred to Director, Regulatory and Technical Services, Mr C O’Rourke to progress.</p>
C/127/2015	Notice of Motion – Dedicated Health Committee	<p><b>It was agreed to establish a dedicated Health Forum operating on a Task and Finish basis to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This Forum will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area.</b></p> <p><b>It was further agreed that this matter be referred to Party Representatives Forum for discussion.</b></p>	<p>Tabled at Party Reps Forums Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Report to be prepared for consideration.</p>

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

NMD/C/

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 5 October 2015 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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In the Chair                      Councillor N Bailie

**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor S Burns	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor P Clarke
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor S Doran
Councillor S Ennis	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor K McAteer
Councillor H McKee	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor P Ó'Gribín
Councillor B Ó'Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor B Walker

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities  
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
 Mr P Green, Legal Advisor  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer  
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

C/112/2015

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Burgess, Councillor Devlin, Councillor Doran, Councillor Donnelly, Councillor Reilly and Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services.

The Chairperson referred to an emergency Notice of Motion regarding the announcement by DETI on 30 September regarding the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation, which Councillor Enright had wished to submit. She advised that after discussion with the Chief Executive, she had decided that this Notice of Motion would not be tabled, but instead this matter would be referred to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

**C/113/2015**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C/114/2015**      **ACTION SHEET FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:**            Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 (Copy circulated)

**C/96/2015: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2015**

In response to a query from Councillor Curran, the Chief Executive undertook to email Transport NI with reference to the information day in Downpatrick regarding the possibility of a one way system and circulate the information to all Members.

Councillor D McAteer said he understood the delegation to meet with the EU Commission was to include Councillors.

Councillor Hearty advised he would be his Party's representative on the delegation.

**AGREED:      That the delegation meeting with the EU Commission to explore alternative sources of funding for the Southern Relief Road include Councillors.**

**C/107/2015: Consider Invitation from Derry City and Strabane Council to participate in Joint Council Delegation to Lobby against Reduction in Rate Support Grant**

In response to a query from Councillor Hyland, the Chief Executive advised Council had agreed to 3 representatives for the delegation.

**AGREED:            The Action Sheet was unanimously agreed.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

**C/115/2015**      **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**C/96/2015: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2015**

In response to a query from Councillor Kimmins, the Chief Executive undertook to email Simon Richardson, Transport NI, regarding the occurrences of serious incidents in Bull's Hill, Newry.

**AGREED:**            **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.**

**The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION****C/116/2015**      **MINUTES FROM ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**ERT/76/2015: Derrymore Estate Partnership**

In response to queries from Councillor Fitzpatrick, Ms Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism advised that Derrymore Estate would be most likely to be successful under the Space and Place funding applications. She further advised that play parks would fall under rural development funding.

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities provided reassurance by advising the Play Strategy was currently being worked through which would identify a number of priority areas for playgrounds.

Councillor Ennis registered her disappointment that some parks had not been eligible under this funding and requested that community groups would be kept up to date with the process.

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

**C/117/2015**      **MINUTES FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**SPR/146/2015: Councillors' Website Reference Group**

The Chief Executive requested Party nominations to the Councillors' Website Reference Group.

**AGREED:** The following nominations be agreed and appointed to the Councillors' Website Reference Group:

**Sinn Fein – Councillor Hearty to provide nomination.  
SDLP - Councillor Carr  
DUP – Councillor Harvey  
UUP – Councillor Taylor  
Independents – Councillor Enright**

**Agreed:** The Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig.

**C/118/2015** **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

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

**C/119/2015** **MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2015 (copy circulated)

**RTS/90/2015: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting – 19 August 2015**

In response to queries from Councillor Casey regarding whether liaison had taken place with Newry Parish on the issue of a pedestrian access gate, and bus shelters on the Camlough Road, the Chief Executive undertook to follow up with Mr O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services and arrange for Councillor Casey to be updated.



**Anti-Litter Working Group**

**AGREED:** The following nominations be agreed and appointed to the Anti-Litter Working Group

**Sinn Fein – Councillor Hearty to provide nomination.  
 SDLP - Councillor Stokes  
 DUP – Councillor Walker  
 UUP – Councillor McKee  
 Independents – Councillor Tinnelly**

**RTS/91/2015: Report on Council’s Scheme of Delegation**

In response to a query from Councillor D McAteer, the Chief Executive undertook to provide clarification regarding the Council’s scheme of delegation with particular reference to the planning function.

**RTS/95/2015: Performance Statistics**

In response to queries from Members, the Chief Executive clarified that there was a scheme of prioritisation regarding planning applications which targeted economic development projects and inward investment projects in the first instance.

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

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS****C/120/2015 SUGGESTED DATE CHANGES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS – DECEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding suggested date changes for Committee Meetings – December 2015. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKee, that the suggested date changes for Committee Meetings in December 2015 be accepted.

**C/121/2015 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE CARLINGFORD LOUGH COMMISSIONERS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding Appointment of Members of the Board of Carlingford Lough Commissioners. (Copy circulated).  
Nominations of Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Doran and Councillor McKee were received.

**AGREED:** **There being 3 nominations for 2 positions, it was agreed that Council would write to the Board of Carlingford Lough Commissioners requesting their acceptance of the 3 above mentioned nominations.**

**C/122/2015**      **BOROUGH STATUS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding Borough Status. (Copy circulated).

The Chief Executive advised that during the Shadow period, Council had been keen to appoint a Mayor and the only way the position of Mayor could be secured was to apply for Borough Status. He explained there would be a Special Council meeting on 9 November 2015 to progress the formal process of application for Borough Status.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that that a Special Council meeting be convened on 9 November 2015 to enable the progression of the formal process of application for Borough Status to secure the position of Mayor.**

**CONFERENCES/EVENTS**

**C/123/2015**      **LETTER FROM TOURISM IRELAND RE: SAVE THE DATE – LORD MAYOR’S SHOW IN LONDON 14 NOVEMBER 2105**

**Read:** Correspondence received from Tourism Ireland dated 11 September 2015 regarding the Lord Mayor’s Show in London on 14 November 2015 and inviting the Council to participate by attending this event.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew, that the invitation to the Lord Mayor’s Show in London on 14 November 2015 be accepted.**

**FOR NOTING**

**C/124/2015**      **NILGA – PARTNERSHIP PANEL MEETING – 23 JUNE 2015 – KEY OUTCOMES**

Read: Correspondence received from NILGA on 15 September 2015 regarding Partnership Panel Meeting 23 June 2015 – Key Outcomes.

**NOTED:** The correspondence received from NILGA regarding the Partnership Panel Meeting held on 23 June 2015 – Key Outcomes, was noted.

### SEALING DOCUMENTS

#### **C/125/2015      SEALING DOCUMENTS**

**Agreed:** It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Ruane:

1. Meigh Community Centre - Wayleave Agreement for the installation of a broadband antenna, Newry, Mourne and Down DC and The Clanrye Group.
2. Disposal of Land Adjacent to 45 St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to Larne Chemists Limited L/P/27
3. St John Bosco GFC Contribution Agreement
4. Public Path Temporary Closure Order – Public Right of Way Millvale Road (at the Old Mill) to Derrymore Road, Bessbrook

In response to queries from Councillor Carr regarding the installation of a broadband antenna at Meigh Community Centre, the Chief Executive undertook to seek clarification to the queries raised.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### **C/126/2015      NOTICE OF MOTION – MARINE LITTER SURVEY**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors W Clarke and Ennis:

**“That this Council notes with concern the recent Marine Litter Survey which identified major failings in the cleanliness of local beaches, and calls upon the Council to establish an urgent Taskforce in partnership with relevant statutory agencies and community organisations to address this issue”**

In proposing the motion, Councillor W Clarke stated that the results of the recent Marine Litter Survey had been very disappointing for the District. He called on Council to establish a Taskforce to reverse the findings of the Survey which would include Statutory Bodies and Government Departments, and would come together to develop an Action Plan. He said one major factor contributing to the survey was the

lack of cleansing of the waterways. The Council's Corporate Plan put tourism to the fore and the results of the survey were damaging the District.

Councillor Ennis seconded the motion stating that Council's main priority was tourism and Carlingford Lough was the jewel in the District's crown. The Love Your Lough Group undertook monthly clean-ups around Carlingford Lough and if they had the avenue of a task force, they could give Council ideas. Councillor Ennis called on Council to provide them with as much support as possible.

Councillor Andrews proposed the following Amendment, stating a co-ordinated approach was needed to ensure the District was maintained well for both citizens and visitors to enjoy:

**“That this Council notes with concern the recent marine litter survey which identified failings and calls upon the Councils’ Anti-Litter Working Group and Statutory Agencies and other organisations to review this issue”**

Councillor Stokes seconded this amendment.

Members spoke in support of the Motion put forward by Councillor W Clarke and highlighted the following:

- Funding was received in the Down Legacy Council which helped the Lecale Partnership to designate local beaches with EU bathing water status.
- The fishing industry contributed to the litter washed up on the beaches and the fleets should be educated to stop this.
- There were major concerns regarding sewage on the shoreline and this issue started onshore where the drainage systems could not cope.
- The taskforce should focus on reducing levels of litter either through an education programme, advertising or proactive enforcement.
- The issue could be tackled through the schools by encouraging recycling and educating children so that they in turn could educate their families about the dangers of litter.
- The taskforce should have a start and finish date.
- The Council's top priority was tourism and the results of the survey was doing Council harm.
- The legacy Councils had been supported by the Universities who came to help clean the beaches in the past and this issue should be addressed in conjunction with them.

Members spoke in favour of the amendment, stating:

- One overall strong group to look at all issues would be of benefit.
- Need to address the entire problem, from the high Mournes right through to the shoreline in a co-ordinated way.
- Concerns at number of different working groups/task forces being set up by Council. Terms of reference not yet established for anti-litter working group so this issue could be included.

The Chairperson put Councillor Andrew's amendment to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>ABSENTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>

#### **THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED.**

The Chairperson put Councillor W Clarke's proposal to a vote.

**AGREED:**                   **It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ennis, that**

**"That this Council notes with concern the recent Marine Litter Survey which identified major failings in the cleanliness of local beaches, and calls upon the Council to establish an urgent Taskforce in partnership with relevant statutory agencies and community organisations to address this issue"**

#### **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

#### **C/127/2015                   NOTICE OF MOTION – DEDICATED HEALTH COMMITTEE**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors Enright and Hyland.

**"That Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Committee to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This committee will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area"**.

Councillor Enright proposed the motion stating that in the legacy Down Council he was involved in Down Community Health Committee, which undertook many campaigns, helped to build the Downe Hospital and stage the 20,000 person demonstration last year. Down Council always had a very successful tradition of actively supporting this campaign with a Council backed forum. The Council supported hospital campaign did not have a parallel in Newry, but due to potential threats to Daisy Hill Hospital, such a forum would be beneficial to Daisy Hill. The ability to tackle hospital related issues proactively and at short notice, gave Down Council the ability to strongly influence outcomes in health services in this area.

The Chief Executive provided clarity for Members regarding the setting up of a Committee as follows:

- The 2014 Local Government Act made changes requiring that any Committee of the new Council must be proportionate to the political make-up of the Council.
- Meetings were now to be in public and if there were independent members, they would be required to sign up to the Code of Conduct, which could have a hindering effect.
- As part of Community Planning, Council had a role to work with other Statutory Bodies, but as yet, there was no guidance as to who those Statutory Bodies would be. The consultation document indicated the Health Service and the Trust would be partners with Council in establishing a Health and Wellbeing Committee which would be a Forum of the Community Plan, not a Committee of Council.

Councillor Hyland seconded the motion stating that it was important that Council sent out a message saying it wanted to look at the situation of health and wellbeing of its people, hospitals and health system. He had been a member of the Newry & Mourne Health Action Group which had organised a series of events to fight against the downgrading of Daisy Hill Hospital. He confirmed he wished to see such a committee up and running again that would serve the 2 hospitals.

Members discussed the issue at length, voicing both support and concern about the motion and highlighting the following:

- The proposed Committee would deal with different issues to Community Planning which tended to look at facts and figures and project forward. This proposed forum would instead help to hold the Health Trusts to account and react to immediate threats to health care provision in the district.
- Agree with importance of health care to the district but concern at the proposed delivery mechanism being too focused on hospital care, when the way forward required a much broader approach, looking at primary care needs, issues such as alcohol and drugs abuse, provisions such as the Sure Start project.
- Importance and opportunities provided by Community Planning functions should not be underestimated. Legislation now required the Statutory Bodies to commit to community planning.
- Thematic groups will focus on outcomes and that is what will bring about effective delivery and results.
- Importance of Councillors attending meetings of committees and working groups they establish.
- Emergency issues could be addressed by task and finish groups being set up, as needed.
- Concern about the adversarial nature of legacy Council meetings with Trust Officials and doubts about what they achieved.
- Both forums could be run in parallel as health and social care must be protected robustly.

Following this discussion, the motion was re-worded to state:

**"That Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Forum operating on a Task and Finish basis to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This Forum will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area".**

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

**FOR: 35**  
**AGAINST: 0**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**The Motion was CARRIED (copy results attached)**

**Agreed:** It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hyland, that Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Forum operating on a Task and Finish basis to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This Forum will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area.

It was further agreed that the matter be discussed at Party Representatives Forum.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.11pm**

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

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

DATE: 05-10-2015 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Item 16 – Notice of Motion received from Councillors Enright and Hyland

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie	X			
P Brown	X			
R Burgess				X
S Burns	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey	X			
P Clarke				X
W Clarke	X			
G Craig	X			
D Curran	X			
L Devlin				X
G Donnelly				X
S Doran				X
S Ennis	X			
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna	X			
V Harte	X			
H Harvey	X			
T Hearty	X			
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins	X			
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran	X			
D McAteer	X			
K McAteer	X			
C McGrath	X			
H McKee	X			
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin	X			
P Ó Gribín	X			
B Ó Muirí	X			
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly				X
M Ruane	X			
G Sharvin	X			
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor	X			
JJ Tinnelly	X			
B Walker	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>6</b>





**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 28 September 2015 at  
6.00pm in the Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre Downpatrick****Chairperson:** Councillor N Bailie**In Attendance:**  
Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor P Brown  
Councillor S Burns  
Councillor M Carr  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor G Craig  
Councillor D Curran  
Councillor G Donnelly  
Councillor S Ennis  
Councillor C Enright  
Councillor G Fitzpatrick  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor V Harte  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor L Kimmins  
Councillor M Larkin  
Councillor K Loughran  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor K McAteer  
Councillor C McGrath  
Councillor H McKee  
Councillor R Mulgrew  
Councillor M Murnin  
Councillor P O Gribin  
Councillor B O Muiir  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor G Stokes  
Councillor H Reilly  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor J Tinnelly**Officials in Attendance:**  
Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive  
Mr A McKay Head of Planning  
Ms J McParland Senior Planning Officer  
Ms H McKee Community Planning Manager  
Mr P Green Legal Officer  
Ms E McParland Democratic Services Manager  
Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer  
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:****NIHE**

Mr T McCartney	Director of Corporate Services
Mr O McDonnell	Area Manager (Acting) South Down
Ms L Wilson	Area Manager
Ms P Aitken	Regional Planning
Ms P Warnock	Regional Planning
Mr S Semple	Strategic Planning

**ABO Wind**

Ms T Frazer	ABO Wind
Mr I Cummings	26 Extreme

**Mourne AONB Against Wind**

Mr C McGreevy

**Hilltown Community Association**

Mrs M Byrne

**APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor M Carr  
 Councillor L Devlin  
 Councillor B Walker  
 Councillor T Hearty  
 Councillor D Taylor

**PRESENTATION – HOUSING EXECUTIVE  
 RE: HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN**

Mr McCartney delivered a presentation on the (HIP) Housing Investment Plan for Newry, Mourne & Down District area.

Ms L Wilson presented the Housing Executive Investment section contained within the Housing Investment Plan.

**Discussion**

Discussion followed on the HIP during which the following issues were raised:

***How many Housing Associations are based in the Newry Mourne & Down District?***

Quite a few Housing Associations are active in the Newry Mourne & Down District. However whilst most of the Housing Associations are represented in the area, they do not have an administrative base within the District.

***Housing Associations do not appear to be keeping up with housing demand.***

The Housing Executive does not have responsibility for building housing. However NIHE Regional Services facilitate Housing Association developments through land assembly involving land acquisition, planning and feasibility studies and transfer of Housing Executive land.

***Issues regarding kitchen replacements in Kilkeel.***

Councillor Reilly to email Housing Executive regarding a question about kitchen replacements in Kilkeel.

***If refugees were to be brought into the District would they be given priority for housing over people who were already in housing need?***

A multi-agency approach was on-going which would look at housing refugees if a situation arose whereby refugees would be brought into the area.

***Clarification on the level of finance used by Housing Associations for building dwellings and the level of finance used for their administrative costs.***

Housing Executive would not be aware of this financial breakdown. The Department for Social Development would hold this information as part of their governance regulations.

***Is Housing Executive still the umbrella agency for Housing Associations?***

The Housing Executive are not the umbrella agency for Housing Associations. This is the role of NIFHA (Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations). The Housing Executive, through its Regional side determines housing need to assist Housing Associations in their new build programme. Regulation for Housing Associations lies solely with the DSD.

***Where one section of the community is identified as being in housing need, do the Housing Executive attempt to house people within their respective communities?***

Housing allocations are made on the basis of a housing selection scheme which ensures fairness in allocations.

***When can Councillors expect to see a draft version of the Housing Investment Plan?***

The Draft Housing Investment Plan has already been issued and Councillors should have received a copy. If any Councillor has not received a copy they should contact the Housing Executive and a copy will be provided.

***Many people are finding the process of applying for grants for heating/insulation/windows very difficult and frustrating, especially elderly people – can this process be made easier? Have Housing Executive any targets to meet in terms of carrying out these works or is it a case of available funds?***

Where the tenant belongs to the Housing Executive such works are carried out via the Planned Maintenance Scheme.

***In the case of a relationship breakup where one parent may find themselves without accommodation, are these cases assessed to ensure accommodation is provided to enable the parent to have access to their children?***

In the case of a marriage breakdown where there are children involved, priority cannot usually be awarded to both parents. Priority is awarded to the parent who gets custody of the children. In the case of the other parent, account can be taken of access to the children and an additional room will be allowed for that overnight access.

***What arrangements are made where people wish to downsize their accommodation?***

Housing Associations are encouraged to ensure that 20% of their new build consists of one bedroom dwelling in their annual programme.

***Concerns regarding security issues in communal housing where the vulnerable people are having their homes attacked. (Particular reference was made to recent arson attacks in Newcastle)***

Housing Executive have a Supporting People Programme which receives funding in the sum of £74million per year – as part of this programme a large piece of work is being done to address a range of issues including antisocial problems.

The Housing Executive has worked closely with the Council and other statutory agencies regarding antisocial problems. Residents are being asked to be vigilant although further works is needed by way of a joined up approach in terms of improving security in estates.

***Housing Executive need to ensure people with disabilities are housed in appropriate types of accommodation.***

Housing Executive are working with Housing Associations to identify how many adaptations are needed in order to plan for the future housing needs of people.

***Concerns regarding problems with double glazing which has created an air tight home, leading to problems associated with lack of ventilation.***

Housing Executive will seek further detail from Councillor D McAteer and have this issue followed up.

**Conclusion:**

Mr Semple explained the Housing Executive were keen to work with the Council in identifying needs for social and affordable housing and he asked the Council to consider this as part of the preparation of the Area Plan.

Councillor Bailie thanked the representatives from Housing Executive for attending the meeting.

Councillor Carr left the meeting at this point – 6.45 pm.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bailie advised that Councillor Carr had submitted a “perceived declaration of interest” in relation to planning application P/2015/0218/F for the proposed wind-farm at Hilltown and had therefore left the meeting.

**PRESENTATION – ABO WIND  
RE: PLANNING APPLICATION – P/2015/0218/F  
PROPOSED WIND FARM HILLTOWN**

Tamasin Fraser, Head of Development NI, Abo Wind, gave a presentation on the proposed Gruggandoo Wind Farm (**Presentation attached**). She said that Ian Cumming, 26 Extreme, intended to give a short speech supporting the wind-farm and she had also been accompanied by a local landowner who proposed to speak in support of the application.

It was noted that due to allocated time slots being exceeded, Mr Cumming and the local landowner did not address the meeting.

**PRESENTATION – MOURNE AONB AGAINST WIND FARMS  
RE: PLANNING APPLICATION – P/2015/0218/F  
PROPOSED WIND FARM HILLTOWN**

Mr Connaire McGreevy gave a presentation on behalf of Mourne AONB Against Wind Farms and spoke on a number of key points of concern about the proposed wind farm. (**Presentation and key note speech attached**).

**PRESENTATION – HILLTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
RE: PLANNING APPLICATION – P/2015/0218/F  
PROPOSED WIND FARM HILLTOWN**

Mrs Martina Byrne gave a presentation on behalf of Hilltown Community Association and spoke on a number of key points of concern about the proposed wind farm. (**Presentation and key note speech attached**).

## Question and Answer Session

A question and answer session followed during which Members raised the following issues:-

- The Council's Planning Department were saying that this planning application was contrary to a number of planning policies including PPS 2 and PPS 18. Could Abo Wind comment?
- There was a recommendation in the Mourne National Park Report that this area of the Mourne National Park was suitable for renewable energy wind-farms and yet none of the speakers mentioned this.
- Abo Wind to clarify how the community will benefit from the proposed Community Fund; how it will be set up and how it will be delivered.
- Reference to a Council meeting with the Chief Executive of Donegal County Council – clarification on his comments that the rates income from wind-farms made a very substantial contribution to the Council's rates income.
- Reference to opposition to wind-farms on the basis that they are a subsidised form of renewable energy – there is an over reliance on wind farms and there was no saving for the environment in real terms.
- The National Park Report was totally rejected by the Mourne Community.
- If Abo Wind have already been approached by groups regarding the community fund, Councillors should be made aware of who the groups are – this has the potential to set groups in the community against each other.
- Donegal County Council made it clear that they would not allow wind-farms in areas if it would have a detrimental effect on tourism.
- Green energy taxes would be imposed on businesses to pay for wind-farm energy.
- Concern about the impact of any proposed wind-farm on the property value of nearby houses – will they be compensated if house prices fall?
- Are there any other areas in Northern Ireland where large wind-farms have been built in an AONB or designated area?
- Is there any evidence to show how wind-farm developments affect tourism?
- The Abo presentation mentioned supporting 17 local families – is this separate to the Community Investment Fund?
- Has Abo considered providing an upgrade to the rural broadband in the area whilst they would be upgrading cabling etc?
- Are there any examples of wind-farms being dismantled after their 25 year life had expired and would a bio diversity project be carried out to enhance the area after the Company left the site?
- Disappointment that the local community association had indicated their lack of satisfaction at any community engagement.
- Are the "below ground" structures removed after the Company leaves the site and if not, what long term effects might there be on the environment and wildlife?
- Confirmation sought that any electricity generated would enter the NIE grid at the sub-station at Monkshill, Newry and also how the electricity would be supplied to the sub-station i.e. via standard electricity poles and lines or underground cabling?

- How was the criteria for the £500 energy discount worked out and could this criteria be extended to take in more of the community?
- Could the Company give examples of similar installations in Europe where there were positive outcomes; negative experiences and/or both?
- Why does the planning application show the red line boundary running to the Newry side of Warrenpoint?

The following responses were given by Tamasin Fraser, Abo Wind; Connaire McGreevy Mournie AONB Against Wind Farms and Martina Byrne, Hilltown Community Association:-

- Tamasin Fraser – the Banbridge/Newry and Mournie Area Plan refers to a Special Countryside Policy Area designation which would allow a wind-farm site in this area as there is a premise of development if it is of regional significance. This planning application was being determined as an Article 31 application which means that it has to be considered by the DoE as it is regionally significant.
- Tamasin Fraser – PPS18 is the Renewable Energy Policy and there is a presumption in favour of development if there is a social, economic and environmental benefit to the area.
- Martina Byrne– given the short time frame for the delivery of presentations, the Community Group wanted to give a good flavour of all the current issues – they were fully aware of the comment made in the National Park Report.
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo also aware of the National Park Report but it is not a current designation.
- Tamasin Fraser – there are various ways the Community Fund can be delivered – nothing is set in place and this will be something which will be worked through. For example a Committee could be set up in the local area which could receive, assess and disseminate funds. If the Community Group had any particular issues of interest Abo Wind would be more than happy to hear from them.
- Martina Byrne– Hilltown Community Association would like to know more details about the Community Investment Fund – how is it going to be operated; what is the definition of “community” and will it extend beyond the Hilltown area?
- Connaire McGreevy – the issue of a potential fall in the property values of homes in the vicinity of a wind-farm had been mentioned in his keynote speech – case of Julian and Jane Davis, England and email details of this can be sent to Councillors.
- Tamasin Fraser – an article by RACS – they reviewed a number of articles and did not find any conclusive impact on property values – the case referred to by Mr McGreevy involved other specific issues.
- Tamasin Fraser - The ROCs (Renewable Obligations Certificate) was due to end in 2016 in England and soon after in Northern Ireland – wind-farms would not therefore be a subsidised form of renewable energy.
- Tamasin Fraser – There was another wind-farm in County Derry and also in County Tyrone. Wind farms have a finite life time and are only operational for 25 years. After that period all operations stop and all above



ground structures are removed, although normally landowners like to retain the laneways which have been created.

- Connaire McGreevy – A plan for 8 turbines in Tyrone was refused planning permission last year due to the adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area. In Scotland research had shown that wind-farms were putting off tourists and there was research to support this, which he could forward to Members.
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo was very conscious of the impact on tourism and had engaged fully with the Mourne Heritage Trust and also the Council's Tourist Officers. The information pack which she had distributed at the beginning of the meeting gave a flavour of the key views of the site and a full suite of images were available with the planning application.

Councillor Hyland and Councillor K McAteer left the meeting at this point – 7.40 pm.

- Tamasin Fraser – the Community Fund was entirely separate from the support proposed for the 17 local families. The level of the Community Fund was dictated by Ministers in Northern Ireland with a recommended level of £1k-£5k per megawatt. Abo Wind had given a commitment to the upper end of the scale and they were very keen to hear from local organisations on their views as to how this fund could be disseminated (£190k per annum for the 25 year lifetime of the project). They were also keen to engage with the Council to make sure that local people and local projects benefitted.
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo Wind were keen to explore any possibilities for the potential to upgrade broadband in the area. They would also carry out a full assessment by experts on a biodiversity; wildlife and habitat management programme.
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo Wind had agreed to meet with the Community Association on two separate occasions but each of these meetings had been cancelled. A further meeting was scheduled for 22 October 2015. Tonight was the first time she had heard of the Mourne AONB Against Wind Farms Group, but she would be happy to engage with them.
- Tamasin Fraser – the decommissioning aspect of the operation was covered by the environmental statement – generally the Company found that landowners wanted to retain any laneways etc. The process for decommissioning required a full habitat management scheme to be put in place when the life of the wind farm has completed. Underground structures are not removed but are soiled and seeded over.
- Tamasin Fraser - If planning permission is achieved for the wind-farm, electricity generated would be fed into the Sub Station at Monkshill Road, Newry, as directed by NIE. NIE will dictate how the electricity is carried, either by standard poles or underground cabling and NIE will have their own process of negotiations with landowners if this is necessary.
- Martina Byrne– the Community Association had not been successful in engaging with Abo Wind until they were approached by Margaret Ritchie MLA on 1 July 2015. Through her office two meetings were set up but subsequently had to be cancelled. A meeting would now be held on 22 October 2015.

- Martina Byrne– expressed concerns that Abo Wind were a subsidiary group of a Parent Organisation. What would happen to the structures at the end of their lifetime if the Group had insufficient funding to remove them?
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo Wind is a subsidiary of a Company who had a full financial commitment to the project for the lifetime of the project.
- Tamasin Fraser – the 1.5k criteria for homes which would be entitled to an energy discount had been agreed following a public consultation event (to be applied to homes 1.5k from the outer diameter of each site). Abo Wind had written to every household in the area which fell within this category and 95 homeowners had expressed an interest in the scheme.
- Martina Byrne– this scheme had not been made public to the residents of Hilltown. The letters from Abo Wind had been addressed to key residents of the area, some residents who would be living beside the proposed wind turbines had not been included.
- Tamasin Fraser – referred to a wind farm in Derry which had been built in a designated area – it is now listed as a tourist attraction on the Council's website.
- Connaire McGreevy – having visited a wind farm in Scotland it was his view it was quite divisive in the Community – he would try and get more information on this to forward to Councillors.
- Tamasin Fraser – Abo Wind has various wind-farm projects in Germany and specifically in the Bavarian region which is an area of special scenic beauty. She said she would put together some examples and forward these to Councillors.
- Tamasin Fraser – the boundary site marked in red on the application took into account the “haul route” – how to get to the site and any road improvements required and how the Company would get the components to the site.

## **REPORT FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### **RE: DRAFT RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION – P/2015/0218/F**

**Read:** Draft Response from Planning Officers on planning reference P/2015/0218/F - **Proposal:** Construction of a wind farm comprising 12 no. wind turbines (tip height not exceeding 125 metres), and electrical substation and control building, construction of internal access tracks, spoil deposition areas, temporary construction compound, formation of passing bays on Mullaghgariff Road, delivery route improvements at Rostrevor Road, junction improvements at Rostrevor/Mullaghgariff Road and all associated ancillary works. **Site Location:** Lands approximately 650m south west of 40 Mullaghgariff Road, Newry in the townlands of Gruggandoo Grugganskeagh and Mullaghgarve BT34 5LT.

The report recommended that given the information currently on the Planning Portal in relation to this application, the Council Planning

Department would recommend to the Council that this proposal would be contrary to RE 1 of PPS 18, CTY 1 of PPS 21, NH6 of PPS 2, TSM 8 of PPS 16, Policy COU 1 of the Banbridge/ Newry and Mourne Area Plan and possibly depending on whether further information is provided in relation to the latest response from Natural Environmental Divisions comments policies NH 2 and NH 5 of PPS 2. **(Report circulated)**.

Ms J McParland advised the reason DoE Headquarters was dealing with this planning application was that it met the major threshold under The Planning (Development Management) Regulations 2015.

Councillor Hanna left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Councillors O’Gribin, W Clarke and S Burns left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Mr Green, Legal Advisor, confirmed that this was a Major Development prescribed for the purpose of Section 26 (1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and therefore would be determined by the DoE. The Council were Statutory Consultees on this application. He said Members of the Planning Committee could discuss the application and comment on it as long as they retained an open mind and their position did not pre-determine any future renewable energy applications.

A detailed discussion followed on the report during with the Planning Officers advised that the consultation response from the Council had to be submitted by Friday 2 October 2015.

Planning Officers responded to a number of queries raised by Members in terms of information on LCA 72 Slieve Roosley Document, referred to in the Planning Officer’s report and the importance of the Planning Officers giving weight not just to the visual impact on the landscape but also the 5 priorities contained in the Sustainable Development Strategy to promote sustainable energy development.

Mr McKay advised that in dealing with this planning application, Planning Officers had taken account of all relevant policies. He said Northern Ireland was divided into a number of Landscaped Character Areas but the area proposed in this application was sensitive to wind-farm development – if there was a wind-farm it would have quite a damaging visual impact, as the area did not have the capacity to absorb wind farm development. He said in terms of the size of development, this proposal was at the upper end of the scale and would be visible over a wide area.

Councillor Reilly proposed and Councillor O’Muiri seconded that the Council accept the recommendations outlined in the report presented by Planning Officers and recommend this report and recommendations to the Planning Committee as the Council’s corporate response to planning application P/2015/0218/F – proposed wind farm at Hilltown.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows:-  
**(Recorded Vote attached)**

**For:** 11  
**Against:** 1  
**Abstentions:** 9  
**Absent:** 20

**AGREED:** The proposal was declared carried and it was agreed that the Council accept the recommendations outlined in the report presented by Planning Officers and recommend this report and recommendations to the Planning Committee as the Council's corporate response to planning application P/2015/0218/F – proposed wind farm at Hilltown.

During the vote Members indicated the following:-

- Councillor Bailie – voted for the proposal on the basis of the information provided in the Planning Officer's Report.
- Councillor Craig – abstained as he was concerned that as a Member of the Planning Committee it could be perceived that he was taking a position on wind farms generally.
- Councillor Enright – voted against the proposal on the ground of what he believed were errors contained in the Planning Officer's advice.
- Councillor Fitzpatrick – abstained on the basis of the short time in which she had received the information and her lack of understanding of the information.
- Councillor Harte - voted for the proposal on the basis of the information provided in the Planning Officer's Report.
- Councillor Larkin - voted for the proposal on the basis of the information provided in the Planning Officer's Report.
- Councillor Ruane - voted for the proposal on the basis of the information provided in the Planning Officer's Report. He also received clarification that the decision did not exclude Members of the Planning Committee from making decisions on future wind farm planning applications.
- Councillor Stokes – voted for the proposal on the basis of the information provided in the Planning Officer's Report. He was not against wind turbines per se.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

For confirmation at Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairperson**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chief Executive**

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

**DATE: 28.9.2015 VENUE: Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre**

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**MEETING: Special Council Meeting**

**SUBJECT OF VOTE: Councillor Reilly proposed and Councillor O’Muirí seconded that the Council accept the recommendations outlined in the Report presented by Planning Officers and recommend this Report and recommendations to Planning Committee as the Council’s Corporate response to Planning Application P/2015/0218/F – proposed wind farm at Hilltown**

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews				√
N Bailie	√			
P Brown			√	
R Burgess				√
S Burns				√
M Carr				√
C Casey	√			
P Clarke				√
W Clarke				√
G Craig			√	
D Curran				√
L Devlin				√
G Donnelly				√
S Doran				√
S Ennis	√			
C Enright		√		
G Fitzpatrick			√	
G Hanna				√
V Harte	√			
H Harvey				√
T Hearty				√
D Hyland				√
L Kimmins	√			
M Larkin	√			
K Loughran			√	
D McAteer			√	
K McAteer				√
C McGrath				√
H McKee			√	
R Mulgrew	√			
M Murnin			√	
P Ó Gribín				√
B Ó Muirí	√			
B Quinn			√	
H Reilly	√			
M Ruane	√			
G Sharvin				√
G Stokes	√			
D Taylor				√
JJ Tinnelly			√	
B Walker				√
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****NMD/SC/****Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 26 October at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor G Fitzpatrick**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Burns
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Casey
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor L Devlin	Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor S Ennis	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor K McAteer
Councillor C McGrath	Councillor H McKee
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor P O’Gribin
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker	

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance  
 Mr C O’Rourke, Director of Recreation and Technical Services  
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
 Mr J McBride, Change Manager  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer  
 Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr T Frawley, Northern Ireland Ombudsman  
 Ms M Anderson, Deputy Ombudsman

**SC/09/2015****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

As an apology had been submitted by Councillor Bailie, the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Fitzpatrick assumed the Chair.

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Burgess, P Clarke, Murnin, O’Muir, Quinn, Sharvin and Stokes. Apologies were also received from Mr Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities.

**SC/10/2015            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PRESENTATIONS****SC/11/2015            PRESENTATION BY NI COMMISSIONER FOR COMPLAINTS  
ON THE NI LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR COUNCILLORS**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Frawley and Ms Anderson and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Frawley thanked the Chairperson and commended the Chief Executive and Council for taking the opportunity to refresh themselves on the Code of Conduct for Councillors. (A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes).

Mr Frawley provided an overview of the implementation of the Code and advised the DoE Minister has agreed to conduct a review of the Code. He highlighted the key aspects of the Code and when it applies, emphasising it also applies to all communications including social media.

Mr Frawley presented some statistics on the caseload from June 2014 to September 2015 highlighting that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have had 5 complaints received during this period. He advised his office would be launching Alternative Action procedures for 'minor breaches'.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Frawley for his presentation and invited questions from the floor.

Members raised the following questions:

- If a Councillor was suspended for a year, were they still entitled to receive the Councillor's basic allowance?
- Was there a timetable for when the review will take place?
- If a prediction were made by a Councillor on the possibility of something occurring which subsequently then was to occur, would a complain stand? Was this something that the Councillors would be able to contact the office to discuss?
- Have there been any penalties or sanctions put in place on the 3 cases that have been determined?
- Does the Commissioner's office have the power to introduce Alternative Action procedures or was this something which would need to be brought through the Assembly?
- How aware was the general public of the Code of Conduct?

Mr Frawley and Ms Anderson responded to the queries as follows:

- If someone was suspended or excluded they cease to be eligible for allowances.

- There has not been a timetable established for a review as yet.
- A complainant needs to provide evidence of some wrongdoing to prove a breach in the Code, therefore predictions would not normally be grounds for investigation. The Office must remain independent and impartial therefore they wouldn't normally be able to give advice.
- Reassuringly, the 3 cases that have been determined did not show any evidence of breaching the Code therefore there have not been any sanctions or penalties put in place.
- Legislation has been provided for the Commissioner to take any action alternative or additional to adjudication.
- Members of the public were probably not as aware as they should be however it was not the job of the Commissioner's Office to advertise themselves.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**SC/12/2015                      PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN**

**Agreed:**        On the proposal of Councillor D McAteer, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Agreed:**        It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Craig to come out of closed session.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Craig to accept the following recommendations, subject to consultation with Trade Unions and staff:

- The recommended organisational structure provided;
- Authorise Officials to complete and implement the design of organisational structures for remaining tiers; and
- The procurement of external technical assistance and engagement of additional HR resource to assist with implementation.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.50pm



For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 12 October 2015 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom District Council Offices  
Monaghan Row Newry**

**Chairperson:** Councillor D Curran

**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor R Mulgrew

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor G Donnelly

Councillor S Ennis

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor H Harvey

Councillor T Hearty

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor B Quinn

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor G Stokes

**(Non Committee Members)**

Councillor P Clarke

<b>Officials in Attendance:</b>	Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
	Ms M Ward	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
	Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
	Mr M Mohan	Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
	Ms M Boyle	Tourism Development Officer
	Ms E McParland	Democratic Services Manager
	Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/106/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Councillor Curran thanked the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Mulgrew and Councillor D McAteer for chairing the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meetings in his absence.

He extended congratulations to everyone involved in the Annual Famine Commemoration event.

Councillor Mulgrew referred to an event organised at 5pm in Downshire Civic Centre with the Youth Council as part of Local Democracy Week. She said that due to the 5pm attendance of the Youth Council in Downpatrick, they could not attend the ERT Committee Meeting. Additionally she and other Members would have liked to be able to meet with the young people but this was not possible due to the timings and venue.

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee send a letter to the Newry & Mourne Youth Council and the Down Youth Council apologising for the oversight regarding venue details and to advise the groups that the Committee would be happy to facilitate them attending a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

The following apology was received:

- Councillor R Burgess

#### **ERT/107/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received:

#### **ERT/108/2015: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015.

#### **ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS**

#### **ERT/109/2015: FORKHILL REGENERATION PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding a regeneration project for former Military Site at Forkhill. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to approve the following recommendations regarding a regeneration project for the

former Military Site at Forkhill, as contained in Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism: -

Newry Mourne and Down District Council Officials granted approval to:

- (a) Commence discussions with DSD on Licence Agreement
- (b) Work with DARD to drawn down funds.
- (c) Commence appointment of professional team to progress detailed planning application, costings, etc
- (d) Prepare a Report for Council setting out the way forward for the project detailing licence arrangements, costs, timescales, etc when full financial details are known.

**ERT/110/2015:TERMS OF REREFERENCE  
ECONOMIC FORUM**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2014 from Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism recommending approval of the Terms of Reference for the Economic Forum.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the Terms of Reference of the Economic Forum as recommended in Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism

**ERT/111/2015:MOURNE GULLION AND LECALÉ  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained in Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership as follows: -

- (a) Officers proceed to appoint a Consultant to finalise the Rural Development Strategy for submission to DARD based on consultations and research completed by Officers to date.
- (b) Council sign and return SLA to DARD.

**ERT/112/2015: BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT VOTE**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward, Director of Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism recommending Newry, Mourne and Down District Council vote Yes to the Newry bid regarding a Business Improvement District Project.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism that Newry Mourne and Down District Council vote Yes to the Newry Business Improvement District Project.**

**ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION – FOR NOTING****ERT/113/2015: WARRENPOINT PARK HERITAGE LOTTERY REGENERATION PROJECT**

**Read:** Report dated 28 September 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding Round Two Applications to Heritage Lottery Fund. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the recommendations contained in report dated 28 September 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism ie, the Council to submit Round Two Application to Heritage Lottery Fund as per letter of offer from Heritage Lottery Fund, i.e. prior to 16 December 2015.**

**ERT/114/2015: DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT & LEARNING (DEL) RE: FURTHER EDUCATION STRATEGY**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer regarding a response to DEL Consultation on New Further Education Strategy. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the consultation response to Department for Employment and Learning regarding the New Further Education Strategy for Northern Ireland document, subject to amending the tick box response in Question 1 of the Consultation Questions, to indicate 'Agree'.**

**ERT/115/2015: ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Economic Conference to be held on Thursday 29 October 2015. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the contents of Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward regarding the Economic Conference 2015.

**ERT/116/2015: NEWRY LINKAGES REVITALISATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 2015)**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Newry Linkages Revitalisation Steering Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2015. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the following recommendations arising from the Newry Linkages Revitalisation Steering Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2015:

- (a) All traders within the scope area to be invited to final site walk along the Quay before the Action Plan is signed off.
- (b) Issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) form to traders to see how many wish to participate in the Shop-front Scheme and the nature and costs of likely works.
- (c) Arrange a further meeting of the Steering Committee to consider the feedback and sign off the Action Plan before the end of October 2015.

**TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS****ERT/117/2015: TRANSFER OF FOREST ASSETS TO COUNCIL**

**Read:** Report dated 12 October 2015 from Mr G McGivern regarding the transfer of forest assets to Council. (Copy circulated)

Members asked for clarification on issues regarding the cost of the global licence, asking if the Council was currently in negotiations, and would the outcome of these negotiations be reported back to the Council.

They also referred to formal partnerships and bringing on board relevant stakeholders such as the community, ie, forming Community Development Trusts. They also asked if ORNI still had a remit to carry out projects, ie, caravans, camping and log cabins.

Ms Ward explained the global licence would ensure the process for the takeover of parts of the forest would be carried out in a staged manner. She said each item would be prioritised and brought forward to Council on a case by case basis.

With regard to caravans and camping she added this would require the presentation of a business case.

Ms Ward said further preliminary work was required on the potential liabilities of forming Community Development Trusts and the assets involved, and to establish if these Trusts are prepared to take on such liabilities. The reason for creating a formal partnership is to ensure all parties meet and the issues involved are kept high on the agenda.

Ms Ward said ORNI would continue to work with Council under a Service Level Agreement.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained in report from Mr G McGivern dated 12 October 2015 regarding the transfer of forest assets to Council, as follows:

**(a) Council enters into a global licence with the Forestry Service. The Licence will specify only those assets and corresponding infrastructure which are transferring to the Council and for which the Council will assume full responsibility. All other lands, including trails not specified in the global license, will remain the responsibility of the Forestry Service.**

**(b) The Council enters into formal discussions with Forestry Service with a view to mutually agree the terms and conditions for the franchising of caravan and camping facilities at Castlewellan, Tollymore and Rostrevor to external operators.**

**(c) The Council considers the transfer of buildings and related facilities at Castlewellan and Tollymore on case by case basis subject to the outcome of an economic appraisal that demonstrates minimal burden on the rates.**

**(d) The Council establish a formal partnership arrangement with Forest Service NI, National Trust, Community and Private Sector. This may be a sub group of the Strategic Tourism Forum/Economic Forum.**

**(e) As projects are brought forward for Council approval on a case by case basis and, subject to a satisfactory and fully funded business case, the corresponding assets including trails, land and buildings will be added to the global licence and transferred to the Council.**

**AGREED: It was also agreed Council Officials investigate establishing Community Development Trusts.**

**ERT/118/2015: ANNALONG HARBOUR STORMGATE**

Read: Report dated 29 September 2015 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding Annalong Harbour Storm gate project. (Copy circulated)

Members asked for details on the approximate timescale to have the storm gate works at Annalong Harbour completed. Concern was expressed that the storm gate at this location failed twice in the past and questions were asked as to why the insurers were only paying in the region of £46,000 in compensation costs. Reference was also made to the fact the seawall at Annalong Harbour was undermined and it would only be a matter of time before it failed.

Members also referred to the historic significance of Annalong Harbour and Newcastle Harbour and their strong links with the granite industry which contributed to tourism in the area and suggested that the historical features of both harbours should be retained and both harbours should be considered together in any funding bids.

Ms Boyle explained Officials would be exploring all possible avenues of funding for the storm gate project and added markers would be installed into the seawall to measure erosion.

Ms Ward said as the structure of Annalong Harbour was a listed building, Council Officials would be working with the Heritage Lottery Fund and the consultants regarding options to retain the historical features of the Harbour.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed Council Officers proceed to prepare a joint funding bid for funding projects at both Annalong Harbour and Newcastle Harbour.**

**ERT/119/2015: TERMS OF REFERENCE  
RE: STRATEGIC TOURISM INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP**

Read: Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Terms of Reference for the Newry Mourne & Down District Strategic Tourism Industry Advisory Group. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the Terms of Reference for the Newry Mourne & Down District Strategic Tourism Industry Advisory Group as attached in Report dated 12 October 2015 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.**



**ERT/120/2015: CONSUMER PROMOTIONS EVENTS  
(OCTOBER 2015 – MARCH 2016)**

**Read:** Report dated 29 September 2015 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer containing details and costings for forthcoming consumer promotion events to be held between October 2015 and March 2016. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Mulgrew said several Members had previously expressed concern that the Council did not do enough to represent and market itself and the District at shows and events.

She suggested Council Officials attend Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meetings in advance of events and provide Councillors with a brief containing information on the event and how Officers propose to have the Council represented at these events.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed to include the following two forthcoming shows on the agenda for consideration at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 9 November 2015, and relevant Council Officials to prepare a report to be circulated with the agenda, containing information on each event including costs and proposals for having the Council represented should the Council agree to be in attendance at these events:**

- Belfast Holiday World (15 – 17 January 2016)
- Dublin Holiday World (22-24 January 2016)

**ERT/121/2015: FORWARD PLANNING  
RE: SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK**

**Read:** Report dated 30 September 2015 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding forward planning for Slieve Gullion Forest Park. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to proceed as follows regarding forward planning for Slieve Gullion Forest Park as per Report of Slieve Gullion DEA Meeting held on Monday 25 September 2015:**

- (a) A centralised diary system to be put in place so that all partners are aware of organised events.
- (b) Evaluation of area of land currently owned by Forestry that could potentially be used for extra car parking.
- (c) Monthly meetings to be set up between NMDDC, Forestry, Clanyre and Grounded.

**(d) Staffing rota at Slieve Gullion over the 2015 season to be brought back to next monthly meeting.**

**ERT/122/2015:REPORT OF TOURISM STRATEGY TASK AND FINISH  
PROJECT BOARD MEETING  
- WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015**

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**Read:** Report dated 10 October 2015 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding Report of Tourism Strategy Task and Finish Project Board Meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2015. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the following recommendations arising of the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board Meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2015:**

- (a) Details of the master plan noted and comments by Members to be considered and a further draft to be brought back to Council.**
- (b) Contents of Forest Report noted.**
- (c) Events plan for 2016/2017 as agreed, with further details as plans develop to be brought to Council.**

**ERT/123/2015:INLAND WATERWAYS' DRAFT HERITAGE PLAN  
FOR WATERWAYS IRELAND**

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**Read:** Newry Mourne & Down District Council response to Inland Waterways' draft Heritage Plan for Waterways Ireland. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the Council's response to Inland Waterways' draft Heritage Plan for Waterways Ireland.**

**ERT/124/2015:IRISH GLOBAL GEOPARKS ANNUAL SEMINAR  
19 – 21 NOVEMBER 2015**

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**Read:** Email correspondence dated 16 October 2015 containing details on the Irish Global Geoparks Annual Seminar to be held from 19 – 21 November 2015 to be held in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Global Geopark. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above details for the Irish Global Geoparks Annual Seminar November 2015.**

**ERT/125/2015:AOIFE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**26 – 27 FEBRUARY 2016**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 15 October 2015 containing details on the AOIFE Annual Conference to be held from 27 – 27 February 2016 in Ballinasloe. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above details for the AOIFE Annual Conference to be held from 27 – 27 February 2016 in Ballinasloe.**

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

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

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15 October at 3.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

Chairperson:	Councillor R Burgess	
In Attendance:	Councillor P Brown Councillor M Carr Councillor G Craig Councillor G Donnelly Councillor C McGrath Councillor B Quinn Councillor B Walker	Councillor S Burns Councillor W Clarke Councillor Curran Councillor L Kimmins Councillor B Ó'Muirí Councillor M Ruane
Non-Committee Members:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor T Hearty Councillor M Murnin	Councillor H Harvey Councillor H McKee
Officials in Attendance:	Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning & Performance Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory & Technical Services Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance Mrs H McKee, Community Planning Manager Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration and Tourism Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy Mr P Green, Legal Advisor Mr E McManus, Capital Projects Mr J McBride, Change Manager Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager Mr M McQuiston, Senior Planning Officer Ms M Fitzpatrick, Planning Officer Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer	

**SPR/167/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Stokes and Taylor.

**SPR/168/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**SPR/169/2015:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2015.

SPR/151/2015 – Proposal to Purchase Portion of Land at Former Down District Council Site on Strangford Road, Downpatrick for Development of New Down High School.

Mr Curtis advised that negotiations were on-going and a report would be brought back to the November Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

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

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN****SPR/170/2015:- LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – POPULATION AND GROWTH – DATA UPDATE**

Read: Reports from Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager, dated 15 October on the preparatory papers: Population and Growth – Data Update, Population and Growth – Settlement, Hierarchy and Employment and Economic Development

Mr Hay made a presentation on the Local Development Plan (copy presentation attached).

Mr Hay advised that the reports on Population and Growth – Data Update, Population and Growth - Settlement Hierarchy, and on Employment and Economic Development would be presented as part of the on-going programme of work on the Local Development Plan. He advised that the aim of the presentation was to provide Members with an update of the programme's preparatory work in developing the evidence base, an update of the Population and Growth paper following the publication of further 2011 Census data and revised population projections, to outline the Settlement Hierarchy and to provide an overview and key findings of the Employment and Economic Development paper.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- Bessbrook had been included within the development limit for Newry in previous Area Plan (Newry Area Plan 1984-1999) and had then been separated out in the current adopted Area Plan (Banbridge, Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015). Clarification was also given that the 2001 Census referred to Newry/Bessbrook as one settlement but that the 2011 Census referred to them as two separate settlements.
- Warrenpoint and Burren were designated together as one settlement entity with a singular settlement development limit in the adopted Area Plan rather than two separate individual settlements.
- The preparation of the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan was an opportunity to start with a clean slate, although the strategic direction of the Plan would need to take account of the Regional Development Strategy (RDS), in particular the main hubs being the focus of development
- It would be important to look at the existing settlement hierarchy and consider the services, functions and the roles that they played in the wider area.
- The status of some settlements within the settlement hierarchy may change e.g. from village to town and vice versa, as informed by the settlement appraisal work and proposed workshops with Members
- The designation of dispersed rural communities (DRCs) as outlined in PPS21 would be considered. Additional work would be carried out on this topic and Members afforded the opportunity to put forward their views. DRCs had not been included in the existing Area Plans following a review of all the settlements Members would have the opportunity to discuss the settlement appraisals and the settlement hierarchy at the proposed workshops prior to the settlement hierarchy for the District being finalised. . The settlement hierarchy would be used to inform the settlement strategy for accommodating future growth across the District as part of the LDP.
- Officers would look at settlement clustering and whether settlements would be better served by having separate identities or being clustered together within a single development limit. The findings would be discussed with Members as part of the settlement appraisal workshops.
- Under the NISRA classification of settlements a settlement with a population of 5,000 was deemed as urban ie. Newcastle, which was classed as a small town. Anything below this size was classed as rural. In the case of

Newtownhamilton although the population was only 800 it was classified as a town in the adopted Area Plan due to the level of services it contained in serving both its resident population and its large rural hinterland, this would be supported by its initial assessment using the criteria of the RDS Infrastructure Wheel

- Population projections indicated there would be an ageing population in the District over the plan period, and the Development Plan team would work with the Community Planning team to ascertain the land use implications for delivery of required services
- The next set of Housing Growth Indicators had not yet been received, but they would give an indication of how many new houses would be required over the next 15 years.
- The needs of border settlements and the rural hinterlands they serve would be considered and consultation with the authorities in the south of Ireland undertaken
- The zoning of land for economic development was set out in the two existing adopted Area Plans covering the District, but this would be reviewed as part of the LDP process. The distribution of lands for economic development uses across the District would be considered as part of the settlement strategy. The District had a large rural population, with many people self-employed and many microbusinesses and this would be taken into account. Consideration would also be given to the role that some villages and small settlement could play in meeting economic development needs.
- A paper on tourism and the role of the Local Development Plan would be brought to a future Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.
- The Employment and Economic Development paper acknowledged the need for policies that would support rural economic development. Farm diversification and opportunities for business enterprise in rural areas would be further considered as part of the plan process
- Rural proofing the Local Development Plan would be part of the process along with the Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment and would take place as part of the planning process.
- There were 175 hectares of economic development land available in the District, this represented the remaining capacity in the zoned industrial lands as designated in the existing adopted Area Plans. An audit of this remaining capacity of zoned land would be undertaken to assess its

suitability and where sites have not come forward alternatives would be considered

- The allocation and distribution of economic development land in the legacy Area Plans would be reviewed

The Chief Executive outlined the importance of the RDS Infrastructure Wheel in terms of investment at regional level and suggested to Members to consider the importance of the size of settlements in the District regarding bringing in investment.

It was suggested by Councillor Burns that the detail of the Local Development Plan should be discussed at the local DEA Meetings. Mr Hay confirmed that officers were working collaboratively but that there was insufficient data to enable this to be currently considered at the DEA meetings.

**Noted:**        **The following reports were noted:**

- **Population and Growth – Data Update**
- **Population and Growth – Settlement Hierarchy**
- **Employment and Economic Development**

## ESTATE

### **SPR/171/2015        LAND OFFERED TO COUNCIL AT FORMER ABBEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COURTNEY HILL, NEWRY**

**Read:**                Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 7 October 2015 regarding the Land offered to Council at the former Abbey Grammar School, Courtney Hill, Newry

**Noted:**                Mr Curtis advised that fencing required to secure the site would cost an estimated £20,000. However, a meeting would be held with the adjoining land owner to discuss sharing the cost.

**Agreed:**             **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to proceed with the acquisition of land comprising 5.44 acres offered to the Council by the Christian Brothers at the former Abbey Grammar School, Courtney Hill, Newry, as there is an identified need for amenity land in Newry City.**

### **SPR/172/2015        **BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE – HYDRO & HEAT PUMP****

**Read:**                Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 October 2015 on the potential Hydro Turbine and Water Source Heat Pump at Bessbrook Community Centre.



NOTED: That provision of power to nearby houses would be looked at as part of the feasibility study.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the matter be referred to Council's Senior Management Team for consideration of which Option (Option A or Option B) would be most viable.

**SPR/173/2015**      **REQUEST FROM THE QUAYS SHOPPING CENTRE TO USE ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARK AT NEWRY ALBERT BASIN FOR STAFF CAR PARKING FOR 6 WEEKS AT CHRISTMAS 2015**

NOTED: Mr Curtis advised that a request had been received from the Quays Shopping Centre to use St. Christopher's Park, Albert Basin, Newry, for staff car parking for 6 weeks at Christmas 2015 to assist with provision of car parking space whilst the Quays Shopping Centre went through phase 5 of its development scheme.

NOTED: Mr Curtis said the land would be leased subject to valuation. He added that any additional items such as legal costs and lighting would be at nil cost to Council, with the lessee meeting the costs.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that the request from the Quays Shopping Centre to use St. Christopher's Park at the Albert Basin for staff car parking for 6 weeks at Christmas 2015, be acceded to subject to valuation, and to other associated costs involved in the arrangement being met by the lessee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**SPR/174/2015**      **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY 2015/2016**

**Read:** Report from Miss V Keegan, Marketing Manager, dated 15 October 2015, on the Marketing and Communications Strategy 2015/16

NOTED: Miss Keegan explained that during this period of change, it was important to strengthen communications regarding service delivery. The Strategy set out a framework for how the service would be delivered. The Strategy also had an action plan for the interim period which would be reviewed on an annual basis and performance assessed against targets in the Strategy.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Donnelly, that the Marketing and Communications Strategy 2015/16, be approved.

**SPR/175/2015**      **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UNIT – QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Miss V Keegan, Marketing Manager, dated 15 October 2015, on the Marketing and Communications Unit – Quarterly Report – July to September 2015.

**Noted:**            **The contents of the report were noted.**

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

**SPR/176/2015**      **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, dated 7 October 2015, regarding the Treasury Management Contract

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to give retrospective approval for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to join a Tender for Treasury Management to be led by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council.**

**SPR/177/2015**      **CAPITAL SPEND REPORT FOR 5 MONTHS TO 31 AUGUST AND 7 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, Capital Spend Report from 1 April 2015 to 31 August 2015 and 7 months Projected to 31 March 2016.

**NOTED:**            Mr Dowey advised Members they would be updated on Capital Spend on a quarterly basis.

**Noted:**            **The contents of the report were noted.**

**SPR/178/2015**      **INSURANCE REPORT FOR 6 MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, Insurance Report for 6 months to 30 September 2015.

**NOTED:** Mr Dowey advised Members they would be updated on Insurance Reports on a quarterly basis.

**Noted:** **The contents of the report were noted.**

**SPR/179/2015** **NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE REPORT YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2015 (3 MONTHS)**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, Net Revenue Expenditure Report Year to 30 June 2015 (3 months).

**Noted:** **The contents of the report were noted.**

**SPR/180/2015** **PAYROLL SPEND REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2015 (3 MONTHS)**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, Payroll Spend Report to 30 June 2015 (3 months)

**NOTED:** Mr Dowey advised that the redundancy payments had been capitalised and would be repaid over a 3 year period.

**Noted:** **The contents of the report were noted.**

**SPR/181/2015** **IT EQUIPMENT STORAGE DEVICES**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance dated 7 October 2015 regarding IT Equipment Storage Devices.

**NOTED:** Members expressed concerns that retrospective approval was being sought for the IT equipment storage devices.

Mr Dowey advised that the servers had run out of space and there was an urgent need for additional storage.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Quinn, to give retrospective approval to spend £18,888 to appoint Capita to supply, install and configure additional computer storage.**

**SPR/182/2015** **STAFF RECOGNITION EVENT – DECEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance regarding Staff Recognition Event – December 2015

**NOTED:** Mr Dowey advised that this request was brought under Section 37 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2011, regarding spend that the Council could not routinely undertake.

**NOTED:** Mr Dowey advised that the reasons for the Staff Recognition Event were:

- To help build morale within the workforce.
- An opportunity for staff to get to know one another.
- An opportunity for disseminating information in an informal setting and progress to date in recognition and celebration of a year of achievement for reorganisation, Irish Open, Famine Commemoration, etc.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to give £5,000 under Section 37 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2011 for Council to host a staff recognition event in December 2015 .

**SPR/183/2015** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 AND REPORT ON RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS FOR DRAFT LEGISLATION ON THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES: EQUALITY AND REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer regarding the Department of Justice (DOJ), Criminal Law Branch: Report on Responses, Proposals for Draft legislation on the collection and enforcement of financial penalties: Equality and Regulatory impact assessments, September 2015.

**Noted:** The contents of the report were noted.

**SPR/184/2015** **CAR LOANS**

**Read:** Report from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Human Resources), presented by the Head of Finance regarding Loans to Officers for Purchase of Motor Vehicles

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

1. That Newry, Mourne and Down District Council adopts the provision in Section 41B of the Local Government Act to allow it to make loans to officers in accordance with the specified conditions.
2. That condition 1 on the previously circulated 'Schedule' for which a loan may be made to an officer for the purchase of a motor vehicle is determined by management where it is satisfied that it is essential for officers to use their private vehicles in carrying out official duties.

**SPR/185/2015      CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF NILGA**

**Read:**                **Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager, regarding Consultation Response to an Independent Review of NILGA**

**NOTED:**            Councillor Burns referred to the importance of the NI Partnership Panel, in sending a corporate voice to the Executive, which was not currently happening and should be included in the response.

The Mr Hannaway said it was generally recognised that the Partnership Panel had been set up too early, but that engagement would begin to happen soon as the new arrangement for Local Government became established.

Mr McBride undertook to submit a strategic response in relation to Members' comments.

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Burns that the issues raised within the report be submitted as the Council's formal response to an independent review of NILGA.**

**SPR/186/2015      VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITY BETWEEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Read:**                **Report from Mr K Scullion, Facilities Manager, regarding Video Conferencing between Council Chambers**

**NOTED:**            Mr O'Rourke said this video conferencing facility would reduce travel costs and enable Council and Committee meetings, and general business continuity during inclement weather.

In response to concerns from Members, the Chief Executive said the initiative had been discussed at Party Representatives Forum and that a Council meeting would only take place by video conference in exceptional circumstances and he referred to the Standing Orders from the Highland Councils which specified in what circumstances this could happen.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Donnelly, that officers draw up specification for the implementation of a facility which would allow Council meetings to be held using a video conference facility with Members and Officers located at Council Chamber, Downpatrick and Council Chamber, Newry and that external consultancy support be engaged to develop the specification on the basis of approximately 6 days support at £350 per day.

## EQUALITY

**SPR/187/2015**      **SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer dated 15 October 2015, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period July – September 2015.

**Noted:** The contents of the report were noted.

**SPR/188/2015**      **EQUALITY COMMISSION ADVICE ON GOOD RELATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer dated 15 October 2015, regarding the Equality Commission advice on Good Relations for Local Councils

**Noted:** The contents of the report were noted.

**SPR/189/2015**      **2016 DECADE OF CENTENARIES GRANT PROGRAMME**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer dated 15 October 2015, regarding the Decade of Centenaries Grant Programme - 2015

**NOTED:** Mr Moffett advised that £20,000 had been set aside in the 2015/16 rates for this programme. An additional £20,000 was now being sought in the 2016/17 budget to establish a total of £40,000 for the

programme. The maximum any organisation or group could apply for would be £3,000. The scheme would open on 16 November and close on the 4 December 2015.

**NOTED:** Mr Moffett advised that officers had met to discuss the programme of events. Nothing had been set aside yet regarding directly run Council activities.

Mr Hannaway advised that this programme had been developed through the Good Relations political forum. He suggested the Parties may wish to run a Council event.

Members requested that consideration be given to ensure the programme was shared across the entire District as some smaller towns who did not have established groups had missed out on funding in the past. Mr Moffett explained that work was being undertaken regarding capacity building for groups and organisations, which would help them in the application process.

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

- **That an additional £20,000 be allocated within the 2016/17 budget to establish a total budget of £40,000 for a Decade of Centenaries Grant Programme – 2016.**
- **That the call for applications to the Decade of Centenaries Grant Programme 2016 proceed.**

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

**SPR/190/2015      COMMUNITY PLANNING AND THE ARTS – AN ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND SYMPOSIUM**

**Read:** **Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, regarding Community Planning and the Arts – How the Arts can help Councils deliver successful Community Plans**

**Noted:** Mr Hannaway advised that 6 spaces had been provisionally reserved for 4 Councillors and 2 Officers.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed that an email would be sent to Party Representatives requesting their nominations to the Symposium on 21 October 2015.**

**VERIFICATION****SPR/191/2015****SISTER CITY/TWINNING REPORT**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 October 2015, regarding Sister City/Twinning

**NOTED:** Mr Curtis advised Members of the request from Gronzy, Russia, to twin with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

**NOTED:** In response to requests from Members, the following Sister City/Twinning projects would undergo further investigation:

- New Ross, Ireland
- South Dakota
- Western Isles, Scotland

Councillor Burns suggested a partnership policy could be developed.

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

1. The following 4 Sister Cities/Twinning projects are adopted for the 2015-2019 period:
  - a) Bezons (France) formal structure agreed
  - b) Listowel (Ireland) have formal structure agreed
  - c) Kirovsk (Russia) have formal structure agreed
  - d) Southern Pines (USA) have formal structure agreed
2. The projects above will be evaluated annually and will be tabled at Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee in the future.
3. The projects of New Ross, South Dakota and the Western Isles of Scotland undergo further investigation regarding twinning.
4. The request from Gronzy, Russia, to twin with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, is further investigated.

**SPR/192/2015****SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR OFFICERS**



**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 October 2015, regarding Scheme of Delegation.

**Noted:** Report dated 15 October 2015 from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, on decisions taken under delegated authority.

**SPR/193/2015**      **REPORT ON EUROCITIES**

**Noted:** Mr Curtis advised that a presentation would be made by Laura Leonard, EU and International Relations Manager, Belfast City Council on Eurocities at the November Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

**SPR/194/2015**      **TENDER FOR THE ADVERTISING OF PLANNING APPLICATION NOTICES**

**Read:** Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager dated 15 October 2015, regarding the tender for the advertising of Planning Application Notices

**Noted:** Mr McBride advised that a protocol would be brought back to the November Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting for consideration.

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

**SPR/195/2015**      **RELEASE OF CHARGE- MAYOBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance and Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration), dated 1 October 2015 regarding Release of Charge – Mayobridge Community Association

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

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

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Burns:

**That Council agrees to Release the Charge registered on 2 May 2000 by the Council as a burden on the land comprised in Folio DN 46560L County Down owned by Mayobridge Community Association.**

The meeting concluded at 5.31pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

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

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

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2015

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 19 October 2015 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room,  
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor L Kimmins

**In attendance:** (Councillors)

Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor B Ó'Muiri
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker	

**Non-Committee Members:** Councillor JJ Tinnelly

**Officials in attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing)  
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)  
Mr D Brannigan, Community Relations and Development Officer  
Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager  
Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager  
Ms K Morrow, Good Relations Officer  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/68/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Burns, Carr and Devlin. An apology was also received from Mr M Lipsett whose daughter was unwell and the Committee agreed to send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**AHC/69/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/70/2015:      ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:**            Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2015. (Copy circulated).

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**AHC/71/2015:      CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

The Chairperson welcomed Rosemary McDonald and Freya Thompson and invited them to make their presentation to the Committee.

Ms Thompson thanked the Chairperson for their invitation to attend the meeting to highlight the work undertaken by Citizen's Advice Bureau during their merger between Down and Newry offices. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

The Chairperson congratulated Ms McDonald and Ms Thompson for the extremely helpful service provided and thanked them for their presentation. She invited questions from the floor.

Members asked the following questions:

- How will the locations for the proposed outreach clinics be determined?
- What methods are being investigated to recruit more staff?
- Are there any plans to relocate the Downpatrick office which is not in the most convenient of locations?
- When will the evening services be organised?

The representatives responded to the queries as follows:

- Ideally everyone would like an outreach clinic in their area however currently the areas being looked at are Newcastle, Kilkeel etc. However the Bureau is also open for suggestions and if Members feel there is a need to locate one in their area they should contact the Bureau.
- A recruitment drive is ongoing currently and the Bureau is linking with colleges and Queen's University for law graduates.
- The Downpatrick Office has a lease until the end of next year however the Bureau is actively seeking to relocate to more suitable premises with parking etc.
- There will be weekly evening meetings and monthly outreach meetings both in Downpatrick and in Newry.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting.

**AHC/72/2015**      **OUTCOME OF THE FACILITIES STRATEGY  
CONSULTATION BY PHILLIP BAREFOOT**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Phillip Barefoot and invited him to make his presentation to the Committee.

Mr Barefoot thanked the Chairperson for their invitation to attend the meeting stating the purpose of the facilities strategy was to provide a framework for the prioritisation and development of facilities and to look at prioritise investment by a range of investors in sports facility provision. (A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes).

The Chairperson thanked Mr Barefoot and invited questions from the floor.

Members asked the following questions:

- Have the Department or SportsNI put any investment into the facilities strategy?
- How much would Council need to set aside for this strategy?
- Have schools been receptive to working with community groups for the provision of facilities?
- What is the timescale for development of the strategy?

Mr Barefoot responded to the queries as follows:

- The strategy is an action plan with short/medium and long term goals. Capacity building is required for clubs and community groups to access their own funding. The strategy will be a living document which will need reviewed and monitored on an ongoing basis.
- Schools have generally been receptive and those without facilities would like some and are very willing to open them up to the community.
- The report would be finalised within a few weeks with a draft available by the end of November.

Councillor Enright suggested that information on the possibility of clubs becoming sites for renewable energy projects be investigated.

Councillor Taylor advised recent work carried out at Derrybeg Boxing Club was not of a suitable standard and asked that this be investigated.

Councillor Taylor proposed that the Committee endorse the work undertaken on the Facilities Strategy. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Committee endorse the work undertaken on the Facilities Strategy Consultation.**

**AHC/73/2015**      **UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST**

Read: Capital Programme Monthly Report to Senior Management Team (copy circulated)

Mr Moore presented the report to the Committee advising there were some projects within the Down area which were still to be added to the list. He advised those projects in red would be kept on the list to be completed someday; the yellow would be completed if funding became available and those in green should be completed.

Members discussed the issue at length asking why certain projects were coloured in green-to be completed.

The Chief Executive advised the projects on the list were what the Active and Healthy Communities Department considered to be part of their programme, with the green areas being most likely to come forward to the rates estimates meetings for consideration. He stated however that not all may materialise as these were decisions that needed to be taken as part of the rates setting process.

Councillor Enright stated a wind turbine should be placed at Drumanakelly Landfill Site which would generate funding for itself and this should be prioritised as a must do project. The Chief Executive advised he would respond to the Councillor on this matter.

**Noted: The update on the Capital Projects list was noted.**

## **LEISURE AND SPORTS**

### **AHC/74/2015 OPTIONS FOR EXTENDING OPENING HOURS AT NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 19 October 2015 from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the options for extending opening hours at Newry Leisure Centre. (Copy circulated)

Mr Moore advised this report had been asked for at the September 2015 Council Meeting and it outlined options for Members to consider for the extension of opening hours at Newry Leisure Centre. The recommendation was to accept option 4 which allowed for use of the centre up to 8.30pm (shift ends 9pm) on a Saturday evening for Council's swimming lessons and club usage (relocated from Sunday morning) without any additional public recreational swimming; and use of the centre from 10am-1pm on a Sunday for Council's swimming lessons and private lane hire without any public recreational swimming.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to approve the implementation of option 4.**

### **AHC/75/2015 DEFIBRILLATOR PROVISION**

Read: Report dated 19 October 2015 from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the provision of Defibrillators within the District. (Copy circulated)

Mr Moore advised the report investigated and highlighted the increase of defibrillators in public buildings and on Council owned grounds, and ensured that all defibrillators were registered with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.

He advised the report recommended the suggested actions to be taken:

1. Increasing the provision of AEDs by 11 at Council Buildings at an estimated cost of £11,000 to be considered as part of the 2016/17 rates estimates process.
2. Notify NIAS and other relevant bodies as to the locations of current and future AEDs.
3. Undertake review with leagues and clubs and assist them with AED provisions i.e. help sourcing of funding from other bodies.
4. Explore provision of two additional AEDs for the Derryleckagh and Newcastle complexes at an estimated cost of £2,000 to be considered as part of the 2016/17 rates estimates process. This is subject to agreement/acceptance with user groups and outcome of point 3 above.
5. Plot AEDs on map and consult with NIAS (and other bodies i.e. DHSSPS) on AED coverage prior to considering additional needs at other facilities i.e. leisure facilities and HRCs.
6. Approval of Community led AED provision where costs are nominal to the Council where requests comply with the principles detailed in Appendix 3.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the recommendations above and bring the provision of AEDs at a cost of £11,000 to the rates process, subject to identification of where the gaps existed across the District.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the recommendations above and bring the provision of AEDs at a cost of £11,000 to the rates process, subject to identification of where the gaps existed across the District.**

**AHC/76/2015 REQUEST FROM VALLEY RANGERS FC/BALLINRAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2015 from Mr P Brannigan, Estates Officer regarding a request from Valley Rangers FC/Ballinran Community Association for Additional Funding for a ballstop fence and to extend the vehicular access to provide additional car parking. (Copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised a request had been received for an additional £6,138.50 funding for ballstop fence and to extend vehicular access to provide

additional car parking. He stated Council had already providing funding of £246,450 to the scheme and recommended the group should fund the additional requirements through their own fundraising activities.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor O'Muirí that the group should fund the additional requirements through their own fundraising activities, as opposed to the Council meeting this cost.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **AHC/77/2015 ELECTED MEMBER STUDY VISIT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 October 2015, from Ms K Morrow, Good Relations Officer and Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager regarding Elected Members' Study Visit (Copy circulated)

Ms Burns advised the study visit was funded under the Shared Communities Theme of the Council's approved Good Relations Action Plan and it introduced Elected Members to each of the seven DEAS within the new Council boundary. She stated the programme was funded 75% by OFMDFM and 25% by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council through the Council's approved Good Relations Action Plan 2015-16.

**Noted:** The report was noted.

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

### **AHC/78/2015 LIVE HERE, LOVE HERE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS**

**Read:** Report dated 19 October 2015 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Live Here, Love Here Request for funding for the next 3 years (copy circulated)

Mr Devlin advised the Live Here, Love Here campaign helped to fund a regional promotional and advertising campaign in relation to Civic Pride and recommended that the request for funding be submitted as part of the Rates estimates process.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran to allow the request for funding for the next 3 years for the Live Here, Love Here campaign to be submitted as part of the Rates estimates process.

### **AHC/79/2015 HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION REPORT**



**Read:** Report dated 19 October 2015 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (copy circulated)

Mr Devlin advised a response to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Bill had been prepared by the department in consultation with the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group and this response had been circulated as part of the report.

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

**AHC/80/2015**      **GO ULTRA LOW PROPOSAL: EV ANGEL PROJECT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 October 2015 from Ms S McEldowney regarding Go Ultra Low Proposal: EV Angel Project (copy circulated)

Mr Devlin advised the proposed EV Angel Project was being led by DRD with the aim of increasing the uptake of ultra low emission vehicles, improve air quality and developing the region as an exemplar region for innovation in electric vehicle usage. He recommended that the Committee endorse support 'in principle'.

**Agreed:** **The report was noted and it was unanimously agreed to support the EV Angel Project in principle.**

**AHC/81/2015**      **REPORT ON THE CYCLE TO WORK SCHEME AND THE COUNCIL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS SCHEME**

**Read:** Report dated 19 October 2015 from Ms S McEldowney regarding the Cycle to Work Scheme and the Council's Involvement in this Scheme (copy circulated)

Councillor Enright proposed that Council progress with the Cycle to Work Scheme. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Doran that Council progress with the Cycle to Work Scheme.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**AHC/82/2015**      **LETTER FROM WARD ERWIN – SOCIAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE**

**Read:** Letter dated 23 September 2015 from Ward Erwin regarding Social Housing Enterprise Strategy – Expression of Interest (copy circulated)

**Noted:** **The correspondence was noted.**

**AHC/83/2015      LETTER FROM ST PATRICK'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,  
DOWNPATRICK**

Read:            Letter dated 1 October 2015 from St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick regarding Council's Support for Environmental Initiative. (copy circulated)

In response to a query from Councillor Enright, Mr Devlin confirmed that an Awards Ceremony would take place in connect with the Down Your Street initiative.

**Noted:            The correspondence was noted.**

**AHC/83/2015      NIEA LETTER CARRIVEMACLONE AREA OF SPECIAL  
SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**

Read:            Letter dated 2 October 2015 from NIEA regarding Carrivemaclone Area of Special Scientific Interest (copy circulated)

**Noted:            The correspondence was noted.**

**MINUTES FOR NOTING****AHC/84/2015      MINUTES FROM INAUGURAL PCSP MEETING HELD ON 29  
AUGUST 2015**

Read:            Minutes of Inaugural PCSP Meeting held on 29 August 2015 (copy circulated)

Councillor Sharvin asked if a response had been received regarding the letters sent about the 50% cut in budgets.

PCSP Manager, Ms Hillen advised a response had been received and had gone through Council and PCSP Managers had been told to have projects ready to begin in case funding became available.

**Noted:            The minutes were noted.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.40pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

Signed:            Councillor L Kimmins  
                         Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

# CAB MERGER - WHERE WE'RE AT

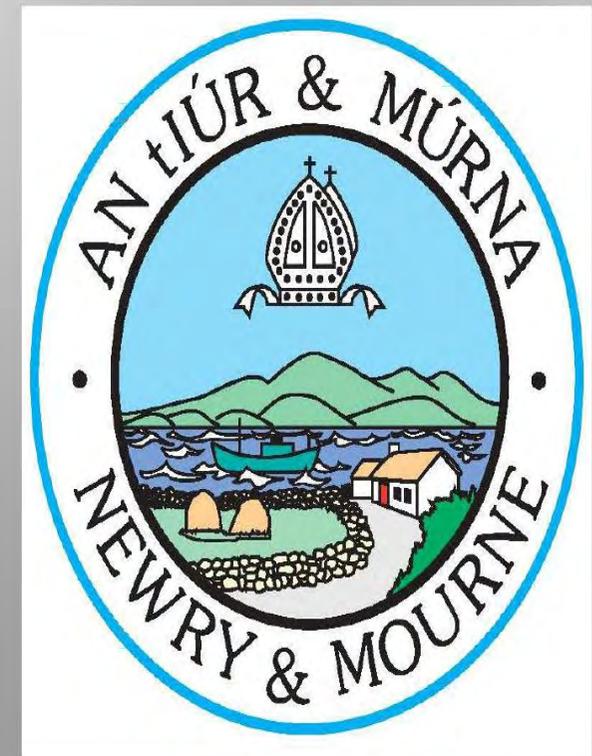
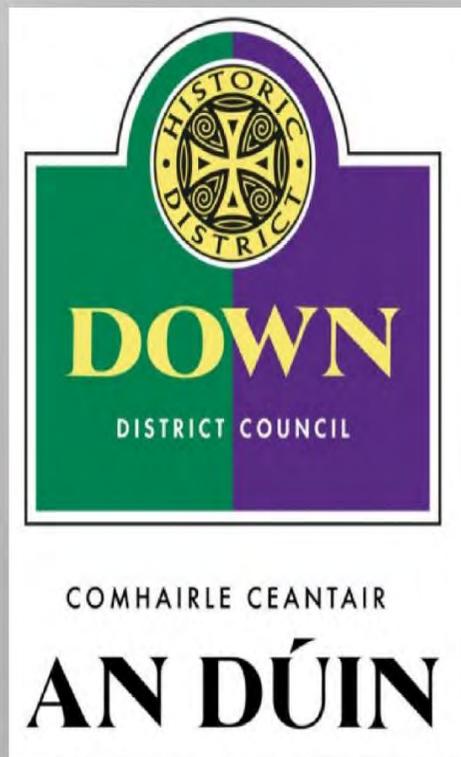
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AND

NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU



THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO SEPARATE BUREAUX,  
ONE IN EACH OF THE OLD COUNCIL AREAS



# OUR COUNCILS MERGED IN APRIL 2015 – THE CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES MEANS A CHANGE IN WHERE WE DELIVER OUR VITAL SERVICE



NEW NAME  
NEW LOGO  
SAME VITAL SERVICE FOR ALL



# A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED IN 2014 FACILITATED BY PHILIP RANKIN – COMMUNITY CHANGE



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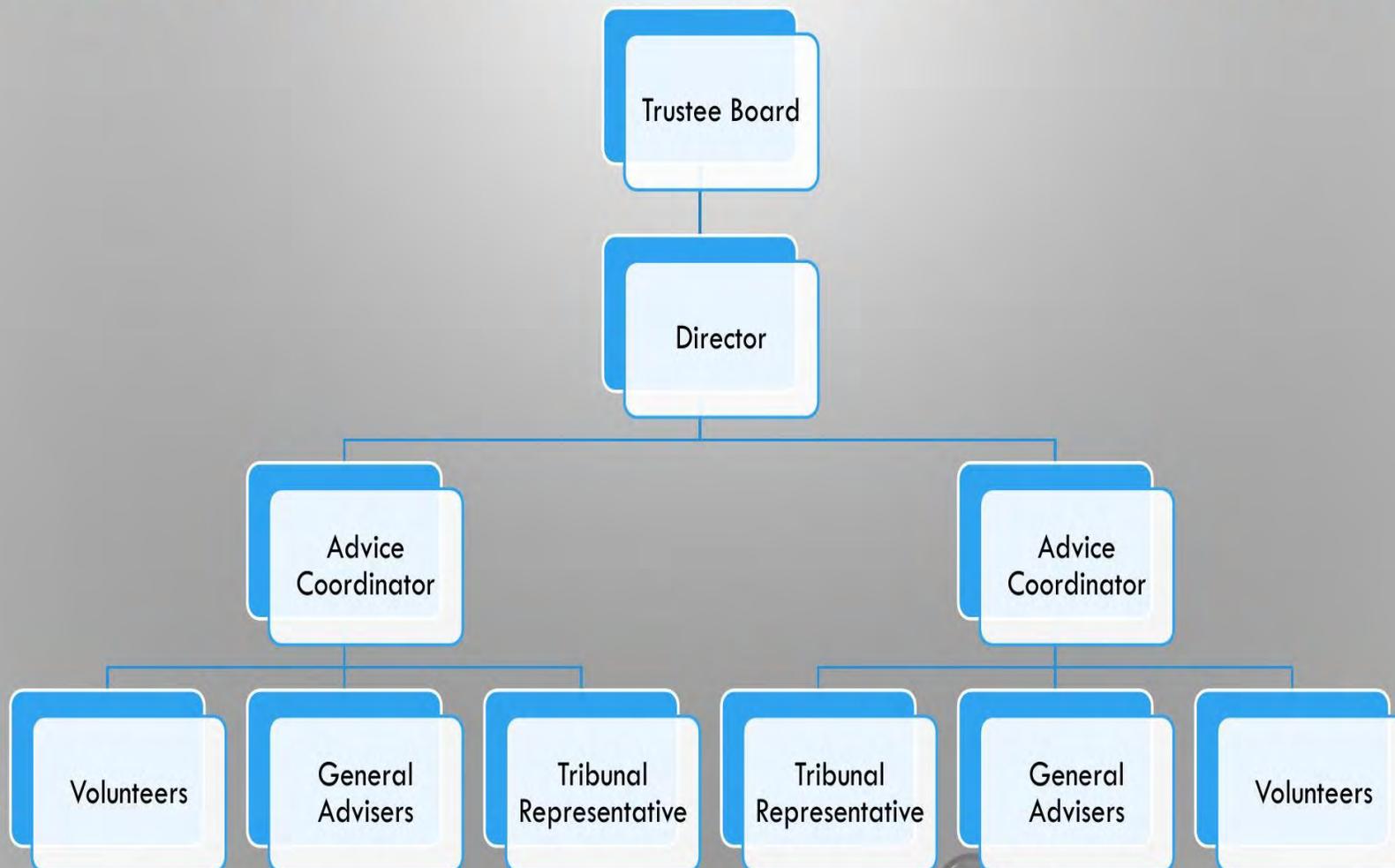
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# ORGANISATIONAL CHART CITIZENS ADVICE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN



# CITIZENS ADVICE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN PLANNED METHODS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

- ONE TELEPHONE NUMBER – 03 NUMBER, COUNTS AS PART OF INCLUSIVE MINUTES
- MULTIPLE DIGITAL CHANNEL DELIVERY - IN BUREAU, ONLINE, MOBILE, PHONE AND EMAIL
- OUTREACH SERVICES – IDENTIFY AND TARGET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND AREAS
- AN EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS – MAKING OUR SERVICE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL
- NEW BRANDING – FOLLOWING COUNCIL MERGER AND CITIZENS ADVICE REBRAND

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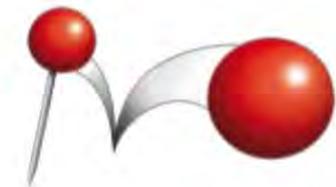
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# NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN NATIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY LOCAL SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY

*OCTOBER 2015*



# SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY PROJECT

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## BACKGROUND:

- Strategic approach to facility development needed
- Sport NI in partnership with Councils will deliver:
  - Sports Facilities Strategy for Northern Ireland
  - 11 District Council Area Reports
- Contract started October 2014
- Project funded 50% by District Councils and 50% by Sport NI



# PURPOSE & TIMESCALES

## PURPOSE

- Framework for the prioritisation & development of facilities
- Look to prioritise investment by a range of investors in sports facility provision

## TIMESCALES

- Strategy and Reports will be delivered in two phases:
- **Phase 1: The Facilities Strategy for Northern Ireland:**
  - completed by August 2015; 2<sup>nd</sup> draft with SNI
- **Phase 2: The 11 associated District Council Area Reports:**
  - completed by October 2015 – maps still being produced and structure of reports being agreed





- 3 Pillars
  - Participation
  - Performance
  - Places
- 26 High Level Targets
- 11 Participation Targets
- 6 Places Targets
- Recently Reviewed By DCAL (2015)



# WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY & REPORTS LOOK LIKE

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**Sport Northern Ireland - Facilities Strategy** will identify the strategic need for:

- Sports facilities of Northern Ireland wide significance;
- Sports facilities that are of cultural importance;
- High performance training and competition sports facilities;
- Local sport facility needs (i.e. District Council areas)





# WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY & REPORTS LOOK LIKE

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## District Council Area Reports will:

- Flow out of the NI wide Sports Facilities Strategy
- Be consistent in structure:
  - Introduction and Background
  - Purpose and Methodology
  - Overall Picture of Facility provision – highlight facility need,
  - Identify geographical areas that need investment
  - What type of facility could meet the needs
  - Multi sports hubs where do these fit
  - Other facility themes – what is needed and where, what support is required?
  - Next steps – include recommendations and policy recommendations emerging from the strategy.



# CONSULTATION

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- 7 consultation meetings:
  - 120 clubs- GAA, soccer, rugby, hockey, gymnastics, trampolining Basketball, disability sports, swimming, shooting, bowls, athletics, handball, tennis, rowing, boxing, water sports, walking, climbing, kick boxing, netball, wheelchair rugby, golf and angling.
  - 17 community Associations
  - 4 schools (since the consultation other schools have come Forward)
  - 19 others including - Chief Executive, Newry Mourne and Down, 6 Councillors Newry Mourne and Down and 3 MLA.
  - 228 attendees overall



# KEY ISSUES EMERGING FROM THE WORK TO DATE

- Sport facility hierarchy – town and rural areas.
- Access to education-based facilities - some times difficult
- Poor pitch quality (grass pitches) soccer, rugby, GAA – Hockey (shale pitches)
- Changing rooms (outdoor) poor quality
- Need to improve tennis facilities
- Need for accessible athletics facilities
- Not always new build, consider refurbishment
- Need for Guidance, capacity building and funding guidance
- Improved/different partnerships
- Links to public health and community planning – Strategy has to link with Community Plan.



## NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

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**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October at 6.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**In Attendance:**

Councillor C Casey	Councillor S Ennis
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor V Harte	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor H McKee
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor Ó Gribin
Councillor H Reilly	

**Non Committee Members (all Councillors were invited to attend for discussion on item 7)**

Councillor B Walker                      Councillor B Quinn

**Officials in Attendance**

- Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
- Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
- Mr A McKay, Area Planning Manager
- Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities, Management and Maintenance
- Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
- Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management
- Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
- Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**RTS/102/2015:      APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Sharvin and Councillor Doran.

Councillor Andrews expressed his deepest sympathy to the family of Chris Rice who had been tragically killed in a road accident.

**It was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Chris Rice.**

Councillor Andrews said he had attended a Ceremony at the Guild Hall, Derry on Tuesday 20 October 2015 hosted by the Northern Ireland Amenity Council and was delighted to inform Members that Newcastle had won the Runner Up Award in the 2015 Best Kept Small Town

Category. He congratulated staff who were involved in maintaining Newcastle to such a high standard and asked that the Chief Executive investigate if the £150 cheque which was presented as part of the Award could be used as a contribution towards an event for the grounds maintenance staff.

**It was agreed the Chief Executive investigate this request and report back to Councillor Andrews.**

Councillor Andrews said the Council had received 8 complimentary tickets (2 of which were sent to the Chair of council or her delegated nominee, 2 of which were sent to the CEO or his delegated nominee and the remaining 4 were issued to facilitate attendance by groups who are actively participating in the competition, i.e. "Men's Shed, Downpatrick") to attend the "IPB Pride of Place Competition in association with Co-Operation Ireland" Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday 14 November 2015 in Ennis Co. Clare.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Hanna, that the Council meet accommodation costs, in the sum of €492, to facilitate the attendance of:**

- **Councillor N Bailie, Chairperson of Council (x 2)**
- **Mr C O'Rourke, Director (x 2)**
- **4 representatives from Mens Shed (x 2)**

at IPB Pride of Place Competition Awards Ceremony

**RTS/103/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted there were no declarations of interest.

**RTS/104/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2015. **(Circulated)**

**Agreed:** **The Action Sheet was noted.**

**RTS/105/2015: REPORT ON COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**Read:** Bi-Annual Report on Council's Scheme of Delegation. **(Circulated)**. The report detailed the following decisions which were taken by the RTS Department under Category 6 of the Scheme of Delegation:-

- Replacement of picnic tables at the amenity site in Dundrum.
- Building Control:-

– **road naming** – Saul Meadows; Herons Close; Tudor Court; Bucks Loanin; Carrickbracken Close; Glack Road; Upper Ballinran Road; Woodlands, Newry; request for dual-language street nameplate – Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge;

- **alignment of Marriage Licensing Fees**

Type of License	Application Fee (Non refundable)	License Fee (Including Application Fee)
3 Year Place for Civil Marriages/Civil Partnerships (per application)	£75	£300
Administration Fee when a venue is applying for approval for both Marriage and Civil Partnerships at the same time.	£50	£50
Temporary Place Approval for Civil Marriage/Civil Partnerships	£75	£155

- **Relaxation of Building (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**; enforcement of unauthorised works at Shop Fit Out, Camlough Road, Newry (the Council’s Solicitor to initiate legal proceedings against the applicant of the above application for their failure to comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012).
  - List of entertainment licences and petroleum/street trading licences recommended for approval in accordance with delegated authority.

**Agreed:** It was agreed at the request of Councillor Casey that in future the **Scheme of Delegation Report should give a full history of the Entertainment Licences which have been approved under delegated authority and that the list presented to the meeting should be represented next month, with the details included.**

**Noted:** A discussion took place on the spelling of townland names on road name signs during which Councillor O’Gribin advised that the correct spelling of the townland, as used by locals and based on historical evidence, was “Gargory” rather than “Gargarry” which was mentioned in the report under an item relating to the road naming of Bucks Loanin. He said each case should be considered on its own merits and where there was clear historical evidence that the spelling of a townland name was different to that in the 1902 maps, then consideration should be given to using that spelling.

A number of other Councillors also mentioned the names of townlands where there were different spellings of the name.

Mr Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations advised that the Council had previously made a decision to go by the wording on the 1902 Ordnance Survey maps and this information had been fed through to Pointer Systems and to the Emergency Services and Statutory Agencies.

**Agreed:** **At the conclusion of the debate it was agreed that Officers consider all the points made at the meeting in relation to the spelling of townland names, and bring a report to the November Regulatory and Technical Services Meeting.**

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### **RTS/106/2015: arc21 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr Ricky Burnett, Policy and Operations Director, arc21 then gave an update on the proposed arc21 residual waste treatment project and specifically the progress in relation to the planning application for the infrastructure at Hightown Quarry. He said arc21 wanted to build the facility to deal with black bin waste from the six super Council areas and at the same time the project would promote economic growth and development and would provide a secure energy supply.

Mr Burnett said the six super Councils had approved the project; over 30 consultees had raised no objections and the Planners had submitted a Management Report to the Minister recommending approval. However the Minister had issued a Notice of Opinion to refuse planning permission.

Mr Burnett said arc21 had sought legal advice from Senior Counsel and at a recent Joint Committee Meeting, attended by representatives from the 6 constituent Councils, a decision had been made to request that the Department of the Environment refer the planning notification to the Planning Appeals Commission for consideration. He said it would be 4/5 months before any significant activity would take place on behalf of the PAC with a Commissioner being appointed. It would be at the discretion of the Commissioner as to how the hearing would be held.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Is there a plan B if planning permission was not granted for the facility?
- What were the current arrangements for the disposal of blue bin waste?
- Are there plans for Bombardier in Belfast to build their own incinerator facility?
- Does incinerating waste go towards meeting Northern Ireland's renewable targets?

In response Mr Burnett said that the current arrangements for dealing with blue bin waste in the District was that blue bin waste collected in the former Newry and Mourne Council area was processed by Regen whilst the blue bin waste in the former Down Council area was processed by Bryson. They process the waste and sell it on to the various markets.

Plan B, if the facility did not get planning permission, was to undertake a market engagement approach. It was likely that such an approach would result in shorter term contracts in the interim and there would be no infrastructure development.

In relation to Bombardier (Full Circle) Mr Burnett said that they currently had planning permission for energy from waste plant close to their facility which provided them with an element of heat and power, subject to some regulatory scrutiny. Currently they had permission to process 120,000 tonnes of waste which had to be pre-treated elsewhere. They were seeking planning permission for an 180,000 capacity tonne waste processing facility. Mr Burnett said that their waste was generated from commercial and industrial sources, unlike the proposed arc21 facility which would process household waste. He said both facilities were needed.

In conclusion Mr Burnett said he believed the proposed arc21 facility would help Northern Ireland to meet its renewable energy targets.

**RTS/107/2015: DETERMINATION OF REVISED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Read:** Report dated 21 October 2015 from Mr C O'Rourke seeking agreement for the determination of the Waste Management Plan. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murnin, to approve the determination of the arc21 Waste Management Plan.**

**RTS/108/2015: COUNCIL'S COMMERCIAL RATE CHARGE ON SCHOOL BLUE BIN RECYCLING**

**Read:** Report from Canice O'Rourke regarding the Council's Commercial rate charge on school blue bin recycling. **(Circulated)**.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that there should be no reduction in the present charges for school blue bin recycling.**

**RTS/109/2015: REPORT RE: EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR CLOONAGH ROAD CIVIC AMENITY SITE**

**Read:** Report from Canice O'Rourke dated 21 October 2015 regarding Extension of Lease at Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site, Downpatrick.



**(Circulated).** The report sought approval to extend the current lease for Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site, Downpatrick, for a period of 18 months with an option for the Council to extend for a further six month period if required (maximum of 24 months). If approved there would be a minimal increase in the current rental from £382.82 to £394.30 per week.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to extend the current lease for Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site, Downpatrick, for a period of 18 months with an option for the Council to extend for a further six month period if required (maximum of 24 months).

**RTS/110/2015:** **PROPOSED CONSULTATION RESPONSE – CLOSURE OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLES OBLIGATION TO NEW ONSHORE WIND IN 2016**

**Read:** Letter dated 2 October 2015 from Mr Angus Kerr, Department of the Environment regarding DETI Consultation on the closure of the Northern Ireland renewables obligation to new onshore wind in 2016. **(Circulated).**

**Read:** Draft response from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council on the above consultation. **(Circulated).**

Councillor Casey proposed and Councillor Murnin seconded that the draft response as circulated be submitted to the Department, subject to a comment being added that the Renewables Obligation to New Onshore Wind had been introduced into Northern Ireland a year later than elsewhere and should therefore have been given an extra year before closure.

Councillor Reilly asked for a recorded vote on the proposal.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows:- **(Attached)**

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>2</b>

**Agreed:** The proposal was declared carried and it was agreed that the draft response to the Consultation of the Closure of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation to new onshore wind in 2016, as circulated, be submitted to the Department, subject to a comment being added that the Renewables Obligation to New Onshore Wind had been introduced into Northern Ireland a year later than elsewhere and should therefore have been given an extra year before closure.

**RTS/111/2015: PLANNING DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Read:** Details of Planning Department Performance Indicators. **(Circulated).**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the above report.**

Mr Hannaway referred to recent negative press coverage regarding the performance of the Council's Planning Department. He said the figures showed that the Planning Department were now performing better than it had been since transferring and the Council was committed to making this a fit for purpose service.

**RTS/112/2015: PERFORMANCE STATISTICS FOR PLANNING DECISIONS FROM 1 JULY TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Details of performance statistics in relation to calls received via the dedicated Councillors' telephone number, from 1 July to 20 September 2015. **(Circulated).**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the above report.**

**Noted:** Members noted that some of the titles attributed to callers were incorrect and Mr McKay said he would draw this to the attention of staff.

Councillor Reilly and Councillor Taylor expressed their concerns in relation to the processing of a planning application for a gun club in the Mournes area.

**Mr McKay said he would update Councillors Reilly, Taylor and Quinn on this application after the meeting.**

**RTS/113/2015: PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A LARGE DISPLAY SCREEN IN HILL STREET, NEWRY AS PART OF 2015/2016 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS BUDGET**

**Read:** Report from Mr Eddie Curtis re: approval for expenditure to install a large Display Screen in Hill Street, Newry as part of 2015/15 Christmas Illuminations Budgets. **(Circulated).** The report sought agreement to the budget for contract works for the erection of Christmas Illuminations throughout the Newry and Mourne Area, to include the design, build and installation of a large display screen in the event space in Hill Street, Newry. This screen then to be utilised at Switch on Event and other future Council advertised Events. (Approximately £23,000 spend on the Scheme (Christmas Illuminations Contract Budget within 2015/2016 financial year for this Council)).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Murnin to approve that the budget for contract works for the erection of Christmas Illuminations throughout the Newry and Mourne Area, to include the design, build and installation of a large display screen in the event space in Hill Street, Newry. This screen then to be utilised at Switch on Event and other future Council advertised Events. (Approximately £23,000 spend on the Scheme (Christmas Illuminations Contract Budget within 2015/2016 financial year for this Council).
- Agreed:** It was agreed at the request of Councillor Casey that Mr O'Rourke investigate if any significant archaeological artefacts had been uncovered when the foundations were being excavated for the large screen.
- Agreed:** It was agreed at the request of Councillor Murnin that Mr O'Rourke investigate if there would be any revenue generated by use of the screen.
- Noted:** Mr McKay, Planning, noted that the screen only had temporary planning permission and he would need to check on this issue, given that the screen was to be erected in a conservation area.
- RTS/114/2015:** **Arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 1 OCTOBER 2015**
- Read:** Members Monthly Bulletin for October 2015. (Circulated).
- Agreed:** It was agreed to note the above correspondence.
- RTS/115/2015:** **Arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2015**
- Read:** arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 September 2015. (Circulated).
- Agreed:** It was agreed to note the above Minutes.

**FOR NOTING**

**Reminder – the date of the RTS Meeting in December 2015 has been changed from Thursday 17 December 2015 to Wednesday 9 December 2015 @ 6.00pm**

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 November 2015.

**Signed: Councillor Terry Andrews  
(Chairperson)**

**Signed: Mr Canice O'Rourke  
(Director of Regulatory and Technical Services)**

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

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**DATE:** 21-10-2015 **VENUE:** Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry **MEETING:** Regulatory and Technical Services

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Murnin, that the draft response to the Consultation of the Closure of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation to new onshore wind in 2016, as circulated, be submitted to the Department, subject to a comment being added that the Renewables Obligation to New Onshore Wind had been introduced into Northern Ireland a year later than elsewhere and should therefore have been given an extra year before closure.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
P Brown				
C Casey	X			
S Doran				
S Ennis	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna		X		
V Harte	X			
H McKee	X			
M Murnin	X			
P O'Gribin	X			
H Reilly		X		
G Sharvin				
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>		