



26 May 2015

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 6th July 2015 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

Agenda

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17 **Conference on the future of health and social care delivery in Northern Ireland**

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18 **Proposed Meeting to discuss proposed changes to the operation of Ambulance Service**

Date, Time and Venue of Meeting to be discussed at Council Meeting

Sealing Documents

19 **Documents for Sealing**

1. Lease in duplicate - Lease of Former Cinema, Newry Street, Kilkeel to PSNI for period 01/05/15-30/04/16 (agreed at Finance in March 2015 and approved at District Development Meeting in March 2015)

2. Lease x 3 of Additional Portion of Foreshore, Newcastle

3. Lease by Reference of Foreshore in Down District

Consultation Documents

20 **Consultation on General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) Grading**

Although consultation closes on 6 July, the Assessment & Qualifications Team would be happy to accept any views the Council may have.

21 Extension to End Date - Youth Council Public Consultation

Response required by 9th July 2015

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"Item 23 is deemed to be restricted by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to any individual. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business."

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Notice of Motion

25 Notice of Motion received from Councillor P Brown, seconded by Councillor K McAteer

"That this Council believes that all couples in Newry, Mourne and Down, and across Northern Ireland, regardless of sexual orientation, should have the right to a civil marriage; that the rights of religious institutions to define, observe and practice marriage within their beliefs should be given legal protection; that faith groups which wish to marry same sex couples should not be prevented by the state from doing so; that all married couples of the same sex should have the same legal entitlement to the protections, responsibilities, rights, obligations and benefits afforded by the legal institution of marriage; and calls on the Minister of Finance and Personnel to introduce legislation to extend civil marriage provisions to same sex couples."

26 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly

"That this Council requests the Department of the Environment to implement an immediate moratorium on wind turbine developments until a functional standard policy is developed and adopted for all Council Districts in Northern Ireland."

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ACTION SHEET- COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015

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AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
C/38/2015	Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2015	<p>It was agreed that relevant DEA Councillors be invited to future Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy Meetings for discussion on the development of the District's forest parks as a tourist package and to discuss the establishment of traffic management plans. Members agreed that the following be included in the Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy:- Downpatrick; Saintfield; Strangford Lough; Killyleagh; Delamont Country Park; Promotion of watersports, motorsports and fishing; identification of events where Council can market the District in terms of tourism; forest parks throughout the District and their development as part of the tourism package.</p> <p>It was agreed a meeting be organised with Council officials and the developers of Bells Castle to establish if Council can assist with its development.</p> <p>It was agreed the following items be tabled at the next ERT Committee Meeting: Establishment of Task and Finish Project Board for Tourism; Update Report on Narrow Water Keep.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr John McGrillen on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of the NITB.</p>	Letter sent – 4 June 2015
C/39/2015	Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015	<p>It was agreed to accept the amendments to the scheme of allowances payable to Councillors to include: All launches, events, opening of facilities funded fully or partly by the Council; Invitations issued by Council Officers on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that the issues or .org domain name and bilingual stationery be equality proofed.</p> <p>It was agreed that an up-to-date list of contact numbers and email addresses for assistant directors would be available by the end of June.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
C/40/2015	Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2015	<p>It was agreed to amend the minutes as per request from Councillor Enright to take cognisance of his comments regarding the need for a comparative assessment to be undertaken between the provision given by private and public swimming instructors.</p> <p>It was agreed that no child be worse off in the new Council than they were in the legacy Councils and that a specially convened full Council meeting be held with presentations from parents and swimming instructors across the whole District in order to try to facilitate private tutors in Council swimming pools.</p> <p>It was agreed that Party Leaders consult with each other and agree a local arrangement for the appointment of a Councillor from each DEA. for membership on the Sports Association for Newry, Mourne and Down (SAND).</p>	Minutes amended
C/41/2015	Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2015	It was agreed to amend the minutes to include Councillor Reilly's comments on the need for the same urgency for repairs to Annalong Harbour Gate.	Minutes amended
C/43/2015	Invite to Glenough Wind Farm, Co Tipperary	It was agreed that Council organise their own visit to a windfarm.	
C/44/2015	Kilkeel Post Office-Branch Relocation	It was agreed to send a letter to the Post Office querying if consideration had been given to potential traffic issues in the area due to the fact that the Fire and Ambulance Stations were situated close by and to ensure this would have no adverse effect on emergency service response times.	

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C/45/2015	Invitation to Chairperson- Milwaukee Hurling Club	It was agreed that a report be brought to the ERT Committee with information on costs and whether the visit could include attendance at the Milwaukee IrishFest also.	On ERT agenda 8 June 2015
C/47/2015	Sealing Documents	It was agreed to sign and seal the list of documents presented to Council.	Signed and sealed
C/48/2015	Partnership Panel – Draft Work Plan 2015-2019	<p>It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor D McAteer to submit the issues below as the Council's agreed response to the draft Work Plan (2015-2019):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scope – the scope of the three themes as well as the ten proposed work areas are considered appropriate. It would be prudent to elevate the primacy of the relevant theme and proposed work area concerning the effectiveness of the Panel; 2. Programme for Government – the need for a more joined-up approach to strategic planning between the two tiers of government, specifically in relation to economic growth and regeneration as well as tackling social deprivation; 3. Transferring Functions – the need to urgently review and address the outstanding issues which are attached to those functions which transferred to local government on the 1 April 2015, in particular Planning, and whether the previous principles of the NI Executive concerning their transfer remain true. As well as early engagement around the transfer of regeneration functions next April and the potential scope of other functions to transfer in the coming years; 4. Shared Services – the need for these to be taken forward in a properly integrated manner and on a true partnership basis. The debate should not solely be about what central government services local government could on-board with (e.g. NI Direct) but what opportunities for shared services can be explored which are also attached to the decentralisation 	

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		of NICS Departments (e.g. transfer of DARD Fisheries to Downshire Civic Centre), as well as the need for local government to be convinced of the value for money (Vfm) test of any specific products, and 5. Budgets – the need for early engagement concerning future planned budget reductions in this current financial year, as well as future years, and what these potentially mean for the local government sector.	
C/49/2015	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Hyland and K McAteer: Video Streaming of Council Meetings	It was agreed that a detailed report on the cost of streaming Council and Committee Meetings be brought back to a future meeting.	
C/50/2015	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Reilly and Hanna: DEA Site Meetings	It was agreed that DEA Inter-agency Meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis. It was further agreed that meetings could be arranged if a matter of a critical nature arises affecting a large number of citizens in the DEA.	

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 1 June 2015 in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

In the Chair Councillor N Bailie

In attendance:**(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews
 Councillor P Brown
 Councillor R Burgess
 Councillor S Burns
 Councillor C Casey
 Councillor P Clarke
 Councillor W Clarke
 Councillor G Craig
 Councillor D Curran
 Councillor L Devlin
 Councillor G Donnelly
 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 C McGrath
 Councillor H McKee
 Councillor R Mulgrew
 Councillor M Murnin
 Councillor P Ó Gribín
 Councillor B Ó'Muirí
 Councillor B Quinn
 Councillor H Reilly
 Councillor G Sharvin
 Councillor G Stokes
 Councillor D Taylor
 Councillor JJ Tinnelly
 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, Head of Human Resources
 Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director of Administration (Equality)
 Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Technical & Leisure Services
 Mr K Gordon, Assistant Leisure Services Officer
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
 Mrs L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

C/34/2015

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Doran, Ennis, Fitzpatrick, K McAteer and Ruane. Apologies were also received from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities.

The Chairperson paid tribute to Council officers for their preparation work before and during the Irish Open. She said the event had been a great success with images of the District and its tourism potential being broadcast into 450million homes worldwide. She stated she would like a discussion at a future Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee on how to move forward and build a legacy event to follow on from the excellent work during the event.

The Chairperson advised, due to the horrendous weather, the Food & Blues Festival to be held in Newcastle on Sunday had to be cancelled and asked that Council commit to rolling out the event at a future date in conjunction with the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

C/35/2015

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were registered as follows:

The Chairperson declared an interest in Item 6 – Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015.

The Chief Executive advised as the Vice-Chair had apologies for non-attendance at the meeting, Council should agree a Member to Chair the meeting for the discussions on Item .6

Councillor McGrath proposed that the Chairperson of the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor Burgess, assume the Chair for Item 6. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor. All were in agreement.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McGrath, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Councillor Burgess assume the Chair for discussions on Item 6 – Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015.**

Councillor Murnin entered the meeting at this stage – 6.05pm

C/36/2015 ACTION SHEET FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 MAY 2015

Read Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 5 May 2015
(Copy circulated)

C/25/2015 – Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 April 2015

Councillor McGrath requested an update on the fact sheet which was to be provided for information on how rates were calculated.

Mrs Ward advised she had been in contact with LPS and workshops would be arranged as soon as possible. She also stated the factsheet would be launched in the next week at a photocall with the Chairperson.

Noted: **The Action Sheet was noted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor D McAteer.**

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/37/2015 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 MAY 2015

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 May 2015
(Copy circulated).

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

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/38/2015 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2015

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2015 (Copy circulated).

ERT/18/2015 – Presentation from Blu Zebra re: Newry, Mourne & Down Economic Vision and Investment Strategy

Councillor Mulgrew proposed that Slieve Gullion Area Councillors be invited to future Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy Meetings for discussion on matters relating to the provision of toilet and carparking facilities at Slieve Gullion Forest Park.

Councillor W Clarke said the forest parks within the district, including Tollymore, provided a unique opportunity for a tourism package. He said any meetings in relation to traffic management at these facilities should involve the facilities located throughout the area and all Councillors, together with the relevant Agencies.

Councillors raised the following areas and asked that they be included in the Strategy:

- Downpatrick
- Saintfield
- Strangford Lough
- Killyleagh
- Delamont Country Park
- Promotion of Watersports, Motorsports, Fishing
- Identification of events where Council can market the District in terms of tourism.

Councillor Hyland requested that officers meet with the developers of Bell's Castle to establish if Council could assist with its development. Mrs Ward advised a meeting could be arranged with the developers.

ERT/29/2015 – Request for Special Meeting re: Tourism

Councillor Hearty asked whether a special meeting to discuss tourism and its promotion could be set up.

Mrs Ward advised an item would be tabled on the agenda of the next ERT Committee Meeting in relation to the establishment of a Task and Finish Project Board on tourism.

ERT/30/2015 – Pilot Schemes – Narrow Water Keep and Greencastle Castle

Councillor D McAteer expressed his concern at the length of time taken to agree the opening and manning of Narrow Water Keep and asked that this be progressed urgently. Mrs Ward advised an update report on Narrow Water Keep would be tabled at the next ERT Committee Meeting in June.

Councillor Stokes asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to former Down District Council Chief Executive, Mr John McGrillen on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board. This was seconded by Councillor Enright and agreed unanimously.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Burns that relevant DEA Councillors be invited to future Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy Meetings for discussion on the development of the District's forest parks as a tourist package and to discuss the establishment of traffic management plans.

Members agreed that the following be included in the Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy:- Downpatrick; Saintfield; Strangford Lough; Killyleagh; Delamont County Park; Promotion of watersports, motorsports and fishing; identification of events where Council can market the District in terms of tourism, forest parks throughout the district and their development as part of the tourism package.

It was agreed a meeting be organised with Council officials and the developers of Bells Castle to establish if Council can assist with its development.

It was agreed the following items be tabled at the next ERT Committee Meeting:- Establishment of Task and Finish Project Board for Tourism; Update Report on Narrow Water Keep.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Enright that a letter of congratulations be send to Mr John McGrillen on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

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

The Chairperson left the Chamber at this stage and Councillor Burgess assumed the Chair – 6.35pm

C/39/2015

**MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2015**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015 (Copy circulated).

**SPR/40/2015 – Policy on Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors
April 2015-March 2016**

The Chief Executive advised an additional paper had been circulated which highlighted the amendments made to the Special Responsibility Allowances contained in Schedule 1 as agreed by the SPR Committee at its meeting of 14 May 2015.

Mr Hannaway stated the issue of travel and subsistence allowances had been considered by the Party Representatives Forum and it was now recommended that with regard to point 6 of Schedule 2, the list of approved duties in Schedule 3 be specified as including; All launches, events, opening of facilities funded fully or partly by the Council and Invitations issued by Council Officers on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Harvey to accept the amendments to the scheme of allowances payable to Councillors to include the recommendations above.

SPR/28/2015 – Update on Website

Members raised the following queries in relation to the update on website:

- What was the timescale for the introduction of a new Council website be?
- Had the existing IT infrastructure been tested to ensure it has the ability to sustain such a website as has been outlined?
- Would officers investigate other Council's websites to ensure all elements that are required will be provided?
- Would the domain address be .org and not .gov.uk?

Officers responded to the queries as follows:

- It was likely to be early Autumn before tenders would be sought as this was such a technically challenging process.
- There were challenges in terms of the infrastructure within the Newry site, however the Head of IT had now been appointed and this would be a priority area for them to concentrate on.
- All examples of best practice would be investigated to ensure it would be the most accessible, informative and interactive website as possible.
- Domain name as agreed by Council was .org. However officers were still working on migrating the systems and it may take some time to complete all the works required.

Councillor Reilly proposed that the issue of the Council decision to use .org domain name be equality proofed. Councillor Walker seconded the proposal stating the decision taken in relation to bilingual stationery should also be equality proofed.

SPR/50/2015 – Greenway Project Phase 1

Councillor D McAteer welcomed the approval on this project. He also asked whether an up-to-date contact list with numbers and email addresses for assistant directors could be provided as a matter of priority.

The Chief Executive advised the process of job-matching was still currently taking place. However he would envisage an up-to-date list of contact numbers and email addresses would be available by the end of June.

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Harvey to accept the amendments to the scheme of allowances payable to Councillors to include:**

- **All launches, events, opening of facilities funded fully or partly by the Council.**
- **Invitations issued by Council Officers on behalf of the Council.**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Walker that the issues of .org domain name and bilingual stationery be equality proofed.

It was agreed that an up-to-date list of contact numbers and email addresses for assistant directors would be available by the end of June.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor D McAteer.

The Chairperson re-entered the Chamber at this stage and re-assumed the Chair – 6.55pm

C/40/2015

MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2015

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2015 (copy circulated).

AHC/16/2015 – Hire Charges for Private Contractors, Leisure and Community Facilities

Councillor Enright asked for the minute to be amended to take cognisance of his comments regarding the need for a comparative assessment to be undertaken between the provision given by private and public swimming instructors.

Councillor W Clarke advised the Council position of bringing swimming lessons in-house was the correct position which would maximise the amount of income the Council generated. He highlighted the issue of swimming lessons was an emotive one as it involved children and he proposed that no child with a disability should be worse off in the new Council than they were in the legacy Councils. He highlighted the need for the matter to be resolved and asked that the issue be brought back to the AHC Committee to be finalised. His proposal was seconded by Councillor Kimmins who stated a meeting needed to take place with parents and private instructors to ensure equality and balance across the whole District.

Members discussed the issue at length and raised the following points:

- A report should be provided on the waiting lists in Newry since the introduction of the new swimming scheme.
- Is it only disabled people who are in receipt of the medium or high levels of DLA eligible for concessions?
- Staff in the leisure centres need to be kept informed with correct information to ensure this is being given to members of the public.

- Down Leisure Centre cannot be compared on a like-for-like basis with the new Newry Leisure Centre.
- Parents should be invited to a specially convened meeting of Council in order to hear their concerns.
- Thanks to Mr Moore and his team for all the work they have carried out in respect to this issue.
- There seems to be a lot of confusion regarding the information that has been given to the parents and swimming instructors.
- People that will never use a swimming pool within the District are paying for them.
- Swimming pools are losing money and within the old system. The income received by the Council in Downpatrick per lesson, per child, per half hour was approximately 42p based on the number of lessons delivered for the 1st 3 months of 2015. The running cost of one lane in the Downpatrick swimming pool is approximately £13 per half hour.
- Hard decisions had to be taken in order to set rates for the new Council with planned developments needing to be paid for through the rates.
- All children need to be treated the same and no child should be worse off in the new Council than in the legacy Councils.
- Can a meeting with parents and swimming instructors be held in the evening and given enough notice for them to be able to attend?
- Until the date of the meeting it is important to allow instructors to remain as they are at present.
- Increases should not occur overnight.
- Members were misled at the time of setting the rates as they were told it would have minimal impact however this impact is wide-ranging and being felt now by the most vulnerable in the District.

Officers responded to the queries as follows:

- The new leisure facility in Newry opened on 27 April with swimming lessons commencing on 5 May. Staff received applications, undertook assessments and enrolled 300 children for these lessons. There were 34 classes per week on 5th May, this has now been increased up to 58 class per week with approximately 500 children availing of these lessons. There is huge interest in the scheme with more than another 600 wanting to avail of the scheme. There will be 4 X week long crash courses organised over the summer with an additional 560 spaces (140 spaces per course). The plan will be to present a review of the pool programme in order to see what additional classes can be provided to alleviate the demand.
- The scheme is exclusively handled by the disability officer and anyone with middle-high rate of DLA or with a doctor's letter highlighting a disability is eligible for a concession.
- Confusion did occur at the beginning however the disability liaison officer's position has been clarified and the criteria is that anyone with middle-high rate of DLA or in possession of a doctor's letter highlighting a disability is eligible for the scheme. The legacy Down District Council's buddy scheme has been extended to Newry whereby someone availing of the enhanced scheme can bring a carer/friend/family member with them for no charge.

- All swimming pools are subsidised across the District. The Council receives approximately 42p from a 1-to-1 lesson in Downpatrick (based on the number of lessons delivered for the 1st 3 months of 2015) and the finance department advised the cost of a lane per hour in Down Leisure Centre is approximately £26.

Councillor Reilly proposed an amendment to Councillor W Clarke's proposal asking that a specially convened full Council meeting be held with presentations from the parents and swimming instructors across the whole District in order to try to facilitate private tutors in Council swimming pools. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillors W Clarke and Kimmins accepted the amendment to the proposal.

AHC/20/2015 – Financial Assistance Update

Councillor Sharvin asked whether another call would be made if all of the funding was not allocated and proposed that Council work with groups like CDRCN to assist unsuccessful groups in availing of other grants and funding.

The Chief Executive advised a competitive call had been completed and if there was any remaining funding, another call would then take place following reviews of the scheme. There was a separate call out at present, as prescribed by DCAL, for Community Festivals etc. He said groups who had not been successful in the first call would be provided with officer assistance in regards to the separate Community Festivals call in conjunction with CDRCN, Confederation of Community Groups, TADA and other organisations.

Councillor Burns advised the Rural Development Board used to be inundated with calls for match-funding from Council, however this would not be available any longer. He said this should be explained to groups either through a letter, or a presentation on how the Board could advise community groups seeking rural development funding.

The Chief Executive advised the new Rural Development Programme must be co-terminus with the Council's Community Plan, therefore there needed to be a level of integration between what was planned in Council budgets and what was planned within the Rural Development Programmes. He stated this would be brought through the ERT Committee and, between now and the end of summer, Council and DRAP/LAG officers would provide an administrative service.

AHC/17/2015 – Establishment of Sports Association

Councillor McGrath asked if there had been any thought given to the method for selecting 1 member from each DEA to sit on the Sports Association for Newry, Mourne and Down (SAND).

The Chief Executive suggested the Party Leaders could have a discussion on the most appropriate method for selecting members. However, he said by running d'Hondt, the UUP and smaller parties would not be selected. He advised it may be appropriate to look at where the majority of party members were within the DEAs and try to get a balance across the District.

Councillor Reilly asked why lay members who wished to volunteer could not be allowed to attend and whether it was possible to have a sports advisory committee.

The Chief Executive advised this was a company limited by guarantee and was a separate organisation outside Council. He stated the Clubmark methodology allowed for a committee at which sports clubs could contribute which would then be passed on to the Board, where the 7 Councillors would sit.

Councillor Craig proposed that the Party Leaders consult with each other and agree a local arrangement for the appointment of a Councillor from each DEA. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Agreed: It was agreed to amend the minutes as per request from Councillor Enright to take cognisance of his comments regarding the need for a comparative assessment to be undertaken between the provision given by private and public swimming instructors.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Kimmins that no child be worse off in the new Council than they were in the legacy Councils and that a specially convened full Council meeting be held with presentations from parents and swimming instructors across the whole District in order to try to facilitate private tutors in Council swimming pools.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Party Leaders consult with each other and agree a local arrangement for the appointment of a Councillor from each DEA for membership on the Sports Association for Newry, Mourne and Down (SAND).

The minutes were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Walker.

C/41/2015 **MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015**

Read: **Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2015 (copy circulated).**

RTS/19/2015 – CAPITAL WORKS AT VICTORIA LOCK, NEWRY

Councillor Tinnelly asked why the Council were closing the sea gates during the busiest months of the season and what form the PR exercise was going to take. He

proposed that, if the gates were still usable, Council put the work back to the off-season. This was seconded by Councillor Enright.

The Chief Executive advised the sea gates were unreliable and the work needed to be carried out during the summer period due to the better weather conditions and lighter hours to ensure the locks were out of use for the shortest possible length of time.

Mr O'Rourke advised there was urgency to the work which needed to be carried out as if the gates failed it could potentially be dangerous.

Councillor Reilly stated he had proposed that the work go ahead at the Committee Meeting due to the matter becoming critical based on independent surveys that had taken place on the sea gates. He advised in order to operate on the sea gates, the sea conditions needed to be as calm as possible and that was why it had been agreed to undertake the work during the summer months.

On a point of accuracy, Councillor Reilly advised he had raised the issue of Annalong Harbour Gate being given the same degree of urgency as the Victoria Lock and this had not been recorded in the minutes.

Councillor Tinnelly withdrew his proposal and asked whether the boats currently in the lock would be asked to leave.

The Chief Executive advised the boat owners would be contacted to inform them if their boat was position when the work began. He said those in position and would be locked in and boats which were outside would be locked out.

RTS/21/2015 – PLANNING RESOURCES AND PROCESSING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor D McAteer asked whether the logistical equipment was available in the Newry offices to accommodate the additional planning resource required.

Mr O'Rourke advised the equipment was available, however the IT infrastructure needed to be overhauled and this should hopefully take place by the middle of June.

RTS/24/2015 – SPEAKING RIGHTS OF NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Walker asked what process was in place if a non-committee member wanted to raise an issue at a committee and the Chairman did not permit them to speak.

The Chief Executive advised that Members could make a written submission to a Chairperson of any Committee. The reason for having committees in place with only 15 members was that the committee business could be carried out more efficiently.

Following further discussion the Chief Executive referred Members to Standing Order 19.20 stating that where a member attended a meeting of a Council Committee of which they were not a member, that member would not have any right to speak at the meeting unless so permitted by the Chairperson. He advised this was

the default position and did not say that non-committee members could not speak at meetings they are not members of. However this was at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Agreed: It was agreed to amend the minutes to include Councillor Reilly's comments on the need for the same urgency for repairs to Annalong Harbour Gate.

The minutes were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor D McAteer.

MINUTES FOR NOTING

C/42/2015 **MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2015**

Read: Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2015 (copy circulated).

Noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2015 were noted.

FOR DISCUSSION

C/43/2015 **INVITE TO GLENOUGH WIND FARM, CO TIPPERARY**

Read: Invitation received from Abo Wind to Glenough Wind Farm, Co Tipperary on Friday 26 June 2015 (copy circulated).

The Chief Executive advised an invitation had been received to visit a wind farm in Co Tipperary, however he advised caution to those Members who sat on the Planning Committee as Abo Wind currently had an application in place for the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

Councillor Craig proposed that Members who sat on the Planning Committee should not go on the visit, however that other Members could be free to attend.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed that Council should organise their own visit to a windfarm so as not to compromise any Member of Council.

Councillor Craig agreed to amend his proposal that Council should organise their own visit to a windfarm which would enable all Members to attend. This was seconded by Councillor Hearty.

The Chief Executive advised that Planning Committee Members should be careful on any visit not to make comments on the benefits or otherwise.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hearty that Council organise their own visit to a windfarm.

C/44/2015 **KILKEEL POST OFFICE – BRANCH RELOCATION**

Read: Correspondence received from Post Office regarding relocation of Kilkeel Post Office. (Copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised correspondence had been received from the Post Office regarding a decision to relocate the Kilkeel Branch from 4 The Square, Kilkeel to 55 Greencastle Street, Kilkeel.

Councillor Quinn proposed a letter be sent to Post Office asking whether consideration had been taken in terms of traffic issues in the area given that the Fire and Ambulance Stations were situated close by. This was seconded by Councillor D McAteer.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor D McAteer to send a letter to the Post Office querying if consideration had been given to potential traffic issues in the area due to the fact that the Fire and Ambulance Stations were situated close by and to ensure this would have no adverse effect on emergency service response times.

C/45/2015 **INVITATION TO CHAIRPERSON – MILWAUKEE HURLING CLUB**

Read: Invitation received from Milwaukee Hurling Club to the Chairperson for a weekend celebration from 20-23 August 2015. (Copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised an invitation had been received for the Chairperson to attend the Milwaukee Hurling Club's 20th Anniversary Celebrations from 20-23 August 2015.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, that a report be brought to the ERT Committee with information on costs and whether the visit could include attendance at the Milwaukee IrishFest also.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly that a report be brought to the ERT Committee with information on costs and whether the visit could include attendance at the Milwaukee IrishFest also.

C/46/2015 **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS –
DEVOLVING POWERS TO THE REGIONS**

Read: Conference hosted by National Association of Councillors on Devolving Powers to the Regions, The Dalmeny Hotel, Lytham St Anne's 26th-28th June 2015 (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed that no one should attend the conference.**

C/47/2015 **SEALING DOCUMENTS**

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

1. **Licence Agreement – Camlough Lake**
2. **Priority Agreement – Northern Bank Limited and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**
3. **Overdraft Facility with Danske Bank of GBP5,000,000**
4. **Licence Agreement – Newry Agricultural Show on Council Lands at Derryleckagh – 27 June 2015**
5. **Licence Agreement – Use of 16 The Square, Rostrevor – from 13-27 July 2015 – for Fiddlers Green Festival**
6. **Lease and Counterpart – Unit 2 – Newry Variety Market to Linda McGuinness, Forkhill**
7. **Novation Agreements (Letters of Offers for LED Business Support Programmes) – NMDC & DDC with INI – Novated to – NMDDC with INI**
 - a. **Energy Connections**
 - b. **Social Enterprise Newry & Mourne**
 - c. **Preparing for Market – Exporting Tourism**
 - d. **Food Development Programme**
 - e. **Down B&B Week and Expo**
 - f. **Rebuilding the Construction Sector in Down & Newry & Mourne**
 - g. **Beyond II – Business Support Services**
 - h. **Sales for Non Sales People**
 - i. **Family Business Programme**
 - j. **Green Tourism**
8. **Licence Agreement for Land at Camlough Road/Monaghan Row**

C/48/2015 **PARTNERSHIP PANEL – DRAFT WORK PLAN 2015-2019**

Read: Partnership Panel – Draft Work Plan 2015-2019 (Copy circulated)

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor D McAteer to submit the issues below as the Council's agreed response to the draft Work Plan (2015-2019):

- 1. Scope – the scope of the three themes as well as the ten proposed work areas are considered appropriate. It would be prudent to elevate the primacy of the relevant theme and proposed work area concerning**

Monthly Meetings was undertaken. This exercise provided Local Residents and Ratepayers with an opportunity to view important Council meetings where decisions were taken which had an impact on their families and neighbourhoods. We would recommend that such live recordings of Council Meetings continue in the foreseeable future in An Iúir, Mhurn agus an Duin.”

Councillor Hyland proposed the motion stating that local people should be able to see and hear what was taking place at Council meetings and it was a system that worked well in the legacy Newry and Mourne District Council.

Councillor Stokes seconded the motion stating it was extremely important to stream the meetings given the huge geographical spread of the District and suggested that Committee meetings be streamed also.

All Parties spoke in support of the motion and asked that a detailed report on cost of software and hosting services be brought back to a future meeting.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Stokes that a detailed report on the cost of streaming Council and Committee Meetings be brought back to a future meeting.

C/50/2015

NOTICE OF MOTION – RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS REILLY AND HANNA: DEA SITE MEETINGS

“That this Council facilitates and services DEA site meeting with relevant statutory bodies if 3 or more Ward Councillors requests a meeting.”

Councillor Reilly proposed the motion stating in the past if a significant event occurred, Elected Members could ask a Committee Clerk to arrange a meeting with the relevant statutory bodies in order to have a set of minutes which could be given to the statutory bodies if commitments made had not been honoured. He asked for support for the motion.

Councillor W Clarke stated it would be difficult to fulfil the request given the difficulties with resources and ensuring Councillors were able to complete their job correctly. He suggested the motion be amended to allow for properly structured DEA Inter-agency Meetings to be held on a bi-monthly basis. Councillor Reilly accepted this amendment to his original motion which was seconded by Councillor Sharvin.

Councillor Craig proposed a further amendment asking that meetings should be serviced if an issue arose of a critical nature affecting a large number of citizens in the DEA. This was accepted by Councillor Reilly and Councillor Sharvin.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Sharvin that DEA Inter-agency

Meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis. It was further agreed that meetings could be arranged if a matter of a critical nature arises affecting a large number of citizens in the DEA.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.40pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on
Monday 8 June 2015 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom District Council Offices
Monaghan Row Newry**

Chairperson:	Councillor D Curran
Vice Chairperson:	Councillor R Mulgrew
In Attendance:	(Committee Members)
	Councillor T Andrews
	Councillor R Burgess
	Councillor W Clarke
	Councillor G Donnelly
	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
Officials in Attendance:	Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
	Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
	Mr G McGivern Newry Mourne & Down DC.
	Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
	Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer
	Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
	Mr M Forster Business Support Coordinator
	Ms E McParland Democratic Services Manager
	Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer
Also in Attendance:	Mr R McShane McShane and Company Solicitors

ERT/31/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting and extended his thanks to Mr J Farrell and his team on the work carried out during the Irish Open Golf event in Newcastle, in particular the management of traffic in Newcastle during the event.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor S Ennis
Mr E Curtis Director of Strategic Planning & Performance

ERT/32/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was received:

Councillor T Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 30 regarding an East Border Region Political Study Visit to the Leuven Institute in Brussels, as he was a Director on the Board of the East Border Region.

ERT/33/2015:- ACTION SHEET - MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY 11 MAY 2015

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015.
(Copy circulated)

The following issue was raised:

Request for Special Meeting regarding Tourism

Noted: Councillor Hearty requested that a Special Meeting be arranged to discuss tourism. He added he intended to continue to raise this request.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015.**

ERT/34/2015:- VESTING OF CAMLOUGH LAKE

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Harvey 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

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

- Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Donnelly it had been agreed to accept recommendations contained in Report dated 1 May 2015 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer to initiate the vesting process of Camlough Lake.
- Noted:** Councillor Burgess indicated he wished to abstain from the above decision.
- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed a letter of congratulations be sent to the organisers of the Crooked Lake Triathlon.

PRESENTATIONS

ERT/35/2015:- PRESENTATION RE: THE BEYOND NETWORK

Mr Michael Forster Business Support Co-ordinator delivered a presentation on the Beyond Network which is a flexible demand driven business support network targeting all existing small businesses. *(Copy attached)*

Mr Forster said whilst there were over 2,500 VAT-registered businesses in the Down District area, the Council had little knowledge of the majority of local businesses' support and development needs. As these businesses were the mainstay of the local economy, identifying their needs and developing appropriate support to assist their sustainability, competitiveness and future growth was a priority for the Council.

Mr Forster advised that after completing Business start-up programmes such as the Regional Start Initiative, many businesses (often only trading for one or two years) did not know who to approach for help and advice. The Beyond Network was designed to provide a support bridge between start-up assistance and INI / Vat Registered client support, whilst also capturing business data from SME's to develop future support programmes.

Mr Forster said the network supports all existing businesses regardless of size, sector or turnover through the delivery of specialised mentoring, business development workshops and networking opportunities designed to promote collaboration and growth. It was currently the main communication channel to local businesses in the area through a regular e-zine, website and social media platforms.

The presentation covered the following areas:

- Issues facing local businesses
- Benefits to local businesses – delivery of mentoring and workshops
- Benefits to Council – Business Intelligence database of businesses and needs
- Results/key findings to date

A short video illustrating the success of the support and how Beyond had benefited small businesses in the area was also shown.

Discussions:

Discussion followed during which the following issues were raised:

- Did the Beyond Network include all types of businesses?
- How were businesses contacted?
- Many small businesses in South Armagh and South Down were struggling following the rates evaluation – were there any plans to hold Beyond workshop events in the South Armagh and South Down areas.
- How did officers plan to work with Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency?

Responses:

1. The Beyond Network offered support to all sectors regardless of turnover or employees numbers.
2. Businesses were contacted through the network using press advertisements, social media, email campaigns and officers or delivery staff meeting businesses face to face. Many businesses were also referred to the Network by other businesses by word of mouth. Evening and daytime workshops /events were staggered to suit local businesses.
3. Phase II was based mainly in Down District although recently Newry businesses had made use of, or had expressed an interest in, the mentoring. Mentoring for the current phase (Beyond 2) has finished at the end of May 2015, although the businesses could still be signposted to further support, through the e-zine. Business intelligence (data capture of local businesses) was still on-going. Support was targeted towards the areas of need based on feedback from local businesses.
4. If funding was successful, the network would work with both enterprise agencies subject to procurement. The main strength of Beyond however was the business database that is central to the programme. This allowed Down Council to identify business sectors and tailor new programmes of support.

Mr Forster said a recommendation had been presented to extend the Beyond Network to other parts of the District with the next level of funding.

Ms Ward said she hoped the presentation gave Members an overview of what the Beyond Network could offer local businesses.

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS**ERT/36/2015:- THE BEYOND PROJECT
- EXTENSION OF POST OF BUSINESS SUPPORT COORDINATOR**

Read: Report dated 8 June 2015 from Mr D Patterson Economic Development Manager regarding the extension of the post of Business Support Coordinator. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 8 June 2015 from Mr D Patterson Economic Development Manager and extend the post of Business Support Coordinator for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 September 2015.**

To approve in principle, an application being made to the EU Investing for Growth and Jobs Programme 2014- 2020 for a future Beyond Network and incorporating a continuing business intelligence function to include further business database and MIS development.

Noted: It was noted that the extension of the Business Support Coordinator, for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 September 2015, would be on a pilot basis to allow further work to create exposure of the Beyond Programme to the Newry and Mourne area of the District.

ERT/37/2015:- ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Read: Report from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the 'Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy'. (Copy circulated)

Read: Newry Mourne & Down District Council Economic Regeneration & Investment Strategy 2015 - 2020, (final draft) dated 5 June 2015. (Copy circulated)

Ms Ward explained it had been agreed at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting in May 2015 that a draft Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy be tabled at the Meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting on Monday 8 June 2015.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed to adopt the Newry Mourne & Down District Council Economic Regeneration & Investment Strategy 2015 - 2020, (final draft) dated 5 June 2015.**

ERT/38/2015:- 'MAKE IT LOCAL' INITIATIVE

Read: Report from Ms M Quinn Project Development Manager dated 8 June 2015 regarding the 'Make it Local' initiative. (Copy enclosed)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor W Clarke it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in the Report from Ms M Quinn Project Development Manager, dated 8 June 2015, as follows:**

- To approve the initiation, development and implementation of a high profile district wide 'Make it Local' campaign.
- To undertake a pilot scheme
- To facilitate (if appropriate) a student to work with the Steering Committee and Officers on the formulation and delivery of the scheme.

Noted: Councillor Andrews suggested Officers examine the possibility of providing an iPhone App on shopping local.

Councillor W Clarke suggested that a section be made available on the Council's website regarding shopping local.

**ERT/39/2015:- TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS
- DSD TO COUNCIL (SECONDMENT ARRANGEMENTS)**

Read: Report from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, dated 8 June 2015 regarding the transfer of regeneration functions from DSD to the Council post 2016, via secondment arrangements. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in Report dated 8 June 2015 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding the transfer of DSD functions in 2016, as follows:**

- (1) NMDDC to develop a detailed paper on skills and tasks required to carry out research and analysis and draft a detailed strategy for tackling disadvantage and regeneration.
- (2) Officials meet with DSD to explore a secondment arrangement for suitably experienced staff to complete task at (1) above – this should not exceed the equivalent of 2 full-time staff.

**ERT/40/2015:- UPDATE
RE: WARRENPOINT TOWN PARK**

Read: Report from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, dated 8 June 2015 regarding Warrenpoint Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project:

- Plans for approval
- Budgets (Copy circulated)

Several Members expressed concern that Councillors were not being invited to attend meetings at which projects taking place in their local areas were being discussed. They said it was important that local Councillors, and any interested Councillor, should have an input to such discussions in order that issues could be raised in advance and resolved. Specific reference was made to projects for Warrenpoint Park and Tennis Courts and Slieve Gullion Forest Park.

Members also expressed concern regarding the duration of the recent full Council Meeting as many Councillors had a long distance to travel before they reached home and it was suggested that the Council Meeting needs to be structured in terms of each item being given a timescale for discussion.

Ms Ward said she noted the Councillors comments in relation to the inclusion of Councillors at DEA project meetings and added that this matter would be discussed at the Community Planning Workshop Workshop on 18 June 2015.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that due to the time constraints in terms of funding and planning applications, the Council support in principle, the following recommendation:

- **Submit planning application based on the most up to date proposal which seeks to reduce the size of the current tennis court area to one full size court and develop the space for other games with a removable fence.**
- **Re-profile current development budget and utilise an under-used budget to pay the current consultancy team additional monies to meet funder's requirements that more detail is added to Interpretation Plan.**
- **Council to provide additional match funding to this project, in the sum of £75,000 to secure the round two application to Heritage Lottery Fund. Attempts to secure External Funding in this sum will be made over the life of the project delivery phase.**

It was also agreed that should Councillors have any issues regarding the Warrenpoint Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project that they contact Ms Marie Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

It was further agreed Officials to examine elected member attendance at meetings regarding Council led projects/programmes.

ERT/41/2015:- NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FUND APPLICATIONS
- RING OF GULLION
- STRANGFORD LOUGH & LECALÉ PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Ms T Hamill Ring of Gullion AONB Officer, dated 19 May 2015 regarding application to the Natural Environment Fund in respect of the Ring of Gullion. (Copy circulated)

Read: Report from Ms C Nolan Manager SLLP, dated 8 June 2015 regarding application to the Natural Environment Fund in respect of Strangford Lough & Lecale Partnership. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Reports and that a recommendation be tabled at a meeting of the Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting regarding Council representation on the Strangford Lough & Lecale Partnership and other bodies.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed:
 (a) A letter be sent to the Minister for DOE seeking clarification on future funding for AONBs.
 (b) A letter be sent to MEPs seeking clarification on European funding for AONBs.

ERT/42/2015:- DERRYMORE ESTATE PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Ms A Smyth Enterprise Development Officer dated 8 June 2015 regarding Friends of Derrymore Partnership. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to note the following recommendation which was agreed at the Newry & Mourne District Council Meeting held on 30 March 2015:

“On completion of appropriate consultation for the Derrymore Estate Regeneration Project, efforts should focus on preparation of a space and place funding application, and any other funding applications that would be appropriate for Derrymore House and Estate.”

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hearty that local elected representatives be involved in all meetings regarding the Derrymore Estate Regeneration Project.

ERT/43/2015:- SUPERFAST BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

Read: Report from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, dated 8 June 2015 regarding the Superfast Broadband Voucher Scheme. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to note progress on the Superfast Broadband Voucher Scheme and approve progress to implementation stage and sign Service Level Agreement with Belfast City Council.**

ERT/44/2015:- NON DOMESTIC BUSINESS RATES

Read: Report from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer dated 8 June 2015 regarding non Domestic (Business) Rates Information and Valuation process. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the Recommendation contained in Report dated 8 June 2015, from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer as follows:**

- (a) Provide an information leaflet and circulate it via email and social media to the Council's business databases providing the current position on non domestic (business) rates valuation and process of appeal. In addition, request on this email if the recipients would attend an information seminar if it was set up in their area.**
- (b) Contact LPS for a detailed breakdown of the District in order to obtain accurate information on the Council's current position in terms of business rating.**
- (c) Organise two information sessions in Newry and Downpatrick week commencing Monday 22 June 2015 (agenda to be confirmed following written confirmation from Alan Bronte, LPS Commissioner of Valuation).**

**ERT/45/2015:- UPDATE RE:
- NARROW WATER KEEP
- GREENCASTLE CASTLE**

Read: Report from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer dated 8 June 2015 regarding future use of Narrow Water Keep and Greencastle Castle. (Copy circulated)

Councillors expressed concerns that tourist attractions and sites of historical interest across the District were affected by budget cuts and suggested that the Council support local volunteers who were involved in the opening of open the Greencastle Castle site.

Mr McGilly advised that supporting local volunteers with the opening of the Greencastle Castle site would be included in the recommendation put forward to ensure the site could be open rather than kept closed.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in Report from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer dated 8 June 2015 regarding Narrow Water Keep and Greencastle Castle, as follows:

- (a) Convene an immediate meeting of relevant Council officials with WBR Chamber of Commerce and Warrenpoint Heritage Development Committee to discuss, in the first instance the potential opening of Narrow Water Keep for the 2015 summer period.
- (b) In addition, a meeting to be arranged with all relevant stakeholders to discuss the NIEA budget cuts and future implications for the Council due to the number of current NIEA historical sites in the Council District that this issue may apply to.
- (c) To note that currently there was no Council budget for any of this activity.

TOURISM CULTURAL AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/46/2015:- TOURISM MARKETING & COMMUNICATION PLAN/PROGRAMME

Read: Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer and Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager dated 25 May 2015 regarding Tourism Marketing and Communication Plan.
(Copy circulated)

Councillor Hearty stressed the Council needed to focus more on how to sell the area. He referred to Balmoral Show 2015 where the Council had only one person on its promotion stand which he felt was inadequate and suggested the Council should meet with representatives from local hotels to hear their view on how the Council could assist in marketing the area in advance of attending major shows and events.

Councillor Andrews said the Council needed to have a better approach in terms of marketing the area.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the Tourism Marketing and Communication Plan from April 2015 – September 2015 with

relevant additional activities as opportunities arise particularly associated with events, including Halloween events.

**ERT/47/2015:- APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT
RE: DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM STRATEGY**

Read: Report from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager dated 8 June 2015 regarding the appointment of a Consultant for the Development of the Tourism Strategy. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in Report dated 8 June from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager as follows regarding the Development of a Tourism Strategy:

- (a) To appoint a consultant to develop a Tourism Strategy and Action Plan for the district, in line with the new Council Corporate Plan and the emerging Newry Mourne and Down Economic Regeneration Vision and Investment Strategy.
- (b) To establish a Project Board of Members from the ERT Committee to provide overall direction and accountability for the development and implementation of the Tourism Strategy and Action plan for the District. The Board to consist of the following:
- (c) Appointment of Members from the ERT Committee Meeting to the Project Board be made based on the following breakdown:

Sinn Fein	2No. Members
SDLP	2 No. Members
DUP	1 No. Member
UUP	1 No. Member

Parties to forward details of their nominees to the Democratic Services Manager after which arrangements would be made to convene a first meeting of this Board.

(Councillor McAteer joined the meeting at this point – 4.45pm)

ERT/48/2015:- MOURNE COOLEY GULLION GEO TOURISM

Read: Report from Mr J Devaney Geotourism Manager dated 8 June 2015 regarding the continuation of the Mourne Cooley Gullion Geo Tourism. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the present position with regard to the Mourne Cooley Gullion Geo Tourism project.

ERT/49/2015:- ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ANALYSIS

Read: Report from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager dated 8 June 2015 regarding the Accommodation Needs Analysis. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to support the delivery of the Accommodation Needs Analysis study.

ERT/50/2015: PUBLIC ART - HILLTOWN

Read: Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer dated 22 May 2015 regarding insurance and maintenance of public art in Hilltown. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer dated 22 May 2015, regarding public art in Hilltown, as follows:

- (a) The site and piece of art will be insured (including public liability) and maintained by the Council for a period of at least 10 years following installation.
- (b) To pay the associated fee of £415.50 for the certificate of lawful development.

**ERT/51/2015: TRADING BAYS
- ALBERT BASIN NEWRY**

Read: Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer dated 22 May 2015 regarding the designation of 4 No. Trading Bays at Albert Basin quayside Newry. (Copy circulated)

In response to a query from Councillor Quinn regarding public liability insurance and electricity upgrade Ms Boyle confirmed that an offer of funding in the sum of £7,500 had been received from the Loughs Agency which would be spent towards installing required pontoons and electricity upgrades.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding Trading Bays at Albert Basin quayside Newry, as follows:

- (a) To proceed with the process of designating 4 no. Trading Bays at Albert Basin Quay Side – location to be agreed on site. The trading Bays would be non electric facilities.

- (b) To accept letter of offer from Loughs Agency for £7500 and commence the process of detailed assessment and design of electrical upgrade requirements.
- (c) Council continue to pursue funding opportunities to upgrade the electrical supply and access requirements at Albert Basin.

ERT/52/2015: LETTER OF SUPPORT

RE: GLEBE NATIONAL SCHOOL DONAGHMORE

Read: Report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer dated 29 May 2015 to consider providing a letter of support regarding pending application to Heritage Lottery Fund to secure funding for Glebe National School Donaghmore restoration project. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to accept the recommendation contained in report from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer dated 29 May 2015, to provide letter of support to the Steering Committee for the Glebe National School restoration Project which currently had an application pending to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

ERT/53/2015: NATIONAL FAMINE COMMEMORATIONS

Read: Report from Mr G McGivern dated 8 June 2015 regarding National Famine Commemorations. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Harte said that both Councillor Casey and she had sat on the Famine Committee in the legacy Council and would be keen to be included in the planning of the upcoming Famine Commemoration event.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed to accept the Recommendations contained in Report from Mr G McGivern regarding National Famine Commemoration events, as follows:

- (a) National Famine Commemoration Event to be held at Albert Basin, Newry, on 26 September 2015.
- (b) Council in conjunction with Office of Public Works, Dublin, to procure the necessary infrastructure and services to host the event at Albert Basin.
- (c) The Council to issue invitations to main commemoration event.
- (d) Nomination of 6 Members from ERT Committee to sit on a working group with Council officials to work up detail of Famine

Commemoration and supporting events and agree through the ERT Committee.

It was also agreed that subject to approval at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 July 2015, the appointment of 6 No. Members of the ERT Committee to the Working Group to be made on the following basis, and details of nominated Members to be forwarded to the Democratic Services Manager:

Sinn Fein	2 members
SDLP	2 members
DUP	1 member
UUP	1 member

ERT/54/2015: GRAN FONDO GIRO d'ITALIA

Read: Report from Mr G McGivern dated 8 June 2015 regarding Gran Fondo Giro d'Italia. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to accept the recommendations contained in Report from Mr G McGivern regarding the Gran Fondo Giro d'Italia, as follows:

The Council to provide the following services:

- a) To note the use of Dree Hill Car Park, Slieve Croob, Dromara as a hydration stop
- b) To note the use of Spelga Dam Car Park as a hydration stop
- c) In the event improvement works scheduled for Spelga Dam Car Park were not complete, Council to secure the site and to indemnify for use as a hydration stop.
- d) Provision of industrial size wheelie bins, as required, at Dree Hill, Spelga Dam, St Johns Church Car Park, Hilltown and Dromara Football Club Grounds, Dromara.
- e) Cleaning and removal of wheelie bins at the 4 locations
- f) Provision of Council staff to distribute refreshments at Dree Hill, Hilltown and Spelga Dam.
- g) Council staff to erect, and dismantle, route signage.
- h) Access to Warrenpoint Town Hall, or other suitable venue, for Volunteer Hub.

Council to assist in distribution of information leaflets to residents businesses and Chamber and attendance at Community meetings as appropriate

ERT/55/2015: BENEDICT KEILY WEEKEND FESTIVAL

Read: Letter dated 20 May 2015 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council regarding the Benedict Keily Weekend Festival to be held in Omagh from 11 – 13 September 2015 at a cost of £85 per delegate.
(Copy enclosed)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the above correspondence as no appointments were made to attend this event.

ERT/56/2015: LEGACY RE: IRISH OPEN EVENT

Ms Ward explained that arising out of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1 June 2015 it was agreed that an item be referred to the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to discuss the legacy of the successful Irish Open Golf event held in Newcastle.

Ms Ward added that as all the data and information from the recent event was not yet available it would not be possible for Officers to prepare a full report.

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed an item be included for discussion on the next meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 10 August 2015, and the forthcoming Working Group Meeting to discuss the legacy of the Irish Open Golf event, when all relevant data and information will be available.

ERT/57/2015: REPORT RE: IRISH FESTIVAL MILWAUKEE

It was noted an item had been tabled at the Council Meeting held on Monday 1 June 2015 regarding an invitation for the Chairperson of Council to attend the Milwaukee Hurling Club 20th Anniversary Celebrations from 20 – 23 August 2015.

The Council had agreed that a report be brought to the ERT Committee June 2015 with information on costs and whether the visit could include attendance at the Milwaukee IrishFest also.

Read: Report from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism dated 8 June 2015 regarding the Milwaukee Irish Festival 2015.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Chairperson of Council attend the final days of the Irish Festival in Milwaukee and the beginning of the Milwaukee Hurling Club 20th Anniversary Celebration events, from 15 – 22 August 2015 in order to maximise the potential benefits for the Council arising from both events.

**ERT/58/2015: EU FUNDING EVENT
RE: EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS
(FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2015)**

Read: Notification regarding EU Funding Event regarding EU Structural Funds to be held on Friday 26 June 2015 in Limavady.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the above for information.

**ERT/59/2015: EAST BORDER REGION POLITICAL STUDY VISIT
THE LEUVEN INSTITUTE BRUSSELS
(SEPTEMBER 2015)**

Read: Letter dated 1 June 2015 from Ms P Arthurs East Border Region an East Border Region Political Study Visit to the Leuven Institute Brussels in September 2015 at a cost of €500 per person.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to appoint 3 Members of the East Border Region and advisor to attend the East Border Region Political Study Visit to the Leuven Institute Brussels from 14 - 16 September 2015 at a total cost to Council in the sum of £1,500.

**ERT/60/2015:- LICENCE
RE: CAFÉ AT SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Stokes 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Stokes it had been agreed to accept the recommendation contained in the report from Ms A Magill Assistant Director Arts Culture Museum dated 8 June 2015 regarding Café Franchise license extension at Sean Hollywood Arts Centre.

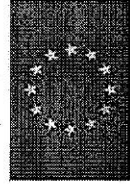
The meeting concluded at 5.25pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

Signed: Ms Marie Ward
Director of Economic Regeneration and Tourism

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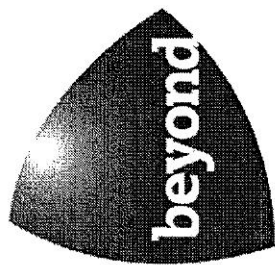


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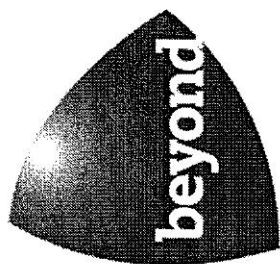
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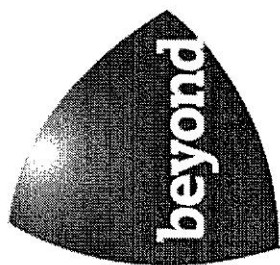
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What is the Beyond Network?

- A flexible demand driven business network
- Targets Micro – Small Business which make up approx. 60% of economy
- Supports existing businesses regardless of size, sector or turnover
- Main communication Council > Businesses through e-zine and website

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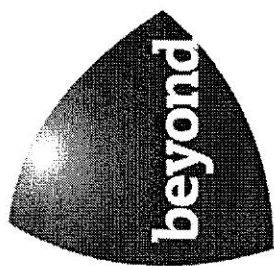
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Issues facing local businesses

- Rural Area - Majority are Micro-businesses
- Gap in Knowledge / Support / Skills
- Difficulty in obtaining support (i.e not a INI Client)
- Swamped with information from multiple support programmes
- Poor Infrastructure – Transport & Internet connectivity

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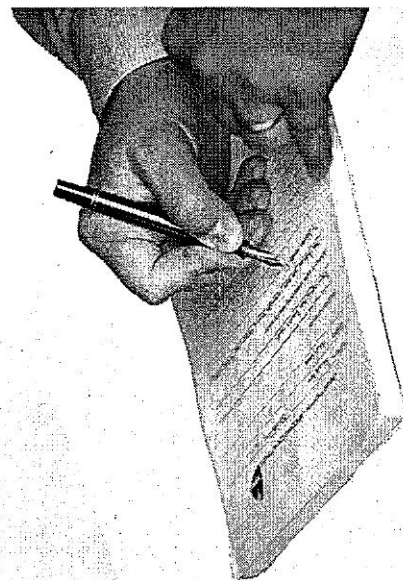


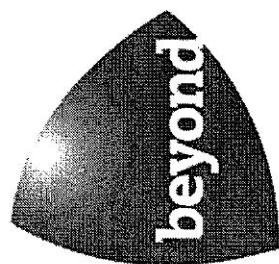


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Benefits to local businesses:

- Delivery – Subsidised Expert Mentoring, Workshops and Networking Opportunities
- Up skilling > Growth > Assistance from Invest NI
- Collaboration with other businesses
- Becoming self sustainable
- First point of contact service for local businesses
- Flexible Support – Demand Driven
- Regular e-zine – valued means of support

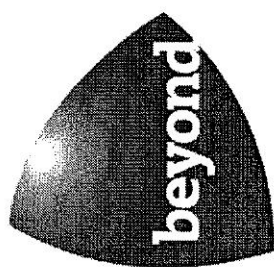




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Benefits to Council

- Identifying local businesses needs:
 - Capture businesses below the VAT threshold "Radar"
 - Centralised MIS (capturing business information / business needs. Building a comprehensive and up to date database of local companies
 - Sharing information to other departments (Tourism, ED)
 - Larger companies have expressed an interest in working with smaller businesses (Local Supply Chains / Knowledge Transfer)
 - Signposting support and funding to businesses
 - Maintains a positive and close relationship with businesses

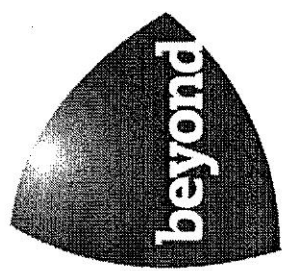


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Results / Key Findings to date

- Over 1500 businesses registered to date
- Over 700 one to one mentoring hours and 60 workshops
- Affordable Mentoring – Access to Expert business mentors
- Increased Demand for Networking
- Collaborative Approach & “Can Do” Attitude
- Other Businesses and programmes referring the service

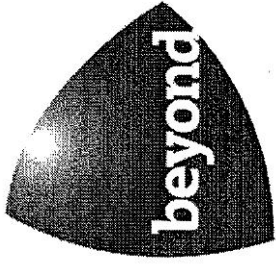
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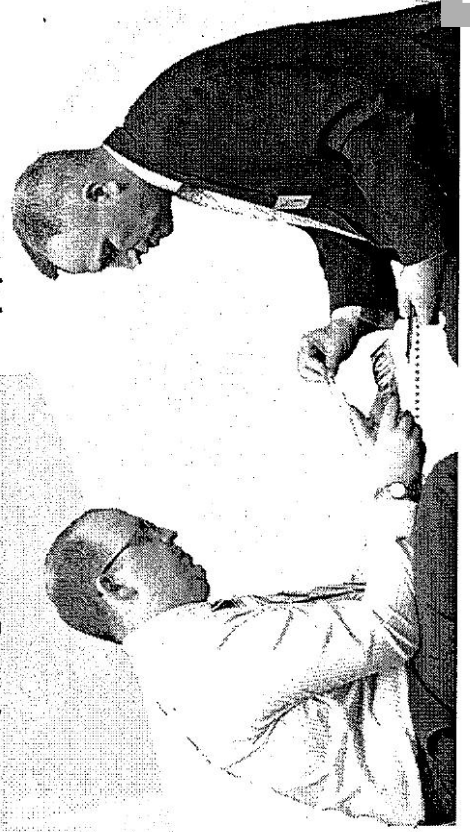
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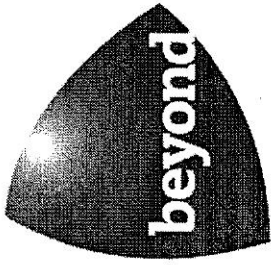
- More Newry based businesses interested in using the service
- Establishing a better relationship with businesses across new district
- Work with both Enterprise agencies to deliver mentoring, workshops and networking opportunities.
- Capture Newry based data to develop new programmes / support



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NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

Chairperson:	Councillor R Burgess	
Vice Chairperson:	Councillor H Reilly	
In Attendance:	Councillor P Brown	Councillor S Burns
	Councillor M Carr	Councillor W Clarke
	Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
	Councillor G Donnelly	Councillor L Kimmins
	Councillor B Ó'Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
	Councillor M Ruane	
Non-Committee Members:	Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
	Councillor D McAteer	Councillor H McKee
	Councillor M Murnin	Councillor JJ Tinnelly
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	
	Ms C Miskelly, Head of Human Resources	
	Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Equality	
	Ms H McKee, Community Planning Manager	
	Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer	
	Mr P Green, Legal Advisor	
	Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager	
	Mr P Rooney, Principal Planning Officer	
	Mr J Finnegan, Internal Auditor	
	Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager	
	Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager	
	Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer	

SPR/51/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Loughran, McGrath and Walker.

Councillor W Clarke entered the meeting at this stage – 6.01pm.

SPR/52/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

SPR/53/2015:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2015

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015.

Noted: The Action Sheet was NOTED.

It was agreed to take item 5 on the agenda at this stage.

PRESENTATION**SPR/54/2015:- Presentation by John Finnegan on Risk Management “Grace Software” Update**

Mr Finnegan, Internal Auditor, presented a report on Risk Management “Grace Software” with a recommendation that Council adopt the software (copy of presentation attached).

Councillor Casey questioned whether the Audit Committee would still receive a presentation from the internal auditor as was commonplace in the legacy Councils.

Mr Dowey advised there would be an Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2015 to pass the accounts for the legacy Councils and Shadow Council. He stated the new Auditors, ASM Howarth would be there to present their programme as well as the outgoing auditors.

It was agreed to take item 4 on the agenda at this stage.

SPR/55/2015:- Presentation by Regina Mackin, Assistant Director: Corporate Planning and Policy – Newry and Mourne Age Friendly Strategy

Read: Presentation by Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director: Corporate Planning and Policy on the Newry and Mourne Age Friendly Strategy (Copy circulated)

Mrs Mackin presented a report on the Age Friendly Strategy following a request at the previous month’s Active and Healthy Communities Committee. She provided some background to the Strategy, outlined the journey to date and highlighted the vision, aims and outcomes of the Strategy going forward. (copy of presentation attached).

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

SPR/56/2015:- REPORT ON TIMELINE FOR THE AREA PLAN

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager on Position Statement: Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan (Copy circulated).

Mr Hay presented the above report stating its purpose was to provide Members with an update and current position in relation to the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan. He highlighted the four key stages in the Local Development Plan Process; Stage 1 – Initial Plan Preparation; Stage 2 – Preparation and Adoption of Plan Strategy; Stage 3 – Preparation and Adoption of Local Policies Plan; and Stage 4 – Monitoring and Review. Mr Hay stated the indicative timeframe for preparing a Local Development Plan from publication of the Plan Timetable in Stage 1 to the Local Policies Plan at the end of Stage 3 was 40 months.

Members raised the following queries:

- 40 months was not a long time to develop a plan given that the old area plan was published last year and was 20 years out of date at that stage. How feasible was the timescale?
- What impact did the number of planning staff allocated to work on the plan have on its development?
- Were members of the planning committee permitted to have an input into the development of the plan?
- Had evidence been gathered from the Republic of Ireland on how to handle rural dwellers in farming families?
- Was it possible to have an interim plan put in place to determine planning in towns and rural settings?
- What impact would the removal of 10 planning staff have on the Council's ability to approve planning applications, which were already lagging behind the rest of Northern Ireland's Councils?
- Had there been any special efforts made to try to reduce the backlog of planning applications that existed?
- Is there a role for other Councillors who are not on the Planning Committee to have an input?
- What were the financial resource implications?

Mr Hay and Mr Hannaway responded to the queries as follows:

- 40 months was very ambitious and challenging, however staff would endeavour to produce a realistic timetable and work to deliver preparatory papers and have evidence gathered in place before moving forward.

- There were 10 planners allocated to the development plan however only 7 were in post as 2 are currently off on maternity leave and 1 was absent due to ill health.
- Planning Committee members will be invited to future SPR Meetings when items regarding the development plan are on the agenda.
- As part of evidence based gathering exercise, planners would look at all best practice and at housing and industrial land supply and take up in respect of existing plans.
- In reference to the Planning Act and associated legislation there was no facility to put interim arrangements in place. The existing plans would remain until a new plan was in place even though some areas may be dated. The existing plans were one of the most recently adopted plans across Northern Ireland.
- There was a recognised need for additional planning staff. Council could decide to park the development plan work to concentrate on approval of planning applications, however this would leave the Council behind on its Area Plan. Additional resources would be in place by end of July, with additional administrative planning staff in place in Newry, and additional planners to cover maternity leave.
- Planning Committee would have responsibility for implementation of the area plan therefore they would be involved in the process. The plan would need to be agreed by the whole Council, therefore all Members would be involved in the process.
- Due to the continual growth there were more applications coming in resulting in additional fees, which will counteract the costs of the additional staff. Council were trying to be conservative and prudent however the need to clear the backlog was recognised and be acted upon.

Noted: The report was noted.

Councillors Brown, Burns and Kimmins left the meeting during the above discussions – 7.05pm.

SPR/57/2015:- OPERATING PROTOCOL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS' BRIEFING PANEL

Read: Report from Mr A McKay, Head of Planning and Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager regarding the operating protocol for the Planning Committee and Members' Briefing Panel (Copy circulated)

Mrs McParland advised Council had already agreed the structure and operating protocol which has been designed to assist with the efficient running and governance of the Planning Committee and Members' Briefing Panel. She advised at the most recent Planning Committee, Members had asked to include the following into the protocols:

1. Planning Committee Members to advise of all information and reports before the meeting took place.

2. Public should not be permitted to give information to Members during committee meetings.
3. Agree set cut off time in terms of receipt of items – with legal advice being sought if necessary.
4. Site visits should be agreed by Briefing Panel and not Planning Committee.

Mr Hannaway recommended when the agenda was circulated, as per the Fife Council model, no further information could be considered.

Councillor D McAteer questioned that, under paragraph 33 it stated that site visits were agreed by Briefing Panel only. However he said any major application automatically went to Committee not the Briefing Panel.

Mrs McParland advised the paragraph should be amended to reflect this position.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ruane to accept the operating protocol with the additions outlined above, including the amendment to paragraph 33 to read: “site visits may be arranged subject to agreement by the Planning Committee and/or Members’ Briefing Panel” and to reflect this change also in the Protocol for the Briefing Panel.

Councillors Casey, D McAteer, McKee, Murnin and Tinnelly left the meeting at this stage – 7.45pm

EQUALITY

SPR/58/2015:- COUNCILLORS’ EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS REFERENCE GROUP

Read: Report on Councillors’ Equality and Good Relations Reference Group – Terms of Reference (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Donnelly to agree the Terms of Reference for Councillors’ Equality and Good Relations Reference Group and to establish a Councillors’ Equality and Good Relations Reference Group and engage an external facilitator for the Group.

SPR/59/2015:- CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE EQUALITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, DATED 18 MAY 2015, RE: THE COMMISSION’S CONSIDERATION OF NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S FINALISED REPORT

Read: Correspondence received from the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, dated 18 May 2015, re: The Commission's Consideration of Newry & Mourne District Council's Finalised Report (Copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the correspondence received from the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland re: The Commission's Consideration of Newry & Mourne District Council's Finalised Report**

SPR/60/2015:- **CORRESPONDENCE DATED 11 MAY 2015 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Read: Correspondence received from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety dated 11 May 2015 re: Equality Screening Report – Quarter 4. (Copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the correspondence received from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.**

SPR/61/2015:- **CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NI, DATED 29 APRIL 2015 RE: EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN LOCAL COUNCILS**

Read: Correspondence received from Local Government Staff Commission for NI, dated 29 April 2015 re: Equality and Diversity in Local Councils. (Copy circulated)

Mr C Moffett advised, following the last meeting, information had been sought on the level of representation and time commitment required for the Diversity Champions for Council. He stated there were 5 workshops for Diversity Champion events scheduled up to March 2016 which will be half day or full day sessions for all the Champions and the key role was to promote equality and diversity in the Council through behaviour and influence, and the Council may choose to hold specific events/activities which may require input from the Elected Member Diversity Champion.

Councillors discussed the issue and it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Group Leaders Meeting for nominations.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to refer the matter of Diversity Champions nominations to the Group Leaders Meeting.**

SPR/62/2015:- LETTER FROM LGSC NI RE: INVITATION TO DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS SUPPORT PROGRAMME WORKSHOP 1 JULY 2015

Read: Letter from LGSC NI re: Invitation to Diversity Champions Support Programme Workshop on 1 July 2015. (Copy circulated)

Mr E Curtis advised Councillors would not have been nominated in time to go to this workshop, however he recommended that Mr C Moffett attend the workshop on behalf of the Council.

Agreed: It was agreed that Mr C Moffett attend the Diversity Champions Support Programme Workshop on 1 July 2015 on behalf of the Council in lieu of Members being nominated.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

SPR/63/2015:- MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS – MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT (FOR NOTING)

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015 from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager regarding Marketing and Communications – Monthly Activity Report. (Copy circulated)

Mrs Mackin presented the Marketing and Communications Report and invited questions from the Members.

Councillor Reilly asked whether the Irish Open event had been as successful as Council had hoped it would be.

Mrs Mackin advised the Irish Open had been a major success and had been broadcast to homes worldwide. She said money could not buy that type of publicity.

Noted: It was agreed to note the Marketing and Communications – Monthly Activity Report.

SPR/64/2015:- MEDIA PROCEDURES

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015 from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager regarding Draft Media Policy Procedures (Copy circulated).

Noted: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to note the Media Policy Procedures.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

SPR/65/2015:- STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ELECTORAL FORA

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015 from Ms H McKee, Community Planning Manager regarding Community Planning/DEA Staffing Arrangements (Copy circulated)

Ms H McKee advised the new Community Planning responsibilities required Council to develop a mechanism for ongoing engagement with the community and voluntary sector which would contribute to the implementation and monitoring of the Community Plan. In order to fulfil this, she recommended that Council choose to approve allocation of either 5 DEA Coordinators to work with Crotlieve and Slieve Croob; Downpatrick and Rowallane; Mournes; Newry and Slieve Gullion or 7 Officers allocated to each one of the DEAs.

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to approve allocation of 7 DEA Coordinators – one for each DEA.

Councillor Reilly questioned if DEA officers would service the DEA Meetings in terms of provision of minutes arising from said meetings.

Ms McKee advised the role may not be done by the officer as depending on the issues, items could be referred on. The officer would convene DEA meetings and outline agendas for the bi-monthly meetings.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to approve the allocation of 7 DEA Coordinators.

SPR/66/2015:- CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015, from Ms H McKee, Community Planning Manager, on Consultation on the Proposals for the Future of the Youth Council (Copy circulated)

Ms H McKee provided some background to the consultation advising that the Department of Education, through its restructuring of the regional and sub-regional youth service delivery wished to amalgamate youth service delivery within the new education administration arrangements.

Ms McKee advised in consultation with the youth sector, the preferred option was option 2 to protect, as far as possible, the functions currently undertaken by the Youth Council

which would be subsumed within the operation of the Education Authority and she asked that the proposed response be agreed.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to accept the proposed response to the consultation on proposals for the future of the youth council.

Councillor Curran left the meeting at this stage – 8.05pm.

SPR/67/2015:- COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY PLACES

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015, from Ms H McKee, Community Planning Manager, on Community Planning Engagement Support from Community Places (Copy circulated).

Ms H McKee advised the Community Places had received confirmation of funding for their Civic Activism Project and would commence work with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council from August 2015 to support community engagement activity.

Noted: It was agreed to note the confirmation of funding to Community Places.

SPR/68/2015:- APSE MEMBERSHIP

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015, from Mr J McBride, Change Manager on Membership of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) for 2015/16 (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Craig to agree membership of APSE for the 2015/16 financial year at a cost of £3250.

SPR/69/2015:- OUTCOMES FROM MEMBERS' WORKSHOP

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015, from Mr J McBride, Change Manager on the report and recommendations of the Members' Workshop held on Friday 29 May 2015. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Donnelly that membership of the Member Working Group be agreed at the Party Representatives Forum.

CORPORATE SERVICES – FINANCE

SPR/70/2015:- LODGEMENT INDEMNITY FORMS TO BE SIGNED FOR NIGHT SAFES RE DANSKE BANK

Read: Report dated 4 June 2015, from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance on the need for signed forms to provide Night Safe Facilities. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane to accept the recommendation to complete Indemnity Forms to provide Night Safe facilities.

SPR/71/2015:- LEGAL EXPENSES INSURANCE COVER RE: COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS – CODE OF CONDUCT

Read: Report dated 4 June 2015, from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance on the requirement for legal expenses insurance cover for Councillors (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane to agree to take out legal cover for Councillors.

SPR/72/2015:- FINANCE DEPARTMENT, UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF MERGING SERVICES OF LEGACY COUNCILS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Donnelly 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Quinn to accept the recommendations as set out in the report dated 4 June 2015 from Mr R Dowey and to agree to extend the additional IT staff member under 31st March 2016.

CORPORATE SERVICES – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**SPR/73/2015:- REPORT ON REQUEST FROM INDEPENDENT/SMALLER PARTIES GROUPING FOR 2 MEMBERS TO MAKE A CHANGE TO APPOINTMENTS ON THE LOUTH, NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ON TRAVELLERS' ISSUES**

Read: Report dated 3 June 2015, from Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager to consider request from the Independents/Smaller Parties Grouping for Councillor Kevin McAteer to replace Councillor Patrick Brown on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues and for Councillor Patrick Brown to replace Councillor Kevin McAteer on the Louth, Newry, Mourne and Down Joint Committee. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor W Clarke to approve request from the Independents/Smaller Parties Grouping for Councillor Kevin McAteer to replace Councillor Patrick Brown on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues and for Councillor Patrick Brown to replace Councillor Kevin McAteer on the Louth, Newry, Mourne and Down Joint Committee.**

SPR/74/2015:- REPORT ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Read: Report dated 3 June 2015, from Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager on the Appointment of Members to external organisations (Copy circulated)

Mrs E McParland advised the purpose of the report was to agree arrangements for the appointment of Members to a number of external organisations, based on discussions at the Party Representative Meeting in April 2015. She stated that following the ERT Meeting held on 8 June 2015, the report also addressed the issue of representation on ad hoc working groups based on projects and programmes based in specific geographical areas.

Agreed: **The report was noted and it was agreed that:**

- 1. The following appointments be made at the Council Meeting on 6 July 2015:**
 - Sports Association for District – 7 Members (1 from each DEA)**
 - Ring of Gullion Management Group – Slieve Gullion DEA Members**
 - NI Museums Council – 1 Member**

Rural Community Network – Council to decide on number – currently Councillor Hearty - Statutory Representative and Councillor D McAteer - co-opted.

Carlingford Lough Commissioners – 2 Members

- 2. In each instance where the Council is leading a project or programme within a DEA, all Members of that DEA to be invited to attend the Task and Finish Working Group Meeting – these arrangements to be reviewed over the next 12 months.**

The Chief Executive left the meeting at this stage – 8.20pm.

SPR/75/2015:- REPORT ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP

Read: Report dated 3 June 2015, from Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager on the appointment of Members to sub-group for Chief Executive's appraisal. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Donnelly to agree the current membership continue for the current Council term, ending May 2019: Councillors Casey, Murnin, Craig, Taylor and Enright.

The Chief Executive re-entered the meeting at this stage – 8.25pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

SPR/76/2015:- LETTER FROM PA DUFFY & CO – MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY MID ULSTER COUNCIL FOR LEAVE TO APPLY FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Read: Correspondence from PA Duffy & Co – matter of an application by Mid Ulster Council for Leave to Apply for Judicial Review (Copy circulated).

Noted: It was agreed to note the letter received from PA Duffy & Co.

SPR/77/2015:- RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER DURKAN RE: SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

Read: Letter dated 12 May 2015, received from Minister Durkan re: Special Responsibility Allowances (Copy circulated).

Noted: It was agreed to note the letter received from Minister Durkan re: Special Responsibility Allowances.

SPR/78/2015:- **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MCSHANES RE: SOUTH DOWN RESCUE GROUP**

Read: Correspondence dated 20 May 2015 from McShanes re: South Down Rescue Group (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Quinn to accept the legal opinion not to grant a lease to South Down Rescue Group for use of Council land near Newry Canal.

SPR/79/2015:- **REQUEST TO LOCATE SMALL BUILDING WITH ADVERTISING PANELS ON THE ALBERT BASIN – EMAIL FROM OLIVER MCGAULEY**

Read: Request dated 25 May 2015 from Oliver McGauley, Newry Coarse Fishing/Angling Club to locate a small building with advertising panels on the Albert Basin (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Donnelly to allow a small building with advertising panels/temporary accommodation for fishing events to be located on the Albert Basin.

FOR DISCUSSION

SPR/80/2015:- **DOWNSHIRE COMMERCIAL UNIT 1 FIT-OUT**

Read: Report dated 28 May 2015 from Mr J Gordon, Assistant Project Manager on quotations received for the Downshire Civic Centre Commercial Unit 1 Fit-Out Mechanical and Electrical Quotation Report. (Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the report on the Downshire Commercial Unit 1 Fit-Out.

SPR/81/2015:- **APPROVAL OF LEASING FOR 29 BELFAST ROAD, SAINTFIELD, VALUATION REPORT ENCLOSED**

Read: Valuation Report dated 1 June 2015 from NI Property Group, for leasing for 29 Belfast Road, Saintfield (Copy circulated)

Mr E Curtis advised a temporary lease was required for storage for Game of Thrones for a 17 week period and recommended that the Committee approve the request.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the leasing of 29 Belfast Road, Saintfield in line with the Valuation Report received from NI Property Group.

SPR/82/2015:- LEASE OF UNIT – 1B, THE SQUARE, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 26 May 2015 from Ms B Magill re: Lease of Unit – 1B, the Square, Warrenpoint (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Donnelly to approve the request to change use of Unit 1B at Warrenpoint Square from beauty therapy to pet grooming at existing rental terms/conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPR/83/2015:- REPORT ON DOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig to agree proposals to ensure the Down Leisure Centre project would commence in January 2016.

SPR/84/2015:- REPORT ON NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane to agree proposals to ensure that Newry Leisure Centre (Phase 2) would commence in January 2016.

SPR/85/2015:- REPORT ON NEWRY CIVIC BUILDINGS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ruane to agree to procure a suitably qualified consultancy to conduct an option appraisal on the location of the proposed Newry Civic Centre as detailed in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Strategic Plan.

SPR/86/2015:- DEVELOPMENT OF SWIMMING BATHS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr to agree the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3.

SPR/87/2015:- NEWRY COMMUNITY CARE AND TREATMENT CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed to note the report.

SPR/88/2015:- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL UNDER RPA STAFF SEVERANCE SCHEME FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Craig to agree to the recommendations regarding a phased approach to consideration of applications for voluntary severance.

MISCELLANEOUS**SPR/89/2015:- NOMINATION OF PARTNERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

Read: Report dated 11 June 2015 from Mrs J Hillen, Partnership Manager on the nomination of PCSP Chairperson. (Copy circulated)

Mrs J Hillen recommended that the appointment of the Partnership Chairperson should be in the following order, taking account of legislative requirements and the Political make-up of the PCSP:

Year 1 – Sinn Fein

Year 2 – SDLP

Year 3 – DUP

Year 4 – UUP

Following discussion it was agreed that the officer would investigate with the Policing Board whether the Parties could choose which year they wanted rather than the prescriptive year as set out above. It was further agreed that the matter be brought back to the Party Representatives' Forum.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí that the officer would investigate with the Policing Board whether the Parties could choose which year they wanted to take the Chair, rather than the prescriptive year as set out above. It was further agreed that the matter be brought back to the Party Representatives' Forum.

SPR/90/2015:- NEWRY DISPLAY SCREEN – VERBAL UPDATE BY E CURTIS

Mr E Curtis advised a display screen would be erected in Newry which would provide 6 hours of free advertising every week at no cost to the Council.

Noted: The information provided on the display screen in Newry was noted.

SPR/91/2015:- ASSET ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Read: Procedures for Acquisition and Disposal of Land Assets (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Donnelly to approve the procedures for Acquisition and Disposal of Land Assets.

SPR/92/2015:- IMPERIAL RUSSIAN COUNCIL

Mr E Curtis advised an invitation had been received from the Imperial Russian Council for 4 people from Council to attend the Imperial Ball in Dublin on 16 October 2015. He suggested if any Member was interested they should contact him as soon as possible.

Agreed: Any Member wishing to attend the Imperial Ball in Dublin on 16 October 2015 should inform Mr Curtis as soon as possible.

The Meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

Signed: **Councillor Robert Burgess**
Chairperson

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

Comhairle Ceantair an Iúir Mhúrn agus an Dúin

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Planning Committee

Operating Protocol

INTRODUCTION

1. The following protocol has been developed for use by the Planning Committee (“the Committee”). It should be read alongside relevant provisions of the Council’s Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and is not intended to replace either document. The key aims of the protocol are to ensure that the Committee makes decisions in a sound, lawful and transparent way and in a timely and efficient manner.

REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The primary roles of the Committee will include:
 - (a) Consideration of applications for planning permission and consents in accordance with the Council’s Scheme of Delegation.
 - (b) Exercising the Council’s powers and duties in relation to planning policies and plan strategies.
 - (c) Responding to consultations in relation to regionally significant or major applications to be determined by the Department of Environment.
 - (d) Responding to consultations issued by the Department of Environment, or any other Department, in relation to planning matters.

FREQUENCY & TIME OF MEETINGS

3. It is recommended the Committee shall meet every fourth week, though there should be flexibility for additional meetings if required.
4. Dates and times will be advertised at least 5 days in advance on the Council website and at the Council's main offices at Downpatrick and Newry.

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

5. As required by Section 31 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 the Council will operate a scheme of delegation for planning, outlining delegation both to the Committee and Officers (this can be found on the Council's website and at the Council's main offices at Downpatrick and Newry). The overall objective is to ensure that arrangements for decision-making on applications for local developments are effective whilst ensuring that proposals that raise strong local views or issues for the district can be dealt with by elected members. Delegating determination of some planning applications to Officers is also seen as a critical factor affecting the overall performance of the development management process as it helps ensure that decisions are taken at the most appropriate level, procedures are clear and transparent, costs are minimised and members have more time to concentrate on complex applications.
6. The Scheme of Delegation delegates all local development applications to Officers for determination, whether for approval or refusal, except in relation to the following circumstances:
 - Relevant material objections from a resident/amenity group;
 - Representations from a Councillor, using the template provided at appendix 1;
 - Objections from six or more respondents from different addresses.

These applications will be brought to the Members' Briefing Panel, refer to appendix 2 for details of Members' Briefing Panel.

7. Enforcement activities are also delegated to appointed Officers. The Committee will receive regular reports on enforcement matters.
8. The following applications cannot be delegated and therefore must be presented to the Planning Committee for determination:
 - Applications which are significantly contrary to the Development Plan and which are recommended for approval.
 - Applications which are submitted by members of staff directly involved in the consideration of planning applications, Councillors and Officers of the Council at the level of Senior Manager or above.
 - Applications attracting objection from Statutory Consultees where the Officer's recommendation is for approval.
 - Applications which are submitted by Council or which relate to land in the ownership of Council or in which the Council has a financial interest.
 - All applications falling within the Major category of development.
9. All Members of the Council will receive two weekly lists – one containing details of all received applications; and the second listing those applications delegated to officers in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

FORMAT OF MEETINGS

10. Committee Meetings (dates, times and papers) will be published on the Council's website at least 5 days in advance.
11. Case Officer Reports will also be available on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal.
12. Committee papers will typically include the following:
 - a) Minutes of the previous meeting for approval;
 - b) Details of delegated applications for noting only by the Committee;
 - c) Details of proposed pre-determination hearings;
 - d) Details of appeals (notified and concluded);
 - e) Details of non-delegated applications (including those brought back following deferral) for consideration by the Committee;
 - f) Details of applications of regional significance with an impact upon the Council area in respect of which the Council is a statutory consultee or where it may wish to make representations;
 - g)
13. Members, staff directly involved in the consideration of planning applications and Officers of the Council at the level of Senior Manager or above must pass to the Planning Case Officer any representation(s) received in respect of a planning application for inclusion in the planning file.
14. A quorum, as outlined in the Council's Standing Orders, is required for the Committee to convene; the quorum being half of the members of the Committee.
15. Members will be required to declare an interest in any item on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and must then leave the meeting when the matter in which they have declared an interest is being discussed. Once a decision had been made in respect of that item, the Member will then be invited to return to the meeting before consideration of the next item commences.

The Democratic Services Officer will record when members enter and leave the room during the course of the Meeting.

16. The Committee will discuss each application that has been presented before taking a vote on one of the following options:
- a) Approve the application with conditions as recommended;
 - b) Approve the application with amendments to the recommended conditions;
 - c) Approve the application contrary to Officer recommendations;
 - d) Refuse the application for the reasons recommended;
 - e) Refuse the application with additional, fewer or amended reasons;
 - f) Refuse the application contrary to Officer recommendations;
 - g) Defer the application with a direction for additional information or clarification; or for a Members' site visit.
17. The Committee can defer consideration of an application to a subsequent meeting for further information, further negotiations or a site visit. Deferrals have an adverse effect on processing times, and the applicant can lodge an appeal after a period of time if the Council has not made a decision. The Committee will therefore generally only defer an application once. The Member proposing deferral must provide clear relevant planning related reasons as to why a deferral is necessary.
18. The Chair has a casting vote.
19. Members must be present for the entire item, including the Officer's introduction and update, otherwise they cannot take part in the debate or vote on that item. However the Chairperson of the Planning Committee can use their discretion in exceptional circumstances in accordance with the Council's standing orders.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

20. Meetings of the Committee will be open to the public, however seating within the Committee Chamber will be limited to the venue capacity and associated fire and safety regulations. Seating will be on a first come first served basis.

21. There will be no speaking rights at the Committee, other than for Members of the Committee, Officers and Statutory Consultees invited to attend.
22. Members of the public will not be permitted to pass information to Members during Committee Meetings or whilst in the Council Chamber.
23. The cut-off time for the receipt of representations shall be one calendar week prior to the Planning committee Meeting taking place.
24. Planning Committee Members to advise Council Officers in advance of the Planning Committee Meeting, of any information/material received by them in relation to planning applications.

DECISIONS CONTRARY TO OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

25. The power to decide an application lies with the Committee and it is entitled to come to a decision contrary to Officers' recommendations.
26. Any such decision may be subject to legal challenge and Members must therefore ensure that the rationale for the decision is fully explained and based on proper planning considerations.
27. Head of Planning or other Senior Planning Officer and/or the Council's Legal Advisor will always be given the opportunity to explain the implications of the Committee's decision prior to a vote being taken on any such proposal.
28. The reasons for the decision contrary to the Officer's recommendation must be formally recorded in the minutes and a copy placed on the planning application file/electronic record.

DECISIONS CONTRARY TO PLANNING POLICY

29. In general, planning decisions should be taken in accordance with the local Development Plan and any other associated planning policy documents. If a Committee member proposes, seconds or supports a decision contrary to the local Development Plan they will need to clearly identify and understand the planning reasons for doing so, and clearly demonstrate how these reasons justify departure from the local Development Plan. The reasons for any decisions which are made contrary to the Development Plan must be formally recorded in the Minutes and a copy placed on the planning application file/electronic record.

PRE- DETERMINATION HEARINGS

30. Regulation 7 of the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (NI) 2015 requires the Planning Committee to hold pre-determination hearings for those major developments which were initially called in by the Department of Environment (DoE) but where the DoE subsequently notified the Council that it does not intend to determine the application.
31. The Committee may also hold a pre-determination hearing, at its own discretion, where the Committee considers it necessary to do so.
32. Any hearing will take place after the expiry of the period for making representations on the application but before the Committee hears the application. The Committee will endeavour to hold pre-determination hearings on a separate date from the Planning Committee meeting at which it will be considered; however this may not always be possible.
33. For these hearings the Case Officer will produce a report detailing the processing of the application to date and the planning issues to be considered. If the Committee decides to hold the hearing on the same day as it wishes to determine the application the report to Councillors will also contain a recommendation.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 34.** The Development Plan will be prepared by the Council's Strategy Policy and Resources Committee in conjunction with the Planning Committee. The Development Plan will be approved by resolution of the Council.
- 35.** The Strategy Policy and Resources Committee, in conjunction with the Planning Committee, shall ensure that the Development Plan is monitored annually, particularly in terms of the availability of housing and economic development land.
- 36.** The Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee, in conjunction with the Planning Committee, shall review the Development Plan every five years, giving consideration to whether there is a need to change the Plan strategy or the zonings, designations and policies contained in the local policies Plan.

SITE VISITS

- 37.** Site visits may be arranged subject to Committee agreement. They should normally only be arranged where the impact of the proposed development is difficult to visualise from the plans and other available material and the expected benefit outweighs the delay and additional costs that will be incurred.
- 38.** A list of objectives to be achieved as a result of the site visit must be agreed and documented in advance of the site visit commencing.
- 39.** No one, other than Members of the Committee and Officers plus any other statutory consultees, may participate in a site visit.

- 40.** Members will not carry out their own unaccompanied site visits as there may be issues around permission to access the land, they will not have all of the relevant information from the relevant Planning Officer and, if a Councillor is seen with an applicant or objector, it might lead to allegations of bias.
- 41.** The Democratic Services Officer (DSO) shall attend the site visit and will record the date and time and duration of the visit. The DSO will also record the attendees and any other relevant information.
- 42.** The Chairperson, or Deputy Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, with the assistance of Council Officers present, will ensure that the site visit is conducted in accordance with this Protocol and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and will ensure that the merits of the application are not discussed.
- 43.** The Planning Officer will remind Members, at the outset of the site visit, of the proposal and the main issues.
- 44.** A nominated Officer will prepare a record of the Members' site visit which will include the date of the visit, attendees and any other relevant information. This record will be placed on the planning application file/electronic record.

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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

MEMBERS' BRIEFING PANEL

Operating Protocol

The Members' Briefing Panel shall be comprised of four members, namely the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Planning Committee, plus two other Members of the Planning Committee appointed from the next two largest political party groupings represented on the Committee – the political party groupings which secured the positions of Committee Chair and Deputy Chair will not be entitled to an additional representative for the remaining two places. Where there is equal representation, then the order of pick determined by d'Hondt will apply.

The Members' Briefing Panel shall not decide upon applications referred to it. It shall consider the nature and extent of objections to the application by considering the Planning Officer's Report, the drawings and letters of objections.

Thereafter the Panel shall decide upon one of the following options:

1. Agree with the decision as proposed by the Officers under delegated powers;
2. Refer the decision for determination to the Planning Committee. The Members' Briefing Panel may also agree that a Site Visit be arranged.
3. Return the application to the Officers for the consideration of further relevant information, prior to re-submission – this option being only allowed once per application.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2015

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 15 June 2015 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor S Burns	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor B Ó'Muirí	Councillor D Taylor

Non-Committee Members: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance:

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities ()
 Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)
 Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager
 Mr J Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer
 Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager
 Mr K Gordon, Assistant Leisure Services Officer
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/25/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Devlin, Harte, Sharvin and Walker.

The Chairperson congratulated Mr E Devlin and Mr R Moore on their recent appointments as Assistant Directors.

AHC/26/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Enright declared an interest in item 9 – Service Level Agreement Affordable Warmth as his family had benefitted from the scheme.

Councillors Andrews and Loughran declared an interest in item 11 – LIFE Funding – Proposed Green Infrastructure Project as they were members of East Border Region.

AHC/27/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2015

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2015. (copy circulated).

AHC/17/2015 – Establishment of Sports Association
Councillor Enright stated there should be an equal spread of sporting organisations on the Association for example GAA should be split into Hurling, Camogie and Football and should have representation from all of these sports.

Mr Lipsett advised it was decided to have one representative from each sport on the Association in order that it remained workable and efficient.

Mr Hannaway advised Council had already made a decision on this matter, however it could be looked at in the future if it was not working.

Noted: The Action Sheet was NOTED.

PRESENTATION

AHC/28/2015: PRESENTATION BY SUICIDE TO ZERO

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Pat McGreevy and Mr David Smyth to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Smyth and Mr McGreevy highlighted the following issues:

- Every year in Northern Ireland there were on average 300 deaths by suicide.
- In 2001 there were 144 deaths through suicide and 158 Road Traffic Accidents.
- By 2013 the deaths in Road Traffic Accidents had fallen to 59 while the number of suicides had almost trebled to 303 deaths.
- Suicide to Zero's aim was to ensure a similar attitude to preventing suicide through campaigns such as that used to reduce deaths by Road Traffic Accidents.
- The group was inspired by the work of the Henry Ford Health System in Illinois, USA whose methods succeeded to the point where for periods of almost two years they did not have a single suicide death in their entire system.

Mr McGreevy advised the group were asking the Council to influence and persuade the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to fully endorse and

adopt the suicide zero approach. They ask that Council support efforts to increase the level of funding from the Executive and help those in pursuit of new sources of funding.

Councillor Burns advised Council had recently agreed to set a strategy in place to deal with suicide and training of staff to recognise the signs of suicide. He stated Council had also agreed to mark World Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Days.

Councillor Burns also encouraged the Suicide to Zero group to become involved in the Community Planning process being set up by Council along with other suicide prevention groups such as PIPS and MYMY.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their excellent presentation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/29/2015: PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR BONFIRES/BEACONS

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Mrs J Hillen, Ms S Burns and Ms S Rice recommending that the Committee agree to the following:

- (i) Adopt the Beacons and Bonfires policy
- (ii) Put in place a bonfire management programme which would include selling the beacons and match funding from PCSP and Good Relations (Copy circulated)

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the Officers' recommendations.

Councillor Taylor expressed his concerns at the removal of the beacon scheme and highlighted it may encourage groups to revert back to the burning of bonfires. He said it was important for the Council to engage with communities and work alongside them on this matter.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the officer's recommendation to:**

- (i) **Adopt the Beacons and Bonfires Policy**
- (ii) **Put in place a bonfire management programme which will include selling the beacons and match funding from PCSP and Good Relations.**

AHC/30/2015: RESULTS OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND SOUTH ZONE REVENUE PROJECTS

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Ms S Burns, which provided background to the 'Work It' programme which involved engaging 160 individuals back into work combined with 500 community projects. The

report recommended that the Committee agree to appoint the Service Delivery Organisation as per the Central Procurement Directives decision. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to appoint the Service Delivery Organisation as per the Central Procurement Directives.

AHC/31/2015: RESULTS OF SECOND CALL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Mrs S Burns, recommending that the Committee agree to award the following:

- i. Community Festivals – 57 at a cost of £52,862.00
- ii. Good Relations – 29 at a cost of £8,426.44
- iii. Capital Schemes – 31 at a match funding cost of £345,983.00 (copy circulated)

Members asked when groups would find out if they had been successful and whether they were able to find out why they failed. Ms Burns advised the minutes from the meeting would be presented at the Council meeting on 6th July 2015 and letters would be issued to groups on Friday 10th July to advise if successful or otherwise. She stated there will be a full review with debrief and appeals system for groups to access.

Councillor Enright stated festival and events in seaside villages are linked to tourism and should be considered collectively rather than individually. Mr Lipsett advised he would investigate this possibility.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to award the following:

- i. Community Festivals – 57 at a cost of £52,862.00
- ii. Good Relations – 29 at a cost of £8,426.44
- iii. Capital Schemes – 31 at a match funding cost of £345,983.00(copy circulated)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/32/2015: IMPLEMENTATION OF PART III OF SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS (NI) ORDER 2006

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin and Mr P McVerry which recommended that the Committee note the report and agree to approve implementation of Part III of The Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: The report on the Implementation of Part III of the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006 was noted and it was agreed on the

proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve implementation of Part III of the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006.

AHC/33/2015: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT AFFORDABLE WARMTH

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin recommending that the Committee note the report and consider and agree to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the SLA for Affordable Warmth project on behalf of the Council. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to agree to give authorisation to the Chief Executive to sign the SLA for Affordable Warmth project on behalf of the Council.**

AHC/34/2015: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR 2015-2016

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin recommending that the Committee note the report and consider and agree to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the SLA on behalf of the Council. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Taylor to agree to give authorisation to the Chief Executive to sign the SLA in relation to Public Health Agency Funded Activities for 2015-2016.**

AHC/35/2015: LIFE FUNDING – PROPOSED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Ms S McEldowney & Mr J Campbell, recommending that the Committee agree to Council Officials working with Officers of the East Border Region and Officers from other East Border Region Councils in preparing an application for LIFE funding for a Green Infrastructure Project. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if it would be possible to incorporate the citypark for Newry into this project.

Mr Campbell advised the project would initially be to look at smaller towns and villages across the East Border Region.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Burns to agree to Council Officials working with officers of the East Border Region and officers from other East**

Border Region Councils in preparing an application for LIFE funding for a Green Infrastructure Project.

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

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
 Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
 Director of Active and Healthy Communities