

April 27th, 2016

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 3rd May 2016** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire.**

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For Consideration and/or Decision

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11 Correspondence received from Department of the Environment regarding Implementing a Fresh Start - Clause 65, Engagement and Consultation

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12 Correspondence received from DoE - Call for Evidence

- 1. Strategic Planning Policy for Development in the Countryside
- 2. Permitted Development Rights for Mineral Exploration
- 3. Strategic Planning Policy for Renewable Energy Development

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1. Licence Agreement Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Tidal View Rod and Gun Club - approved further 5 year licence from 1 July 2015 under Scheme of Delegation.

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2. Licence Agreement - Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Order of Malta - Council agreed to enter into a Licence Agreement with the Order of Malta from 1 November 2015 until 31 August 2017 in respect of two Car Parking Spaces at Newry Sports Centre.

¹⁴ Correspondence received from Northern Ireland Office regarding Reform of Electoral Office for Northern Ireland

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ACTION SHEET- COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
C/72/2016	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016	Minutes - Agreed.	Agreed.
C/73/2016	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016	Action Sheet - Agreed.	Agreed.
C/74/2016	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 February 2016	SC/24/2015 <u>PRESENTATION BY NI WATER</u> An emergency site meeting to take place between Rivers Agency, Roads Service and Crotlieve Councillors regarding the restriction on the Warrenpoint/Rostrevor Road.	Contact has been made with Transport NI who have advised they are unable to attend meeting due to Purdah period. Councillor Carr and other Crotlieve DEA Members updated.
		A Survey be undertaken on the area of road where subsidence had taken place between Campbell's Garage and the Wood House in the Mournes area.	Letters sent to Transport NI, NI Water and Rivers Agency dated 11/4/16
		Correspondence to be sent to NI Water expressing Council's disappointment at their lack of response following the Special Council meeting held on 29.2.16. Minutes of meeting to be included.	Letters sent to Transport NI, NI Water and Rivers Agency dated 11/4/16.

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed	2
C/75/2016	Minutes of ERT Committee – 14 March 2016	ERT/37/2016 - Appointment of Members to Newry, Mourne and Down Economic Forum Nominations agreed as follows: • SF: Councillor S Burns and Councillor Mulgrew • SDLP Nominations to follow from Councillor McGrath. • DUP Councillor H Harvey • UUP Councillor R Burgess • Ind Councillor P Brown	Nominations agreed 4.4.16.	_
		ERT/38/2016 – Appointment of Members to Marine Taskforce Nominations agreed as follows: • SF: Councillor W Clarke and Councillor S Doran. • SDLP Nominations to follow from Councillor McGrath. • DUP Councillor G Hanna • UUP Councillor R Burgess • Ind Councillor C Enright	Nominations agreed 4.4.16.	
		If a response to any consultation is required, this is to be flagged up by the IT Section on Council's website.	Email sent to R Mackin 6.4.16.	
C/76/2016	Minutes of SPR Committee – 15 March 2016	SPR/59/2016 – Report on Presentations to Council and Committee Meetings It was agreed that the Public Protection Agency NI (PPANI) would be invited to the Special Council meeting on 29 April 2016.	Email sent to Julie Smyth, PPANI 7.4.2016.	

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions	3
			taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed	
C/77/2016	Minutes of AHC Committee – 21 March 2016	AHC/44/2016 – Leisure and Sports Facility Arrangement for Public Holiday Minute to be amended as per CIIr Devlin's comments.	Minute amended 11.4.16.	
C/78/2016	Minutes of RTS Committee – 23 March 2016	Minutes agreed.		
C/79/2016	Correspondence received from DHSSPSNI re Consultation on Draft Diabetes Strategy Framework and Implementation Plan	The correspondence was noted.	Email sent to Cllrs dated 6.4.16 (cc E Devlin Assist Director)	
C/80/2016	Correspondence received from Diane Dodds MEP re Southern Relief Road	It was agreed that the cross party working group on Narrow Water Bridge should be the grouping for the prospective visit by the EU TENT-T North Sea Mediterranean Corridor Co-ordinator in June 2016.	Decision noted for future arrangements. Letter dated 12.4.16 sent to Michelle McIlveen MLA.	-
C/81/2016	Correspondence from NI Pensioners Parliament Event in Newry – 8 April 2016	Nominations to the Councillor Discussion Panel at the NI Pensioners Parliament event in Newry on 8 April 2016 as follows: • Councillor T Hearty - SF • Councillor B Quinn - SDLP • Councillor H McKee - UUP	Email sent to organiser 5.4.16 informing them of nominations. Nominated ClIrs informed via email 5.4.16.	

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
		 Councillor H Harvey - DUP 	
C/82/2016	Consultation received from DOJ re proposal to increase court fees	Noted.	
C/83/2016	Consultation received from DARD re additional information relation to consultation on designation of areas of natural constraint	Noted.	
C/84/2016	Consultation received from Dept of Education – Strategy for improving pupil attendance at school	Noted.	
C/85/2016	Consultation received from Dept of Education – Review of Planning, Growth and Development of	Noted.	

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
	Integrated Education – A Call for Evidence		
C/86/2016	Sealing Documents	It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents: 1. Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme - Bond and Form of Agreement documents to be signed and sealed to comply with the contract requirements. 2. Licence Agreement for use of land at Jonesborough, County Armagh 3. Assisted Car Purchase - Senior Environmental Health Officer.	Documents signed 4.4.16.
C/87/2016	Notice of Motion – Homeless People	It was agreed that : "That this Council writes to the Offices of the First and Deputy First Minister calling on the Northern Ireland Executive to now urgently prioritise and address the current number of homeless people sleeping rough across Northern Ireland and also urges the Northern Ireland Executive to dedicate more resources and funding in conjunction with developing a strategy plan with all major stakeholders including the community, voluntary, and private sector and Ministerial Government departments which can address and tackle the homeless situation that is affecting many vulnerable people across Northern Ireland."	
C/88/2016	Notice of Motion – Video Recording and Live Streaming of Council Meetings	It was agreed that this Notice of Motion be referred to the SPR Committee for consideration.	Referred to May 2016 meeting of SPR Committee to allow for preparation of detailed report.

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions 6 taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
C/89/2016	Notice of Motion – Governance Decision Making Process	Motion withdrawn and referred to the Audit Committee.	Referred to 28 April 2016 Audit Committee.

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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2016 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair:	Councillor M Ruane	
In attendance:	(Councillors)	
	Councillor T Andrews Councillor R Burgess Councillor P Byrne Councillor C Casey Councillor W Clarke Councillor D Curran Councillor S Doran Councillor C Enright Councillor G Hanna Councillor H Harvey Councillor M Larkin Councillor D McAteer Councillor B O'Múiri Councillor B O'Múiri Councillor B Taylor Councillor B Walker	Councillor P Brown Councillor S Burns Councillor M Carr Councillor P Clarke Councillor G Craig Councillor L Devlin Councillor S Ennis Councillor S Ennis Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor V Harte Councillor T Hearty Councillor T Hearty Councillor R Mulgrew Councillor R Mulgrew Councillor B Quinn Councillor B Quinn Councillor G Stokes Councillor JJ Tinnelly
	(Officials) Mr L Hannaway, Chief Execut Mr E Curtis, Director of Strate Mr M Lipsett, Director of Activ Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Re Services Mrs M Ward, Director of Ente Tourism Mrs D Carville, Director of Co Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Dire Human Resources Mrs E McParland, Democratic Mrs L Dillon, Democratic Serv Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Serv	gic Planning and Performance re and Healthy Communities egulatory and Technical rprise, Regeneration and rporate Services ector Corporate Services, c Services Manager vices Officer
C/70/2016	APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERS	ON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors N Baillie, D Hyland, L Kimmins, C McGrath, H McKee and H Reilly.

- The Chairperson expressed his condolences to the family of Brian McCabe, who had recently died in a fire at his house in Downpatrick.
- The Chairperson expressed his condolences to the family of Dennis Rogers, who had lost his life on farmland near Hilltown.
- The Chairperson welcomed Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services to the Council.
- The Chairperson referred to the very successful Twilight Market in Newry, which Council staff had put much time and effort into. There had been stall holders in attendance from across the District at this very well attended event. He had also attended the Narnia event in Rostrevor on Easter Monday, which had also been very well attended and he extended congratulations to Council staff for both events.
- The Chairperson extended his congratulations to Saul GAC who were crowned Ballad Group Champions at the All-Ireland Scór Sinsear Finals which took place on Saturday 2 April 2016 at the INEC Killarney. A Civic Reception had been organised for the Downpatrick DEA Councillors, notification for which would be sent out in due course.

C/71/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/72/2016 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2016

- Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016 (copy circulated)
- AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hearty.

C/73/2016 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2016

- Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016 (copy circulated)
- AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/74/2016 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 29 February 2016 (copy circulated)

Councillor Stokes expressed concerns at the lack of response by the Agencies to the issues raised by Councillors during the Special Council meeting.

Councillor Hearty concurred with these remarks, saying the agencies should be notified of Council's disappointment on this matter.

Mr Hannaway said the minutes of the Special Council meeting would be sent out to the Agencies after adoption and a written report would be brought back to Members on the issues raised.

Councillor Carr referred to the restriction on the Warrenpoint/Rostrevor Road due to its unsafe condition, which both agencies were involved in. He said local Councillors were not being kept up to date on the issue and requested an emergency site meeting with the Crotlieve Councillors and relevant Agencies.

Councillor Ruane said there would be inconvenience for some time for people in the area due to the nature of the works.

Councillor Quinn requested a survey be undertaken on the area of road where subsidence had occurred between Campbell's garage and the Wood House as the road had become badly undermined.

- AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Burgess.
- AGREED: It was further agreed that:
 - An emergency site meeting take place between relevant Agencies and Crotlieve Councillors regarding the restriction on the Warrenpoint/Rostrevor Road.
 - A Survey be undertaken on the area of road where subsidence had taken place between Campbell's Garage and the Wood House in the Mournes area.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/75/2016 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2016

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2016 (copy circulated)

ERT/36/2016 – Hotel Development

In response to a request for further information from Councillor Curran, Mrs Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism, explained that Council was in tentative discussions with providers for hotel provision in the District. She said that following the ratification of the ERT Committee minutes, Council would be going out to quotation for the preparation of business plan for provision of a hotel in the Downpatrick area specifically.

In response to a further query from Councillor Curran, Mr Hannaway confirmed Council was in discussion with one hotel provider in particular and another interested party regarding provision in the Downpatrick area and other providers in relation to other areas of the District. He added these discussions were tentative at this time.

<u>ERT/37/2016 – Appointment of Members to Newry, Mourne</u> and Down Economic Forum

The Chairperson asked for nominations to the Newry, Mourne and Down Economic Forum, which were received as follows:

- SF: Councillor S Burns and Councillor Mulgrew
- SDLP Nominations to follow from Councillor McGrath.
 - DUP Councillor H Harvey
 - UUP Councillor R Burgess
 - Smaller Parties/Ind Councillor P Brown

ERT/38/2016 – Appointment of Members to Marine Taskforce

The Chairperson asked for nominations to the Marine Taskforce, which were received as follows:

- SF: Councillor W Clarke and Councillor S Doran.
- SDLP Nominations to follow from Councillor McGrath.
- DUP Councillor G Hanna
- UUP Councillor R Burgess
- Smaller Parties/Ind Councillor C Enright

Mrs Ward reminded Members that Council was out for consultation for its Tourism Strategy for the area, which could be accessed via Council's website and she encouraged Members to ask local businesses and employers to become involved in the survey.

Councillor D McAteer asked that if a response to a consultation was required, the IT Section would flag this up on the website.

- AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor D McAteer, seconded by Councillor Hanna.
- AGREED: It was further agreed that if a response to a consultation was required, this would be flagged up by the IT Section on Council's website.

C/76/2016 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2016

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2016 (Copy circulated).

<u>SPR/59/2016 – Report on Presentations to Council and</u> <u>Committee Meetings</u>

Mr Hannaway explained that Council had previously agreed to invite SONI and the Public Protection Agency NI (PPANI) to the Special Council Meeting on 29 April 2016, but SONI were now unable to attend.

Mrs McParland advised she had given SONI the alternative date of 22 August 2016, but they were yet to confirm.

- AGREED: It was unanimously agreed that the Public Protection Agency NI (PPANI) would be invited to the Special Council meeting on 29 April 2016.
- AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Brown.

C/77/2016 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2016 (Copy circulated).

AHC/44/2016 – Leisure and Sports Facility Arrangement for Public Holiday

Councillor Devlin as a matter of accuracy, said that she had not queried whether the overflow car park at Donard Park, Newcastle would be open going forward, as it would be, but she had highlighted that the overflow car park had not been open on St. Patrick's Day and she had concerns regarding toilet provision in Newcastle.

AHC/39/2016 – DEA Fora Update Report

In response to a query from Councillor Craig regarding the closing date for the DEA nomination process of 9 April 2016 and the fact there had been a poor response from the voluntary and community groups, particularly in the Slieve Croob area, Mr Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, explained that the process was an on-going, rolling process, which would be kept open until the places were filled. He added that work was being undertaken with NICVA and other partners to develop the capacity of the community groups.

AGREED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record subject to the amendment above.

The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Harte.

C/78/2016 MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2016

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2016 (Copy circulated).

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

RTS/49/2016 – PAC Hearing in Relation to the Planning Application for ARC's Proposed Waste Treatment Facility at Hightown Quarry

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information in relation to which a claim for legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings, and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business."

- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Council come out of closed session.
- Agreed: When the Council came out of closed session, the Chief Executive reported that Councillor Enright had proposed and Councillor Burns had seconded that the Council seek its own separate legal opinion in relation to the matter of pursuing the PAC Hearing on the planning application for arc21 proposed waste treatment facility and this motion had been declared lost following a vote, as detailed:

For: 16 Against: 17 Abstentions: 0

The Chief Executive further advised that subsequently Councillor Burns had proposed and Councillor Hearty seconded that the Council withdraw its agreement from the option to pursue a hearing in front of the Planning Appeals Commission inquiry, in relation to the waste treatment facility and also withdraw from any agreement that arc21 Officers enter into discussions with the bidding consortium to seek to develop a protocol for minimising the cost to arc21 associated with the PAC hearing process and this motion had been declared lost following a vote, as detailed:

For:15Against:18Abstentions:0

<u>RTS/40/2016 – Planning Department Performance Indicators</u> <u>– February 2016</u>

In response to queries from Councillor Murnin, Mr O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services advised:

- The Planning Briefing Panel no longer existed and would not sit again.
- There were still proforma letters accompanying the weekly planning lists which contained misleading information, which would be changed regarding how Council could and should raise any issues.
- The Scheme of Delegation would be brought to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in April 2016 and to facilitate the speeding up of the process, the Planning

Committee would be invited to attend for that item. The Scheme of Delegation would then be forwarded to the DoE prior to full ratification by Council, which would speed up the process.

- The Planning Task Force had considered the recommendations regarding ceasing the Briefing Panel and the decision had been ratified by Council.
- All planning refusals would now be presented to Council.
- There would be a workshop with the Planning Committee, where the altered Scheme of Delegation would be discussed and proposals made regarding operationally managing the number of applications.
- For a short period there may need to be 2 Planning Committees per month.
- The issue of speaking rights had been discussed at Party Representatives Forum and would be tabled at the April 2016 Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor D McAteer expressed concerns around transparency and fairness that not all of the applicants/agents were fully aware of the new planning processes in place.

In response to a query from Councillor Quinn, Mr O'Rourke confirmed that the advice provided to Members with the lists would enable them to express an interest or a concern on an application.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/79/2016 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DHSSPSNI REGARDING CONSULTATION ON DRAFT DIABETES STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Read: Correspondence received on from DHSSPSNI dated 8 March 2016 re: consultation on draft diabetes strategic framework and implementation plan (Copy circulated).

In response to queries from Councillor D McAteer, Mr Hannaway confirmed Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing), would prepare a report which Members could feed into. He confirmed that the closing date was 31 May 2016 and that comments from Members could be submitted prior to this date.

NOTED: The correspondence received from DHSSPSNI was noted.

C/80/2016 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DIANE DODDS MEP REGARDING SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD

Read: Correspondence received from Diane Dodds MEP dated 11 March 2016 regarding the Southern Relief Road (Copy circulated).

Councillors Craig and Carr welcomed the intervention by Diane Dodds MEP on the Southern Relief Road.

In response to a request from Councillor Carr, Mr Hannaway suggested that the cross party working group on the Narrow Water Bridge project could also be the grouping for the prospective visit by the EU TENT-T North Sea Mediterranean Corridor Co-ordinator in June 2016.

Councillor Quinn requested the Mournes area be given consideration by the visit in June.

- NOTED: The correspondence received from Diane Dodds MEP regarding the Southern Relief Road, was noted.
- AGREED: It was agreed that the cross party working group on Narrow Water Bridge should be the grouping for the prospective visit by the EU TENT-T North Sea Mediterranean Corridor Co-ordinator in June 2016.

C/81/2016 CORRESPONDENCE FROM NI PENSIONERS PARLIAMENT EVENT IN NEWRY 8 APRIL 2016

Read: Correspondence received from NI Pensioners Parliament regarding the event in Newry on 8 April 2016. (Copy circulated).

Nominations were sought for the Councillor discussion panel at the NI Pensioners Parliament event in Newry on 8 April 2016 and were appointed as follows:

- Councillor T Hearty SF
- Councillor B Quinn SDLP
- Councillor H McKee UUP
- Councillor H Harvey DUP
- NOTED: The nominations to the Councillor Discussion panel at the NI Pensioners Parliament event in Newry on 8 April 2016 were appointed as above.

CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

C/82/2016 CONSULTATION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – PROPOSAL TO INCREASE COURT FEES

- **Read:** Consultation received from Department of Justice regarding the proposal to increase court fees (copy circulated)
- NOTED: The Consultation from the Department of Justice regarding the proposal to increase court fees was noted.
- C/83/2016 CONSULTATION RECEIVED FROM DARD RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO CONSULTATION ON DESIGNATION OF AREAS OF NATURAL CONSTRAINT
- **Read:** Consultation from DARD re: Additional information relating to consultation on designation of areas of natural constraint (copy circulated)
- NOTED: The Consultation received from DARD regarding additional information relating to consultation on designation of areas of natural constraint was noted.
- C/84/2016 CONSULATION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING PUPIL ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL
- **Read:** Consultation from DEA re: Strategy for improving pupil attendance at school (copy circulated)
- NOTED: The consultation from DEA regarding the Strategy for improving pupil attendance at school, was noted.
- C/85/2016 CONSULTATION RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – REVIEW OF THE PLANNING, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED EDUCATION: A CALL FOR EVIDENCE
- **Read:** Consultation from DEA re: Review of the Planning, Growth and Development of Integrated Education: A Call for Evidence (copy circulated)

Mr Hannaway advised that Parties should make their own response to the above consultation

NOTED: The consultation from DEA regarding the Review of the Planning, Growth and Development of Integrated Education: A Call for Evidence, was noted.

SEALING DOCUMENTS

C/86/2016 SEALING DOCUMENTS

AGREED: It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents on the proposal of Councillor D McAteer, seconded by Councillor Craig:

- 1. Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme Bond and Form of Agreement documents to be signed and sealed to comply with the contract requirements.
- 2. Licence Agreement for use of land at Jonesborough, County Armagh
- 3. Assisted Car Purchase Senior Environmental Health Officer.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/87/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION – HOMELESS PEOPLE

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillor P Clarke:

"That this Council writes to the Offices of the First and Deputy First Minister calling on the Northern Ireland Executive to now urgently prioritise and address the current number of homeless people sleeping rough across Northern Ireland and also urges the Northern Ireland Executive to dedicate more resources and funding in conjunction with developing a strategy plan with all major stakeholders including the community, voluntary, and private sector and Ministerial Government departments which can address and tackle the homeless situation that is affecting many vulnerable people across Northern Ireland."

In proposing the motion, Councillor P Clarke offered his deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of 32 year old Catherine Kenny, originally from Downpatrick, who had recently passed away in Belfast. He said it was deeply regrettable that in the 21st Century, in 2016, a young lady had died in the doorway of a Belfast shop as a direct result of being homeless for 11 months. He said the system had guite clearly let homeless people, such as the late Catherine Kenny down, as well as the homeless people who had died since the beginning of the year. right across Northern Ireland. He stated that the Members in the Chamber were lucky, in that none of them were homeless yet, but said no-one knew what the future held - such as a loss of job, house repossession, mental health issues, alcohol or substance abuse issues, or just circumstances out of our control, could force anyone onto the streets to become homeless. He stated that there were people right across the District of Newry, Mourne and Down, sleeping rough and homeless.

Councillor P Clarke stated the current Housing Executive strategy for NI 2012 – 2017, was not fully addressing the issue of homelessness, and he believed the Northern Ireland Executive needed to urgently prioritise and address the number of people sleeping rough across the District and Northern Ireland. There needed to be a collective approach between the Northern Ireland Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and all major stakeholders to address the issue of homelessness. He stated that it was owed to the family of Catherine Kenny to challenge the decision makers to dedicate more resources and funding and a comprehensive strategy that would be effective, as the current strategy for Northern Ireland was letting people slip through the net to their deaths.

Councillor Enright seconded the motion stating it had been a credit to the large number of people who had attended the funeral of Catherine Kenny last week, which had distressed many people in the town, thinking such a thing could happen to a local person.

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

- The voluntary sector, Simon Community, faith groups and people who run food banks should be praised for their work with homeless people.
- Homeless people were not so apparent in the District, but many thousands of people present themselves as homeless out of the Housing Executive, who were hidden from public view.
- It was a disgrace to our society that someone could die in such close proximity to Belfast City Hall.
- It was usually a complex situation and a multitude of factors involved, when people found themselves homeless and could be for a number of reasons: mental health problems, addictions, relationship breakdown, domestic violence, mortgage arrears.
- This was a major issue for society and also for resources in general including how taxes and rates were being spent.
- Homeless people who developed mental health problems and chronic illness as a result of being homeless, had a knock on effect on NHS budgets.
- There was an opportunity for people to pull together in a strategic way in order to deal with these complex needs.
- Homelessness was a growing and complex problem and needed a multi-agency approach to solve it.
- The terms homelessness and sleeping rough were sometimes mixed up and were not interchangeable. Not all homeless people slept rough on the streets – some homeless people stayed in B&B's or with relatives.
- The issue of those who were sleeping rough and then moved into accommodation, but gravitated back to the streets, needed to be tackled by a multi-agency approach.

- There was a strong requirement to concentrate on supporting alcohol support units and treatment centres ie. Ward 15 Downe Hospital, which helped a lot of people in the area and across the District, but there were less units now than there were years ago.
- Agreed: It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor P Clarke, seconded by Councillor Enright, that this Council writes to the offices of the First and Deputy First Minister calling on the Northern Ireland Executive to now urgently prioritise and address the current number of homeless people sleeping rough across Northern Ireland and also urges the Northern Ireland Executive to dedicate more resources and funding in conjunction with developing a strategy plan with all major stakeholders including the community, voluntary, and private sector and Ministerial Government departments which can address and tackle the homeless situation that is affecting many vulnerable people across Northern Ireland."

C/88/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION – VIDEO RECORDING AND LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillor Brown and Enright:

'This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the following measures be taken to increase transparency: video recording and live streaming of all full council meetings, audio recording of all statutory committee meetings and online publication of Councillor's register of interests. The Council asks that a cost analysis and delivery timetable for this be presented to next month's SPR meeting for approval'.

The Chairperson said that due to the contents of the above Motion, the matter should be dealt with through the Council's Committee structure in accordance with Council's Standing Order 16.1 (6) which states:

"If the subject matter of any motion of which notice has been properly given comes within the remit of any committee it shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred without discussion to that committee, or to such other committee as the Council may determine, for consideration and report".

The Chairperson said he was ruling that the Motion be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and costings, after being formally proposed and seconded.

Agreed: Councillor Brown formally proposed and Councillor Enright seconded the above Motion which was then referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for full consideration.

C/89/2016 <u>NOTICE OF MOTION – GOVERNANCE DECISION MAKING</u> <u>PROCESS</u>

The Chairperson advised that an email had been received earlier that day from the proposer of the motion, Councillor Enright, requesting the above motion be withdrawn from consideration at the Meeting and instead referred to the Audit Committee for consideration.

The motion was therefore not tabled at the Council meeting, with the matter being referred instead to Audit Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 April 2016 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry Councillor D Curran **Chairperson: Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor R Mulgrew In Attendance: (Committee Members) Councillor R Burgess Councillor W Clarke Councillor P Byrne Councillor G Hanna Councillor V Harte Councillor H Harvey Councillor T Hearty Councillor D McAteer **Councillor M Ruane** Councillor B Quinn Councillor G Stokes **Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Ms D Carville Director of Corporate Services Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration &Tourism Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

ERT/51/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor S Ennis Councillor T Andrews

Councillor Curran welcomed the newly appointed Director of Corporate Services, Mrs Dorinnia Carville, to the meeting.

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ERT/52/2016: MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Councillor Quinn expressed his sincere condolences to the family of late Irene Adair. He said Irene had been a very involved member of the Tourism Committee on the legacy Newry & Mourne District Council and ran her own Guest House in the District, and he requested that the Council send a letter of sympathy to her family.

- **Noted:** The Chairman of Council, Councillor Ruane, pointed out that requests for letters of sympathy should be made through the Chairpersons Office by way of a an email or phone call.
- AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Irene Adair who recently passed away.

ERT/53/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

ERT/54/2016: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016

- Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/55/2016: <u>ERT – BUSINESS PLAN</u>

- Read: Report dated Monday 4 April 2016 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding progress on the ERT Business Plan up to the end of March 2016. (Copy enclosed)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Business Plan Report Card (Version 1.0), as contained in Report dated 4 April 2016 from Ms M Ward Director ERT, and to continue to table Business Plan progress reports in `traffic light system' format, to

meetings of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee on a quarterly basis.

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NOTED: The ERT Business Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis and should Elected Members have any issues that these be raised with Ms M Ward Director of ERT.

ERT/56/2016: DARD CONSULTATION RE: DESIGNATION OF AREAS OF NATURAL CONSTRAINT (ANC)

Read: Report from Ms T Hamill Ring of Gullion AONB Officer regarding a response to# a DARD Consultation to seek the views of stakeholders on the Designation of Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) and options for future support to areas of Natural Constraint. (Copy enclosed)

Councillor McAteer and Councillor Burgess both expressed concern at the fact no funding figure had been published under Q1, Point 5(b), ie, a transitional ANC Scheme in Pillar II for the 2017 and 2018 claim, and they cautioned against approving the consultation response without first clarifying what this amount is likely to be.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the response to DARD Consultation regarding Designation of Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) and options for future support to ANCs, as contained in report from Ms T Hamill Ring of Gullion AONB Officer, subject to Council Officers seeking clarification/advice regarding Page 5, number 5(b), as contained under Options Q1, to establish what the funding figure will be as no indication of the amount has been published.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/57/2016: DOWN JUNIOR GOLF CHALLENGE 2016

- Read: Report dated 11 April 2016 from Mr M Mahon, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding the Down Junior Golf Challenge 2016. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to appoint Match Play Media to deliver the Down Junior Golf Challenge 2016, as per Report dated 11 April 2016 from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager.

ERT/58/2016: NEWCASTLE GATEWAY/GONDOLA DEVELOPMENTS

Read: Report dated 11 April 2016 from Mr M Mahon, Senior Tourism Initiatives regarding tendering to develop a visioning document for Newcastle and proposed Gondola developments. (Copy circulated)

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Councillor Quinn felt the Council should perhaps in the first instance, carry out a community consultation regarding the development of a vision document for Newcastle.

Councillor Clarke said the legacy Down District Council had spent a considerable amount of money on a feasibility study for the Gondola development and the vast majority of people

understand the benefits this will bring in boosting a tourism package for the area. He accepted that an initiative of this scale would invite many different views from people. He suggested the development should be given a new name which would link to the area.

Councillor Burgess pointed out that proposals for the Chair Lift should go beyond the Quarry and continue to the top of the mountain.

Ms Ward explained the purpose of the study was to look at all aspects and that a consultation with key stakeholders would be included as part of this study and she assured that any progress made would be based on a public and statutory consultation.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed the Council proceed to seek tenders to develop a Visioning Document for Newcastle and proposed Gondola Developments, as per Report dated 11 April 2016 from Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager.

ERT/59/2016: MOORING FACILITIES – ALBERT BASIN QUAYSIDE

Read: Report from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding options for Mooring facilities at Albert Basin Quayside, Newry. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Stokes said the Council should consider forming a Liaison Group involving Councillors and users of the mooring facilities to ensure no breakdown in communication occurs.

Ms Ward said Officials can look at the possibility of forming a Liaison Committee regarding Albert Basin Quayside and report back on this suggestion in due course but she assured Members that Officers had taken on board any comments from the users regarding the provision of mooring facilities at Albert Basin Quayside.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed as follows:

- (a) The Council provide the mooring facility at Albert Basin Quayside without electricity and remove the restriction on boat numbers.
- (b) Officers to investigate if one electrical power point can be provided which is metered and booked and paid for separately upon request on a daily basis rate.

(c) Officers to examine the possibility of forming a Liaison Committee for the Albert Basin Quayside, to involve the users of the facilities at this location.

ERT/60/2016: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT TOURISM NI

- Read: Report dated 4 April 2016 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding a Service Level Agreement with Tourism NI. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Tourism NI, as per Report dated 4 April 2016 from Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

ERT/61/2016: UPDATE RE: LOCATION OF TOURISM NI STAFF MEMBER

Councillor Hearty asked for an update regarding the co-location of a Tourism NI staff member and where this member of staff would be located within the District.

NOTED: It was noted arrangements for the co-location of a Tourism NI staff member to the District were nearly finalised and Officers hoped to be in a position to announce details shortly.

FOR NOTING

ERT/62/2016: SLIEVE GULLION FORWARD PLANNING

- Read: Report dated 23 March 2016 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Meeting of Slieve Gullion Councillors, Forestry Service and Clanrye Group held on 21 March 2016 regarding forward planning for Slieve Gullion Forest Park. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note Report of Meeting of Slieve Gullion Councillors, Forestry Service and Clanrye Group held on 21 March 2016 regarding forward planning for Slieve Gullion Forest Park, as follows:
 - (a) To note the park and ride facility operating from Jonesborough
 - (b) To note that Clanyre have appointed Synge and Byrne as new café provider.

ERT/63/2016: TOURISM STRATEGY – TASK & FINISH

- Read: Report dated 5 April 2016 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board Meeting held on 24 February 2016. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note update on the Tourism Strategy development as per Report dated 5 April 2016 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer.

ERT/64/2016: BRITISH TRAVEL & TOURISM SHOW

- Read: Report dated 24 March 2016 from Ms M McKeown reporting on the British Travel & Tourism Show held in Birmingham on 16/17 March 2016. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note Report dated 24 March 2016 from Ms M McKeown regarding Council attendance at the British Travel & Tourism Show held in Birmingham on 16/17 March 2016, and note that Officers recommend continued attendance at this very popular event which will be held in Birmingham around the same dates in 2017.

ERT/66/2016: EXPLORE GB EVENT

- Read: Report dated 24 March 2016 from Ms M McKeown reporting on the Explore GP event held in Liverpool on 3-5 March 2016. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note Report dated 24 March 2016 from Ms M McKeown regarding Council attendance at the Explore GP event held in Liverpool on 3-5 March 2016 and to note that Officers recommend continued attendance at this prestigious event which will be held in Brighton in 2017.

ERT/67/2016: DOE ENVIRONMENT FUND ENVIRONMENTALLY PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

- Read: Report from Mr D Rice, Ring of Gullion, LSP Manager regarding a DOE Environment Fund for Ring of Gullion AONB, LPS and SLLP. (Copy enclosed)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note and approve that Council accept and sign the letter

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of offer from DOE Environment Fund for Ring of Gullion AONB, LPS and SLLP, and that Officers review budget and work plans as a result of the funding cuts and arrange to bring back a paper to a future meeting of the ERT Committee outlining the implications of the funding cuts.

NOTED: The reduced level of funding will mean a reduction of resources and the need to focus on essential projects which meet the requirements of the offer letter.

ERT/68/2016: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

- Read: Scheme of Delegation. (Copy circulated)
- AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation.

ERT/69/2016: TENDER PUPPET FOR WARRENPOINT `WAKE THE GIANT' FESTIVAL AUGUST 2016

- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Burgess 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 Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Committee come `out of closed session'.
- Agreed: When the Committee came `out of closed session', the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke, to engage an artist to design, create, manufacture, deliver to site and manipulate one giant puppet for the Wake the Giant Festival in Warrenpoint on Sunday 21 August 2016. Costs to be taken from the Festival budget.

Councillor Curran wished Members a success Election.

The Meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

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For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 May 2016

Signed: Councillor D Curran Chairperson

Signed: Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair :	Councillor R Burgess	
In Attendance:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor S Burns Councillor W Clarke Councillor D Curran Councillor L Kimmins Councillor M Murnin Councillor M Ruane	Councillor P Brown Councillor M Carr Councillor G Craig Councillor C Enright Councillor M Larkin Councillor B Ó'Muirí Councillor B Walker
Officials in Attendance:	Performance Mr C O'Rourke, Director Services Ms D Carville, Director of Ms C Miskelly, Assistant D	of Strategic Planning & , Regulatory and Technical Corporate Services Director, Human Resources Director, Corporate Planning Plan Manager anning Officer r rojects cer anager t Director, Administration ratic Services Manager

SPR/81/2016:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Loughran, D McAteer and Harte.

SPR/82/2016:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W Clarke declared an interest in SPR/90/2016 – OFMDFM – Social Investment Fund – Community Operated Sports – as he had been on the SIF Steering Group.

Councillor Curran declared an interest in SPR/98/2016 – Peace IV – being a member of the Peace IV Monitoring Committee.

SPR/83/2016:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2016 (circulated).

<u>SPR/55/2016 – Action Sheet of Strategy, Policy and Resources</u> <u>Committee – 11 February 2016.</u>

<u>SPR/48/2016 – Land for Sale at Upper Dromore Road,</u> <u>Warrenpoint</u>

Mr Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance provided an update on this item of business, saying the land had been sold subject to formal confirmation. He advised if the sale did not complete, a meeting would be set up with Crotlieve Councillors, as had been previously agreed.

Councillor Ruane requested Council officials would meet with Warrenpoint Town Football Club regarding health and safety issues on the Council owned grounds.

- Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that a meeting be organised with Warrenpoint Town Football Club regarding health and safety issues at the grounds.
- Agreed: The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 March 2016, was agreed.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND WELL-BEING

SPR/84/2016 PRESENTATION – PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND THE THEMATIC DELIVERY GROUPS

Read: Report from Ms H McKee, Assistant Director of Community Planning, dated 14 April 2016, regarding the Elected Member Representation on the Community Planning Partnership Board and Thematic Groups (circulated).

Councillor Burns raised concerns regarding the d'Hondt process used as the 2 larger parties would have 4 Members on each Thematic Delivery Group. He suggested flexibility so that Members could interchange between the groups dependent upon specific interest.

Mr Hannaway confirmed if Members had a specific interest in a particular Thematic Delivery Group then they could, with agreement, swap with another Councillor to the preferred group.

Councillor Burns raised concerns over the deadline of the publishing of the Strategic Community Plan, saying it was too soon, being in late June/early July and he suggested waiting until the autumn and producing a more robust plan.

In response, Ms McKee, advised that a detailed plan would not be available by late June/early July, but a detailed strategic framework would be available for publication. She advised the Community Plan must be submitted to the DoE by 2017.

Mr Hannaway advised that the Council had a statutory duty to consult on the Strategic Community Plan. He said he appreciated Councillor Burns' concerns and suggested the governance body and statutory agencies could look into other ways of publicising the Plan, for example, via social media.

In response to a query from Councillor Burgess, Ms McKee advised the Community Planning Partnership Board would meet on a quarterly basis. The decision on the frequency of meetings of the Thematic Delivery Groups would be discussed at the first meetings of these groupings.

Councillor Craig referred to Councillor Burns point about Members interchanging between the Thematic Delivery Groups depending on specific interest, saying it was good to see the mature attitude being taken by Members and that it would be good to see the Thematic Delivery Groups being populated and the Community Plan being built up.

Councillor W Clarke thanked Ms McKee for her hard work on this item of business and concurred with Councillor Craig's remarks. He said there was still confusion as to what the DEA Fora entailed and plain language and policy needed to be used along with social media and the website. He said it was vitally important to engage with youth and schools and set up pop up events. He said there had been good attendance at the DEA public events, but it needed to be widened out.

In response to a question from Councillor W Clarke, Ms McKee advised the Department of Justice had written to Council as they were keen that the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) become involved in Community Planning.

In response to question from Members, Ms McKee advised it would be beneficial to receive the nominations prior to the Council AGM. Mr Hannaway suggested a discussion at the next Party Representatives Forum about which meeting would be best to receive the nominations.

In response to a query from Councillor Burns regarding the three Councillors who were no longer in the party they had stood for at election, Mr Hannaway suggested an amendment could be agreed to allocate the last 3 remaining places (after all other Members had been placed) by using d'Hondt with order of pick for these last 3 places being based on the respective voting strength of Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly, at stage 1 of the Local Government election.

Councillor Burns said this would be acceptable as those Councillors who had remained loyal to their parties and electorate, would already have had their picks.

In response to a concern from Councillor Ruane, Ms McKee advised she had met with the Senior Citizens Consortium, but would include the Pensioners Parliament in the consultation. She further advised schools would be included in the consultation.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig, that:

- 7 No. Elected Members plus the Chairman of the Council would participate on the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- 10 No. Elected Members would be appointed to each Thematic Delivery Group using the d'Hondt system.
- To meet the deadline set by the DoE for publishing the Strategic Community Plan, the first draft of the

Community Plan would be produced by late June/early July with Thematic workshops being undertaken in May and June to achieve this.

• Elected Member appointments would be made in advance of the workshops.

AGREED: It was further agreed that

- The Party Representatives Forum would discuss which meeting would be best to receive the nominations.
- That an amendment be agreed to allocate the last 3 remaining places (after all other Members had been placed) by using d'Hondt, with order of pick for these last 3 places being based on the respective voting strength of Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly, at stage 1 of the Local Government election.

SPR/85/2016 PROPOSED NEW PLANNING SCHEME OF DELEGATION AND OPERATING PROTOCOL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Read: Report from Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services, dated 14 April 2016, regarding the proposed new Planning Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol for Planning Committee (circulated).

> Mr O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services explained that the proposed new Planning Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol for the Planning Committee had been reviewed by Belfast City Council's legal services and had been presented to the Planning Committee earlier in the week.

Concerns by Members were raised as follows:

- The proposed filter system for refusals whereby any additional information could be submitted 5 days before the meeting, was not long enough. If it was a busy month or there were a number of refusals, the applications could be held over.
- Within the first 25 days of an application, constituents may not be aware of the application, until a decision has been made
- Could Planning Committee Members who had withdrawn from the meeting due to a conflict of interest speak?
- The length of time for DEA Councillors to speak was 2 minutes, which divided by 5 Councillors would not be long enough.

- Could the Planning Committee question the person who had spoken on an application?
- If legal advice was taken and an application was referred back to the Committee for decision, did this mean that the Committee decision was not final?
- Elected Members had not had enough time to consider the new procedures.

Concerns were responded to as follows:

- 5 working days was the deadline by which anyone could submit to the Committee or Democratic Services that they were unhappy with an application, including Elected Members. As discussed at the Planning Committee Workshop, officers would only have to prepare presentations for those applications that had been brought to their attention during that 5 day period, which was ample time.
- Applications could be adjourned to the following Planning Committee.
- It had been a Council decision to bring all refusals to Planning Committee.
- It had been agreed to trial the new procedures for 6 months.
- There could be 150-200 potential refusals over the period of one year, which when spread across the Planning Committee meetings, would be manageable.
- The proposed new procedures would not put any additional significant pressure on Planning staff in the run up to a Committee meeting.
- The proposed new procedures provided a series of opportunities for applications to be brought before the Committee. There were numerous checks to ensure if an Elected Member or a resident became aware of something late in the day, it could still be raised.
- Speaking rights would be 5 minutes for objectors, 5 minutes for supporters and 2 minutes for DEA Councillors representation, but there would be ample opportunity for Elected Members to speak with Planners before the meeting and hence the reduced speaking rights to 2 minutes.
- It would be down to the Chair of Committee to control how the objectors were questioned.
- The new procedures had been discussed at great length since January 2016 through Committees and Workshops and the points were now detailed in the Scheme of Delegation.

In response to Councillor W Clarke requesting clarification that the new procedures would be revisited in 6 months, Mr O'Rourke confirmed this was the case.

Councillor Carr abstained from the decision.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Craig, seconded by W Clarke, that:

- Approval be given to the new Scheme of Delegation and new Planning Committee Operating Protocol.
- Approval be given to the new procedures for efficiently dealing with a significantly increasing number of refusals during Planning Committee Meetings.
- Approval be given to the method of communication with agents/developers in relation to the new Planning Procedures.

FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

SPR/86/2016:- PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Performance Improvement Plan 2016/17 (copy circulated).

> Mr McBride advised that he was also seeking authority to go out to public consultation following this Committee meeting and prior to Council approval due to timetable constraints.

> Councillor Craig expressed concerns over the lack of detail within the Plan, saying areas such as economic development, employment levels within the District, tourism and visitor numbers, had not been addressed.

> Mr McBride clarified that the decision required was on the draft performance objectives, which would then go out for full consultation and further detail would be included in the Plan once the objectives had been agreed.

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

• The recommended approach and timetable for the publication of a Performance Improvement Plan for 2016-17, be approved.

- The selection of the performance improvement objectives within the report (paragraph 2.2), be approved as the Council's in-scope performance improvement areas for 2016/17, be approved.
- Authority be given to go to public consultation prior to Council approval due to timetable constraints.

SPR/87/2016 REPORT OF EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016

Read: Report of Efficiency Working Group held on 21 March 2016 (copy circulated)

Councillor W Clarke referred to the Inaugural Meeting of the Efficiency Working Group, and made the following points:

- The Efficiency Working Group brought together a network of officers and Councillors to engage in constructive dialogue in a free space for creative thinking.
- It was designed to deliver efficiencies and sharing of best practices from right across the executives.
- Streams of work and budget challenges were discussed in major detail.
- ICT and digital transformation were key points for front line delivery.
- Procurement, income generation and how to grow the rates base had been discussed in detail along with improving planning structures.
- The consensus had been to focus on quick wins initially.
- Members had expressed concerns over moving too quickly, but the Efficiency Working Group would provide the confidence to move forward in a collaborative way.
- It was important that no matter how savings were approached, the citizen had to be at the centre and delivery of services.
- Options papers would be brought back to Elected Members on how Council delivered its services and a SWOT analysis on the options presented.
- Challenges faced by Councils in the south and in England and how they delivered on services would be looked at.

Councillor W Clarke said the group was open to all Members of Council and he would like to see continuity of attendance to build up the relationship between Members and officers. Councillor Enright gave his support to Efficiency Working Group as outlined by Councillor W Clarke, saying the group needed to focus on strategic issues.

Councillor Clarke pointed out that any projects that went against party policy should be pointed out to officers at an early stage.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, the Report of the Efficiency Working Group held on 21 March 2016, be approved.

SPR/88/2016 DRAFT NMD RESPONSE TO NILGA CONSULTATION ON TRANSFER OF NEW POWERS

- Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Draft NMD Response to Transfer of New Powers and Responsibilities in the new NI Executive Mandate (copy circulated).
- Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Craig, the issues raised within the report be submitted as the basis of a Council response to the NILGA "New Burdens Doctrine" report.

SPR/89/2016 NILGA ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2016-17

Read: Correspondence from Derek McCallan, Chief Executive of NILGA, dated 1 April 2016, regarding the NILGA Annual Subscription 2016/17.

Mr Curtis advised that the cost of this subscription had been provided for in the 2016/17 rate estimates.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the NILGA Annual Subscription 2016-17 of £58,116 incl VAT, be approved.

SPR/90/2016 OFMDFM - SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - COMMUNITY OPERATED SPORTS - SIF - C10 - SE - LETTER OF OFFER 14 MARCH 2016

Read: Correspondence from OFMDFM dated 14 March 2016, regarding the Social Investment – Community Operated Sports – Letter of Offer (SIF-C10-SE) (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the Letter of Offer in the amount of £1,681,218 from OFMDFM regarding the Social Investment Fund – Community Operated Sports (SIF-C10-SE), be accepted.

SPR/91/2016 CCTV CAMERAS

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Town Centre CCTV System Upgrade (copy circulated).

Councillor Craig stressed the need for the right technology to be installed.

Mr Curtis confirmed the latest technology was being explored and a report would be brought back to the June SPR Committee regarding free BT internet being put into the towns along with the cameras.

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews regarding Council owned facilities with old CCTV installed, Mr Curtis advised a report would be brought back to September SPR Committee once an audit of the CCTV had been completed on Council owned facilities.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that:

- Officers explore options for renewal and upgrade of current town centre CCTV Systems to Digital IP with full camera replacement.
- Agreement be given to extend current CCTV maintenance and warranty arrangements for a further period of 3 to 6 months to allow continuity of current service in order for legal framework or tendering process to be completed for Digital IP and camera replacement.

SPR/92/2016 <u>DEED OF RELEASE OF COVENANT AND CHARGE –</u> <u>ARDGLASS GOLF CLUB</u>

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Legal Advisor dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Deed of Release of Covenant and Charge – Ardglass Golf Club (copy circulated). Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council enter into a Deed of Release of a Deed of Covenant and Charge between Ardglass Golf Club and Legacy Down District Council dated 14 November 2000.

SPR/93/2016 LEASE OF LAND AT BARCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE, DORANS HILL, NEWRY TO NEWRY FELONS ASSOCIATION AND BARCROFT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration) dated 14 April 2016 regarding the lease of land at Barcroft Community Association, Dorans Hill, Newry, to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association (copy circulated).

Mr Curtis advised it was also proposed to allow surplus railway sleepers to be used for the development of allotments in the Derrybeg area.

- Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí, that:
 - The proposed 15 year lease of a portion of land at Barcroft Community Centre to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association for a community allotment/garden at a peppercorn rent, be approved, subject to DOE approval.
 - That surplus railway sleepers would be used for the development of allotments in the Derrybeg area.

SPR/94/2016 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

- Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 listing the decision taken under the Scheme of Delegation (copy circulated).
- Noted: It was noted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Schedule of Decisions and Authorisations delegated to Mr Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, be approved.

GRANT AIDED PROGRAMMES

SPR/95/2016 <u>EUROPEAN RURAL NETWORK FOR JOB MOBILITY</u> – ERN4MOB PROJECT Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the European Rural Network for Job Mobility – ERN4mob Project (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that :

- A project stakeholder group be established comprising Council, local organisations in the area of immigration/emigration, employment and social inclusion and target group representatives.
- The next project meeting will be in May 2016 in Poland with the following attending: Chair of SPR Committee, Director of SPP, Project Co-ordinator and Ethnic Minority Support Officer (all costs covered by the project).

SPR/96/2016 SISTER CITIES/TWINNING

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager and Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Sister Cities/Twinning (copy circulated).

> Mr Moffett, Equality Officer, provided Members with an update on Sister Cities/Twinning, saying the proposed planning morning scheduled for 19 April 2016, would not now take place due to diary commitments.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Carr, that Council develop and organise an appropriate programme for hosting the Southern Pines delegates visiting the Council Area on 21 and 22 April 2016.

SPR/97/2016 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 14 April 2016, regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

Mr Curtis provided Members with an update on the Financial Assistance Scheme, saying a total of 316 applications had been received on 11 March 2016 across 5 themes. Mr Curtis advised Members of the recommendations per theme and said there had been an overall improvement in the applications received with the pass rate going from 43% last year, to 54% in this call.

Councillors Kimmins and Andrews congratulated officials for the Financial Assistance Scheme, saying it had been a great success, groups had felt better informed regarding form filling and the 50% advance was excellent.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that approval be given to the following:

- Approval to fund applications in one call for the 2016-2017 period as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- Approval of the provision of up to 50% advances on a needs led basis.

SPR/98/2016 PEACE IV

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 14 April 2016, regarding Peace IV (copy circulated).

Mr Curtis advised there was one issue to be resolved with SEUPB in relation to the management cost for the delivery of the programme which was set at 12%. He said officials had reviewed this proposal and it would not be possible to put the relevant structure in place to ensure effective management of the plan. Discussions would be entered into with SEUPB to increase this and a report would be brought back to the May meeting of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the following be approved:

- The interim Partnership arrangements with representation from the Equality and Good Relations Reference group and Independent Members from the PCSP along with the Statutory representatives.
- Final Partnership structure as a working group of the SPR Committee.
- The draft action plan for the PEACE IV programme as per the appendix.
- Permission to proceed with the appointment of the Partner Delivery Agents in line with action plan requirements.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015

SPR/99/2016 REQUEST TO PURCHASE 0.24 ACRES OF LAND TO REAR OF SHANDON PARK, NEWRY

- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 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).
- Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Land at Shandon Park, Newry (copy circulated).
- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, to accede to the request to purchase 0.24 acres of land to the rear of Shandon Park, Newry subject to the sum agreed by Council's Valuer, the conditions contained within the Report and the inclusion of a restrictive covenant giving Council first option to buy back the land in the event of a re-sale, and subject to the completion of all other legal formalities.
- SPR/100/2016 REQUEST FOR PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY AT GLASSDRUMMAN ROAD, ANNALONG
- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 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).

- Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Private Right of Way Lease at Glassdrumman Road, Annalong (copy circulated).
- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, to accede to the request to grant a Private Right of Way at Annalong Marine Park subject to the sum agreed by Council's Valuer, the conditions recommended within the Report and the completion of all other legal formalities.
- SPR/101/2016 PROPOSED SALE OF PORTION OF RECREATION LAND AT CARLINGFORD PARK, NEWRY
- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 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).
- Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding proposed sale of portion of recreation land at Carlingford Park, Newry (copy circulated).
- Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the matter be referred to the Newry DEA Councillors for a site meeting prior to a decision being made on this matter.

The meeting concluded at 6.53pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 May 2016.

- Signed: Councillor Robert Burgess Chairperson
- Signed: Eddie Curtis Director of Strategic Planning and Performance

Report to Council Meeting: 3 May 2016

Subject:	Nominations to Newry, Mourne and Down Community Planning Partnership Board and Thematic Working Groups – SPR minute ref: SPR/84/2016
Date:	20 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Eileen McParland, Democratic Services Manager

1.0 Background and Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to set out arrangements for appointment of Members to the Community Planning Partnership Board and Thematic Working Groups taking account of discussion on this matter at SPR Committee Meeting on 14 April 2016.

2.0 Key Issues

- 2.1 The order of picks under d'Hondt have been reworked in accordance with the SPR Committee's request that the last 3 places be allocated to Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly, based on their respective voting strengths at Stage 1 of the Local Government Election.
- 2.2 The voting strengths of these Members was:-

Councillor H Reilly	1964
Councillor P Clarke	690
Councillor K McAteer	629

- 2.3 Based on information at 2.2, pick 38 has been allocated to Councillor H Reilly, 39 to Councillor P Clarke and 40 to Councillor K McAteer.
- 2.4 The places have been allocated on the basis that during the 2016/17 year of Council, the Chairperson will be a member of the SDLP. In line with the Terms of Reference presented at SPR Committee Meeting in April, the Chairperson of Council will have the right to attend all of the Community Planning Thematic Groups and each of the remaining 40 Councillors will have a place on one of the groups – there being 4 Thematic Partnerships each with 10 members.
- 2.5 At the end of the incoming Chairperson's term of Office, that Councillor (SDLP) will assume the place on the relevant working group held by the incoming Chairperson for the year 2017/18 (SF) and a similar arrangement will apply for the Council year 2018/19.

2.6 Members will note from the attached table appendix 3, showing the allocation of positions from 1-40 that the number of picks allocated are as detailed to take account of the appointment of a SDLP Chairperson at Annual Meeting on 1 June 2016:-

Sinn Fein	14
SDLP	12
DUP	4
UUP	3
Alliance	1
Hyland	1
Enright	1
Tinnelly	1
Reilly	1
P Clarke	1
K McAteer	1
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- 2.7 The SPR Committee has already agreed the makeup of the Partnership Board, subject to approval at Council meeting on Monday 2 May 2016, being:
 - 2 Sinn Fein
 - 2 SDLP
 - 1 DUP
 - 1 UUP
 - 1 Other

Plus Chairperson of Council

2.8 It is suggested to the Party Representatives Forum that appointments to the Partnership Board and Thematic Delivery Groups should take place at the Mock Annual Meeting of Council 19 May 2016 for ratification at annual meeting on Wednesday 1 June 2016.

Resource Implications

None

Appendices

1. Table showing order of picks taking account of request from SPR Committee meeting for method of allocation of last 3 picks.

Order of Pick - Elected Member Representation on Community Planning Thematic Groups Safety and Good Relations (PCSP)

Preference	Party	Thematic Working Group	Elected Member
1 (SF 1)	SF	Safety & Good Relations	Micky Larkin
2 (SDLP 1)	SBLP	Safety & Good Relations	Terry Andrews
3 (SF 2)	SF •	Safety & Good Relations	Sinead Ennis
4 (SDLP 2)	SDLP	Safety & Good Relations	Laura Devlin
5 (SF 3)	SF	Safety & Good Relations	Sean Doran
6 (SDLP 3)	SDLP .	Safety & Good Relations	Kate Loughran
7 (DUP 1)	DUP	Safety & Good Relations	Harry Harvey
8 (SF 4)	SF	Safety & Good Relations	William Clarke
9 (SDLP 4)	SDLP	Safety & Good Relations	Brian Quìnn
10 (UUP 1)	UUP	Safety & Good Relations	David Taylor
	Party	Choice of Thematic Working Group	Elected Member
11 (SF 5)	SF		
12 (SDLP 5)	SDLP		
13 (SF 6)	SF		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
14 (SDLP 6)	SDLP		
15 (SF 7)	SF		
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17 (DUP 2)	DUP		
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19 (SF 8)	SF		
20 (SDLP 8)	SDLP -		
21 (SF 9)	SF		
22 (SDLP 9)	SDLP	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
23 (UUP 2)	UUP		-
24 (SF 10)	SF		
25 (SDLP 10)	SDLP		
26 (DUP 3)	DUP		
27 (SF 11)	SF		
28 (SDLP 11)	SDLP		
29 (SF 12)	SF		
30 (SDLP 12)	SDLP	NAMERICAN A BANK DATA AND DATA	
31 (SF 13)	SF		-
32 (D Hyland)	D Hyland		
33 (C Enright)	CEnright		
34 (SF14)	SF		
35 (UUP 3)	UUP		aunitaria (anna anna anna anna anna anna anna a
36 (J Tinnelly)	J Tinnelly		
37 (DUP 4)	DUP		
38 (H Reilly)	H Reilly	annan man an a	
39 (P Clarke)	P Clarke		
40 (K McAteer)	K McAteer		

*Thematic Working Group Options:

Health and Wellbeing; Environment and Spatial Development; Economic Development Regeneration and Tourism

*Note: Safety and Good Relations has been filled by PCSP Members

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