



October 31st, 2019

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 4th November 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 October 2019

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Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing

4.0 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 October 2019

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5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 30 September 2019

 [Minutes of Special Council 30-09-2019.pdf](#)

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Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption

6.0 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2019

 [Minutes of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee 14-10-2019.pdf](#)

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7.0 Minutes of Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2019

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8.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2019

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9.0 Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 23 October 2019

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10.0 Extract from Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2019

There were no issues referred from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2019

Conferences/Events

11.0 Let's Talk Tourism - National Tourism Forum

Great Southern Killarney

Friday 8 November 2019, 9am - 5pm

Cost of conference - €195

Cost of accommodation - ranges from €84 - €165

 ***Lets Talk Tourism Conference .pdf***

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12.0 National Association of Councillors

Addressing Family Poverty/Childrens Services/National AGM

Venue: The Crown Plaza Hotel, Chester

22-24 November 2019

Delegate Fees: £350 + VAT

Accommodation: £60 + VAT per night

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Correspondence

13.0 Correspondence received from DAERA re Motion - Live Animals in Circuses

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14.0 Correspondence received from Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland re: Developments related to Safe & Effective Care Campaign & Ballot in Northern Ireland

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15.0 Correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District

Council re: Motion - TV Licensing for the over 75s

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16.0 Correspondence received from Ards & North Down Borough Council re Motion : TV Licensing for the over 75s

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17.0 Correspondence received from R Pengelly re Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer Notice of Motion

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18.0 Correspondence received from NIO and Tracy Meharg re Attacks on Places of Worship Notice of Motion

 *Item 18 - Correspondence from T Meharg re Places of Worship Scheme.pdf*

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 *Item 18 - Correspondence from NIO re attacks on places of worship.pdf*

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Notices of Motion

19.0 Notice of Motion - Fly-tipping

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Lewis:

"This Council agrees that fly-tipping is an unwanted blight on our district which creates an unnecessary burden on public resources. We request that Neighbourhood Services utilise the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 to actively identify, pursue and issue fixed penalty notices to those responsible. Furthermore, we agree that Council should issue a press release advising of a no nonsense, proactive approach to illegal dumping, using local press to publicise our public amenity centres and their opening times. We collectively agree that as a designated area of natural beauty this Council should be doing all within its power to detect and deter those responsible".

20.0 Notice of Motion - 11+ Transfer Test

Notice of Motion received from Councillor O'Hare:

"This Council notes:

- The work of Martin McGuinness in abolishing the official 11+ exam.
- The continued practice by schools of administering unregulated transfer tests.
- The 'Right 2 Education' report on the profound mental health impacts which transfer tests are having on children including issues of sleep , loss of appetite, crying, anxiety, depression, and not attending school "for fear of a test".

Council further notes the findings from the 'Right 2 Education' report:

- 60% of young people said the transfer test was bad for them.
- 66% of young people felt selection did not make them confident nor more able.
- 62% said decision-makers did not listen to young people's ideas
- 92% of teachers felt transfer testing had a significant negative impact on children's mental health
- 88% of staff said transfer testing did not enable children to reach their full potential.

This Council calls on schools to end the use of transfer tests and put the needs of children first."

21.0 Notice of Motion - Location of Welfare Appeals

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Savage:

"This Council calls on the Appeals Service NI to cease the practice of holding Welfare appeals at local Courthouses, states that these venues are unacceptable for such tribunals as it further traumatises already vulnerable appellants.

Furthermore, that this Council goes about investigating the possibility of offering Council facilities for such tribunals to negate the need of appellants being forced into court settings.

Council notes the protracted delays in getting appeals heard and calls on the Chief Executive to write to the head of the Appeals Service NI, and the Permanent Secretary for DFC, requesting an immediate review of venues for such appeals and the formation of a review panel tasked with addressing the unacceptable delays to appeals being heard."

22.0 Notice of Motion - Opt-Out Organ Donation

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Kimmins:

"This council will support the introduction of soft opt-out organ donation legislation here in the North which will follow the example led by the introduction of the same legislation in Wales (2015), Scotland and England (2020) and the calls from the Minister of Health in the South of Ireland, Simon Harris for the same to be introduced there"

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Mr Liam Hannaway

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Terry Hearty

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Liz Kimmins

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Regina Mackin

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Aoife McCreesh
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Jonathan McGilly
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Cllr Harold McKee
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Patricia McKeever
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Cllr Karen McKevitt
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Catrina Miskelly
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Mr Ken Montgomery
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Mr Roland Moore
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Ms Alison Robb
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Mr Kevin Scullion
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019

| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
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| C/137/2019 | Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 | C/124/2019: AHC Minutes 19.08.2019 <i>AHC/126/2019</i> – Provide update on investigation of possible installation of larger hoist in Kilkeel Swimming Pool The action sheet was agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | M Lipsett Democratic Services | | |
| C/138/2019 | Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/139/2019 | Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/140/2019 | Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/141/2019 | Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2019 | <i>SPR/127/2019</i> : Council to meet with Strangford & Lecale Partnership Management Advisory Board prior to the finalisation of the AONB Structure <i>SPR/125/2019</i> : Disposal of Deryleckagh Playing fields be deferred to allow further discussions with Newry Rugby Club and any other interested club. <i>SPR/125/2019</i> : Disposal of surplus assets, NM123 | D Carville | Correspondence ongoing with Strangford and Lecale Partnership. Expression of interest from Rugby club passed to AHC | |

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| | | <p>– Kilkeel Town Hall to be deferred for a period of 4 weeks.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> | | Expression of interest received from KDA. To be considered by SPR | |
| C/142/2019 | Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/143/2019 | Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/145/2019 | Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2019 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/146/2019 | NILGA Changing Places Conference – 08.10.2019 | It was agreed for Councillors Andrews, Burgess, Casey, Curran, Harte, Ruane & Walker who had all been booked to attend the NILGA Changing Places Conference. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/147/2019 | Chartered Inst of Housing NI Conference – Delivering Genuinely Affordable Homes | It was agreed that Councillor Hanlon attend Housing NI Conference, and that any other Member wishing to attend to contact Democratic Services Dept before 5pm on 8 October 2019 | Democratic Services | | |

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| | in NI – 14.10.2019 | | | | |
| C/148/2019 | NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum 18/10/2019 | It was agreed Councillor Enright attend forum. | Democratic Services | | |
| C/150/2019 | Correspondence from DAERA dated 4 September 2019 re Motion on Animal Cruelty | <i>C/102/2019</i> - It was agreed this item remain on the action sheet until a response is received from An Taoiseach, Mr Leo Varadkar, TD. | Democratic Services | | N |
| C/151/2019 | Correspondence from DFI dated 13 September 2019 re Bee Friendly Flower Planting | It was agreed to invite DFI to the next Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Meeting to be held in November 2019 to examine wild flower planting pilot schemes. | R Moore / M Lipsett | To be considered at S&CCF meeting on 21 November 2019 | |
| C/153/2019 | Correspondence from Belfast City Council dated 12 September 2019 re Equal Protection for Children Legislation | It was agreed that Council write to Assembly Party Leaders and Executive Office to champion the inclusion of equal protection for children legislation in the Programme for Government. | Democratic Services. | Letters sent to Assembly Party Leaders and Executive Office | |
| C/154/2019 | Notice of Motion – Roll out of 5G across N.Ireland | "This Council notes the concerns associated with the roll out of 5G across Northern Ireland and undertakes to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District, considering all available evidence and information in doing so. This report will then be tabled at a future meeting | | Notice of Motion on ERT Agenda for November | |

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| | | <p>for Members to express their support or opposition to 5G".</p> <p>The Motion was referred in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the ERT Committee Meeting.</p> | C Mallon | | |
| C/155/2019 | Notice of Motion – Affordable Childcare | <p>"This Council acknowledges the Employers for Childcare 10th Annual Childcare Survey which is based on research with over 3,600 parents and childcare providers and is the most extensive study of its kind in Northern Ireland. The report reveals that the average cost of a full-time childcare place in Northern Ireland is £166 per week and that half of all families are spending more than 20% of their overall household income on childcare – a figure that rises to 63% for lone parent households.</p> <p>Council further notes that three years ago, parties in the Assembly unanimously supported an SDLP proposal to provide 20 hours free universal childcare with a plan for an increase to 30 hours. This Council supports the call for vital and urgent reform of investment in our childcare sector. This research provides a robust evidence base highlighting why childcare needs to be a key and immediate priority for any re-formed Executive. This Council resolves to write to all Political Party Leaders to ask them to support 30 hours basic free childcare provision for working parents".</p> | | | |

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| C/156/2019 | Notice of Motion – Climate Change Emergency Declaration | <p>“In October 2018 the UN announced that we have 12 years to save the planet. Scientists gave the starkest warning yet that our chances of tackling climate change and averting disaster are slipping away. They said 2030 would be too late to avoid a 2% rise in global temperatures and climate</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>catastrophe. The UN says action by government actors would need to be taken now. Westminster is paralyzed by Brexit and Stormont is not sitting". In view of the UN's Climate Change warnings for 2030, Council declares a 'Climate Change Emergency' and directs management to effect dramatic short-term changes in every area under its control. All council departments need to reflect this emergency with immediate and concrete steps. Every plan or target that Council produces needs to have concrete measures to reflect this emergency. Every external body or agency that Council influences or directs need to be preparing for 2030 and this will extend to the general public also through the planning and building control processes. Council should refer to Denmark, Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Germany to find best practice across all areas of sustainable development and low carbon technology for Newry, Mourne and Down Council".</p> <p>It was agreed this Council declares a 'Climate Change Emergency' and directs management to effect dramatic short-term changes in every area under its control. All Council departments need to reflect this emergency with immediate and concrete steps. Every plan or target that Council produces needs to have concrete measures to reflect this emergency. That every officer's report brought to council for decision or noting has a section which must be completed headed 'implications for</p> | All Directors | | |

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| | | <p>environment and sustainability' akin to the Council's section on equality and good relations. Every external body or agency that Council influences or directs need to be preparing for 2030 and this will extend to the general public also through the planning and building control processes. Council should follow best practise from across Europe to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change.</p> <p>Furthermore Council shall convene a symposium to assist and develop in an action plan to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change."</p> | M Lipsett /R Moore | Interdepartmental meeting held on 23/10/19 | |
| C/157/2019 | Notice of Motion – Impending withdrawal from EU | <p>"This Council recognises that economic future planning is crucial in the period ahead, particularly given the impending withdrawal from the European Union. This Council should plan for, and bring forward an economic plan for the future of this Council area in the event of the north of Ireland retaining membership of the European Union, following a referendum on Irish Unity. The economic plan should draw on the numerous existing reports of an all island economy, including, but not limited to; 'Modelling Irish Unification' by Dr Kurt Hubner, 'The Economic Effects of an All Island Economy', by Paul Gosling, 'The Economic Case for Irish Unity', by Michael Burke and the Joint Oireachtas Committee Report, 'Brexit and the Future of Ireland – Uniting Ireland & Its People in Peace & Prosperity'. This Council should be</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>prudent in planning for the future to maximise our potential and secure future economic growth and to compete effectively with other Cities across the Island of Ireland. The economic plan should examine how this Council would prepare for this scenario and how this Council area could position itself within this potential new constitutional arrangement, in order that Newry Mourne and Down District Council maximises all opportunities for city growth in this context."</p> <p>The Motion was referred in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the ERT Committee Meeting.</p> | C Mallon | | |
| C/158/2019 | Notice of Motion – Biodiversity & Environmental Protection | <p>"We commend this council for the work and projects it undertakes across the district to enhance biodiversity and increase environmental protection.</p> <p>Rewilding spaces in the heart of our communities not only enhances and adds to the good work already undertaken to protect the environment; but also confirms our commitment as a council to challenge the climate emergency we have already recognised is upon us.</p> <p>We call on this council in each of the 7 DEAs to re-wild a minimum 1 extra space each year outside of what is already planned or programmed.</p> <p>We further call on this council to promote this initiative and working alongside members in each area to identify achievable and appropriate sites,</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>where working with the community we create re-wilded spaces where local communities can feel part of challenging climate change”.</p> <p>The Motion was referred in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Sustainability Working Group.</p> | R Moore / M Lipsett | To be included on agenda for S&CCF meeting on 21 November 2019 | |
| C/159/2019 | Notice of Motion – Attacks on Places of Worship | <p>“That this Council notes recently published research from the charity CARE NI that found 445 attacks have been recorded on places of worship in Northern Ireland in just the last 3 years; notes with concern that 35 of these despicable attacks were recorded in the Newry, Mourne and Down policing district; unreservedly condemns all attacks on places of worship, no matter what faith or denomination, and upholds the important human right for individuals to be free to worship and live out their faith in this society. This Council also notes the operation of the Places of Worship Security Scheme in England and Wales and expresses regret that a similar scheme is not available in Northern Ireland; and therefore agree to write to the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Office calling for the swift introduction of a similar scheme locally”.</p> <p>It was agreed this Council notes recently published research from the charity CARE NI that found 445 attacks have been recorded on places of worship in Northern Ireland in just the last 3 years; notes with concern that 35 of</p> | Democratic Services | Letters sent to DfC and NIO | |

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| C/160/2019 | Notice of Motion – Early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer | <p>“This Council notes that early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer offers Patients the best chance of a successful treatment. England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all currently use the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and have a lowered age for screening. NHS England are currently trialling Breast Cancer Screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.</p> <p>This Council will write to the Permanent Secretary for Health Mr Richard Pangelley highlighting the difference in the screening service provision across the UK and Ireland and calling for a review into Bowel Cancer Screening services in the North and to follow the English NHS lead in trialling Breast</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>Cancer Screening at a lower age here in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Council will write to the 10 other Councils requesting that they join Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in calling on the Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening as outlined."</p> <p>This Council notes that early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer offers Patients the best chance of a successful treatment. England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all currently use the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and have a lowered age for screening. NHS England are currently trialling Breast Cancer Screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.</p> <p>This Council will write to the Permanent Secretary for Health Mr Richard Pengelley highlighting the difference in the screening service provision across the UK and Ireland and calling for a review into Bowel Cancer Screening services in the North and to follow the English NHS lead in trialling Breast Cancer Screening at a lower age here in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Council will write to the 10 other Councils requesting that they join Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in calling on the</p> | Democratic Services | Letters sent to: Permanent Secretary - R Pengelly and 10 other Councils | |

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| | | Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening as outlined." | | | |
| C/161/2019 | Notice of Motion – Climate Change Action Plan Islands Park, Newcastle | <p>"This Council recognises the significant impact that climate change will have on our communities, Council agrees to manage Islands Park, Newcastle, as a climate change park to support climate change mitigation and adaptation. Council will develop an action plan which will prioritise a number of exemplar projects, including eco-friendly replacement of car parks, permeable pavements, further recycling, wildflower meadows for pollinator bees and butterflies, establishment of a wetlands habitat, planting of a native fruit orchard and green transport connectivity".</p> <p>The Motion was referred in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Sustainability Working Group.</p> | R Moore / M Lipsett | To be considered at S&CCF meeting on 21 November 2019 | |
| C/162/2019 | Notice of Motion – Abortion Laws | "That this Council expresses its deep concern at the decision by Westminster to effectively extend the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland against the wishes of the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives, notes the sensitivity and complexity of this issue, acknowledges the need for sensitive consideration that deals with difficult cases and offers support to women in crisis pregnancies and instructs the Chief Executive to | | | |

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| | | <p>write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland requesting that he ensures no legislative changes on abortion be considered until the Northern Ireland Assembly is restored."</p> <p>It was agreed this Council expresses its deep concern at the decision by Westminster to effectively extend the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland against the wishes of the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives, notes the sensitivity and complexity of this issue, acknowledges the need for sensitive consideration that deals with difficult cases.</p> <p>This Council regrets that the Assembly is not in place to provide modern health care for women, including terminations where a woman's life, health or mental health is at risk and in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and sexual crime.</p> <p>Council recognises that it is not possible to legislate for abortion in the case of rape in a compassionate way. Council accepts that termination without specific indication should be available for a limited gestational period through a GP led service in a clinical context. Council also calls for British legislation which criminalises women who have an abortion to be repealed immediately.</p> | | | |

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| C/163/2019 | Notice of Motion – ATM Charges | <p>“Newry Mourne & Down Council recognising the growing concerns in relation to ATM charges and the financial difficulties these charges cause particularly to our most vulnerable citizens, contact the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, asking that he look at this issue and introduce measures to reduce or remove these charges for the benefit of customers and shop owners”.</p> <p>It was agreed Newry Mourne & Down Council recognising the growing concerns in relation to ATM charges and the financial difficulties these charges cause particularly to our most vulnerable citizens, contact the Financial Secretary to the Treasury asking that he look at this issue and introduce measures to reduce or remove these charges for the benefit of customers and shop owners, and that he and appoint a Regulator to monitor this facet of banking.</p> | Democratic Services | Letter sent to Financial Secretary to the Treasury | |
| C/164/2019 | Notice of Motion – Memory Gardens | <p>“This Council recognises there is no greater heartbreak or tragedy to befall a family than the death of a child.</p> <p>We acknowledge the importance of small memory gardens where families can visit for reflection, remember their deceased children and find solace in a purpose build peaceful setting, other than a cemetery and to that end this council now proposed to provide 2 such facilities within our district.</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>A memory garden is a simple construct, a small corner in one of our public spaces surrounded by a small hedge for privacy and containing nothing more than a couple of benches with a few symbolic flowers and plants.</p> <p>Our officers will now identify a potential host site on council land in each of our Health Trust areas to establish our first two highly symbolic memory gardens and then immediately proceed with their design and construction. “</p> <p>The Motion was referred in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the NS Committee Meeting.</p> | R Moore | Considered at October NS | |
| C/165/2019 | Notice of Motion – Oppose to develop a Goldmine | <p>“This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and carry out prospecting in Slieve Gullion DEA, and indeed across the wider council area. As such, we believe that it should be written into our Local Development Plan. Furthermore, given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this Council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive”</p> <p>It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí that this Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and carry out prospecting in Slieve Gullion DEA, and indeed across the wider council area. As such, we believe that it should be written into our Local Development Plan.</p> | C Mallon | | |

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| | | Furthermore, given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this Council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive” | | | |
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor C Casey

In attendance:

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| Councillor P Brown | Councillor R Burgess |
| Councillor P Byrne | Councillor W Clarke |
| Councillor D Curran | Councillor L Devlin |
| Councillor S Doran | Councillor C Enright |
| Councillor H Gallagher | Councillor M Gibbons |
| Councillor O Hanlon | Councillor G Hanna |
| Councillor V Harte | Councillor T Hearty |
| Councillor R Howell | Councillor L Kimmins |
| Councillor M Larkin | Councillor O Magennis |
| Councillor G Malone | Councillor C Mason |
| Councillor D McAteer | Councillor L McEvoy |
| Councillor H McKee | Councillor K McKeivitt |
| Councillor A McMurray | Councillor R Mulgrew |
| Councillor G O'Hare | Councillor B Ó Muirí |
| Councillor H Reilly | Councillor M Ruane |
| Councillor M Savage | Councillor G Stokes |
| Councillor D Taylor | Councillor J Trainor |
| Councillor B Walker | |

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism (Acting)
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

C/135/2019

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Lewis, Sharvin and Tinnelly.

The Chief Executive referred to Standing Orders Section 8: Admission to meetings.

The Chairperson extended condolences to the family, friends and colleagues on the sudden passing of Niall Lavery who worked as a member of leisure services and to his sister Collen Morrison who works as Sports Development Officer for Council.

The Chairperson sent best wishes to Councillor Gareth Sharvin who was unwell at this time and wished him a full recovery.

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Andrew McMurray back to the Council.

The Chairperson acknowledged that this was the last Council Meeting for the Chief Executive, Mr Liam Hannaway, and took the opportunity to thank him for his leadership and direction in the establishment and amalgamation of Newry and District Council and Down District Council since 2014. Highlighting that Liam had brought a wealth of experience and knowledge along with a deep commitment to the betterment of the District through the success of the following projects:

- Completion of Newry leisure centre and the development of Down leisure centre.
- Overseeing a range of new playparks and upgrades to playparks throughout the district.
- The establishment of the Community Plan Partnership and the securing of the District within the Belfast City Deal.

The Chairperson thanked him for the commitment and dedication he had shown to Council and wished him a long and happy retirement.

The Chief Executive thanked the Chairperson for his kind words and paid respect to all the politicians he had worked with and offered thanks to the staff of Banbridge Council and Newry Mourne and Down District Council with whom he had worked for their professionalism and support over the years

Parties, in turn, paid tribute to Liam and wished him a long and happy retirement and also welcomed Mrs Marie Ward as the new Chief Executive.

C/136/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

C/137/2019 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 (copy circulated).

C/124/2019: Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting 19 August 2019 (AHC/126/2019)

At the request of Councillor Hanna, Mr Lipsett to provide an update on the investigation of possible installation of larger hoist in Kilkeel Swimming Pool.

Agreed: **The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Savage.**

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/138/2019 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 (copy circulated).

Call in - C122/2019: Council agree to the transfer of the seats from Kilkeel Town Hall to the Newcastle Community Cinema

The Chief Executive referred to Standing Orders 21.4 (3):

If a call-in is made in accordance with Standing Order 21.2 paragraph (3) and section 41 (1) (a) of the 2014 Act, the Clerk must place the call-in on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Council

The Chief Executive declared that, in this instance the decision agreed by the Council on 2 September 2019 was null and void as the group no longer wished to acquire the seats.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/139/2019 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2019

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Gallagher.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/140/2019 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor

Curran.

**C/141/2019 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2019 (copy circulated).

SPR/127/2019: Review of AONB Structure

Councillor Enright advised that the Strangford and Lecale Partnership Management Advisory Board had written to Council in relation to the AONB structure and asked that Council meet with them before the finalisation of the structure.

The Chief Executive advised this had been noted.

SPR/114/2019: Notice of Motion – Initiatives re: recording Committee and Council Meetings

Councillor Brown proposed the decision be overturned and that officers investigate the full costing for video recording at Council and audio recording of working groups and forums etc. He also proposed a limit of three motions per Councillor per month rather than the far too restrictive one that was currently proposed.

This was seconded by Councillor McMurray.

During discussion, Councillors Byrne and Clarke spoke in support of the officer's recommendations and highlighted the financial cost to ratepayers to introduce video recording facilities and that meetings of Council were already open and transparent with audio recording.

Councillor Brown requested the matter be put to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows (copy of vote appended to these minutes).

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| For: | 3 |
| Against: | 31 |
| Abstentions: | 2 |

The proposal was declared 'lost'.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information in

relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

SPR/128/2019: D1 Process – Raymond McCreesh Park

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed Council come out of closed session.

The Chief Executive advised that whilst in committee Members received an update regarding the D1 process of Raymond McCreesh Park and an update on the legal judicial review that Council is involved in.

Councillor Enright was absent from the chamber during the above discussion – 6.35pm.

SPR/125/2019: Disposal of Surplus Assets, NM167 - Derryleckagh Playing Fields

Councillor McAteer expressed concern that Derryleckagh Playing Fields was to be put on the open market and asked that it be deferred to allow further discussion with Newry Rugby Club or any other interested party.

Mr Mallon explained that as more than one expression of interest had been received in relation to this asset, approval had been sought from the SP&R Committee to allow all interested parties the opportunity to bid on the open market. He informed members a further report would be presented to the Committee following this exercise.

Agreed: It was agreed by all on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Savage that the disposal of Derryleckagh Playing Fields be deferred to allow further discussions with Newry Rugby Club and any other interested club.

SPR/125/2019: Disposal of Surplus Assets, NM123 – Kilkeel Town Hall

Councillor Reilly proposed Kilkeel Town Hall be withdrawn from the list for disposal of assets and a public consultation exercise be carried out. This was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Mr Mallon advised Members discussions had taken place with Kilkeel Development Association and they were aware of the process and had not submitted a bid nor expression of interest.

In response to a query from Councillor Byrne, Mr Mallon confirmed that the same process for the disposal of all other assets including Kilkeel Town Hall had been followed.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Reilly to defer the Disposal of Surplus Assets, NM123 – Kilkeel Town Hall for a period of 4 weeks.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Byrne, with the exception of SPR/125/2019: Disposal of Surplus Assets, NM123 – Kilkeel Town Hall and NM126 – Derryleckagh Playing Fields as these disposals had been deferred for further discussions.

C/142/2019 **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKevitt.

C/143/2019 **MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Hanna.

C/144/2019 **EXTRACT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Extract of Planning Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2019 (copy circulated).

Noted: There were no issues referred from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2019.

C/145/2019 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2019

(copy circulated)

Agreed: The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Councillor Larkin left the meeting at this point – 7pm

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/146/2019 **NILGA CHANGING PLACES CONFERENCE – 8 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Correspondence on the NILGA Changing Places Conference (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed by all that Councillors Andrews, Burgess, Casey, Curran, Harte, Ruane & Walker all booked to attend the conference as NILGA Members.

C/147/2019 **CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING NORTHERN IRELAND CONFERENCE – DELIVERING GENUINELY AFFORDABLE HOMES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Chartered Institute of Housing NI Conference – delivering genuinely affordable homes in NI (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed by all that Councillor Hanlon attend.

Any other Member wishing to attend to contact Democratic Services Department before 5pm on 8 October 2019.

C/148/2019 **NFLA ALL IRELAND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM**

Agreed: It was agreed by all that Councillor Enright attend.

C/149/2019 **NIHE GRASS CUTTING SERVICE**

Read: Correspondence dated 3 September 2019 from Housing Executive regarding the Motion on NIHE Grass Cutting Service. (copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence dated 3 September 2019 regarding the Motion on NIHE Grass Cutting Service was noted.

C/150/2019

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Read

Correspondence dated 4 September 2019 from DAERA regarding the Motion on Animal Cruelty. (copy circulated).

Agreed:

The correspondence dated 4 September 2019 regarding the Motion on Animal Cruelty and it was agreed at the request of Councillor Byrne that the Motion relating to animal cruelty (ref: C/102/2019) remain on the action sheet awaiting a response from An Taoiseach, Mr Leo Varadkar, TD.

C/151/2019

BEE FRIENDLY FLOWER PLANTING

Read:

Correspondence dated 13 September 2019 from DFI regarding Bee Friendly Flower Planting. (copy circulated).

Agreed:

The correspondence dated 13 September 2019 regarding Bee Friendly Flower Planting was noted and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Clarke to invite Department for Infrastructure to the next Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Meeting to be held in November 2019 to examine Wild Flower Planting Pilot Schemes.

C/152/2019

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR 23/2019 – COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCE GUIDANCE FOR DISTRICT COUNCILS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Read:

Local Government Circular dated 27 September 2019 regarding Councillors' Allowance Guidance for District Councils in NI. (copy circulated).

Agreed:

The correspondence dated 27 September 2019 regarding Councillors' Allowance Guidance for District Councils in NI was noted.

C/153/2019

EQUAL PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN LEGISLATION

Read:

Correspondence dated 12 September 2019 from Belfast City Council regarding Equal Protection for Children Legislation. (copy circulated).

Agreed:

The correspondence dated 12 September 2019 regarding Equal Protection for Children Legislation was noted and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Clarke that Council write to Assembly Party Leaders and the

Executive Office to champion the inclusion of Equal Protection for children legislation in the Programme for Government.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/154/2019 NOTICE OF MOTION – ROLL OUT OF 5G ACROSS N.IRELAND

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Brown:

"This Council notes the concerns associated with the roll out of 5G across Northern Ireland and undertakes to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District, considering all available evidence and information in doing so. This report will then be tabled at a future meeting for Members to express their support or opposition to 5G".

Councillor McMurray seconded the Motion.

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee.

Agreed: The Motion was referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

The Chairperson agreed to take item 30 from the agenda at this stage of the meeting.

C/155/2019: AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Devlin:

"This Council acknowledges the Employers for Childcare 10th Annual Childcare Survey which is based on research with over 3,600 parents and childcare providers and is the most extensive study of its kind in Northern Ireland. The report reveals that the average cost of a full-time childcare place in Northern Ireland is £166 per week and that half of all families are spending more than 20% of their overall household income on childcare – a figure that rises to 63% for lone parent households.

Council further notes that three years ago, parties in the Assembly unanimously supported an SDLP proposal to provide 20 hours free universal childcare with a plan for an increase to 30 hours. This Council supports the call for vital and urgent reform of investment in our childcare sector. This research provides a robust evidence base highlighting why childcare needs to

be a key and immediate priority for any re-formed Executive. This Council resolves to write to all Political Party Leaders to ask them to support 30 hours basic free childcare provision for working parents”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Devlin stated the issue was not with providers of childcare who had substantial overheads but with Central Government, she stated that childcare costs were a significant burden on working households that deprived working parents, and most often working women, of the opportunity of returning to their jobs.

The following points were also made:

- In 2019, people should not have to choose between a fulfilling career and caring for their child.
- By providing subsidised childcare, there was an economic multiplier effect: both parents continued working and a third worker in childcare was added to the labour force. All of which pay taxes.
- High maternal employment rates and affordable, high quality childcare not only helped families financially but also helped with the development of the child.
- The gender pay gap, which substantially decreased lifetime earnings for women, including their pension and National Insurance contributions, who take on most of the caring duties, take to raise their children.
- To ensure women were properly represented in public life and in the public and private sectors, we need to invest in childcare and ensure that women in particular do not have to make a choice between a fulfilling career.
- This was an issue of workers' rights and creating a fairer and more just society.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Mason stated:

- Families were spending 20% of income on childcare
- Average full-time cost of childcare places was £166 per week which was structurally unsustainable and failing both parent and childcare providers.
- Sinn Fein support the Childcare for all Campaign
- Childcare strategy must be developed
- Vital and urgent reform of investment in the childcare sector.

All Parties spoke in support of the motion.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Mason that this Council acknowledges the Employers for Childcare 10th Annual Childcare Survey which is based on research with over 3,600 parents and childcare providers and is the most extensive study of its kind in Northern Ireland. The report reveals that the average cost of a full-time childcare place in Northern Ireland is £166 per week and that half of all families are spending more than 20% of their overall household income on childcare – a figure that rises to 63% for lone parent households. Council further notes that three years ago, parties in the Assembly unanimously supported an SDLP proposal to provide 20 hours free universal childcare with a plan for an increase to 30 hours. This Council

supports the call for vital and urgent reform of investment in our childcare sector. This research provides a robust evidence base highlighting why childcare needs to be a key and immediate priority for any re-formed Executive. This Council resolves to write to all Political Party Leaders to ask them to support 30 hours basic free childcare provision for working parents”.

Councillors Devlin, Harte and Mulgrew left the meeting at this point – 7.25pm.

C/156/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Enright:

“In October 2018 the UN announced that we have 12 years to save the planet. Scientists gave the starkest warning yet that our chances of tackling climate change and averting disaster are slipping away. They said 2030 would be too late to avoid a 2% rise in global temperatures and climate catastrophe. The UN says action by government actors would need to be taken now. Westminster is paralyzed by Brexit and Stormont is not sitting”.

In view of the UN’s Climate Change warnings for 2030, Council declares a ‘Climate Change Emergency’ and directs management to effect dramatic short-term changes in every area under its control. All council departments need to reflect this emergency with immediate and concrete steps. Every plan or target that Council produces needs to have concrete measures to reflect this emergency. Every external body or agency that Council influences or directs need to be preparing for 2030 and this will extend to the general public also through the planning and building control processes. Council should refer to Denmark, Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Germany to find best practice across all areas of sustainable development and low carbon technology for Newry, Mourne and Down Council”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Enright made the following points:

- More than half of Councils across the UK have passed ‘climate emergency’ resolutions with many creating net zero carbon targets by as early as 2030, Council need to consider setting a similar 2030 target for the local area.
- Westminster was banning the sale of petrol and diesel cars after 2040 (2030 in the Republic and 2032 in Scotland). A plan needs put in place to preserve filling stations for future use as charging stations for tourists and visitors to the area.
- Many of the measures needed would only have minor budget implications

Councillor Enright highlighted various ways in which council could make changes that have already been developed by other councils in the UK.

Councillor Brown seconded the motion and proposed an amendment to Councillor Enright’s motion as follows:

‘That every officer’s report brought to Council for decision or noting had a section which must be completed headed ‘implications for environment and sustainability’ akin to the Council’s section on Equality and Good Relations’

Councillor Enright accepted the amendment.

Councillor Clarke proposed a further amendment as follows:

‘Council should follow best practise from across Europe to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Furthermore council shall convene a symposium to assist and develop in an action plan to mitigate the impacts of climate change.’

Councillor Enright accepted the amendment and all Parties were in agreement with the amended motion.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Brown that this Council declares a 'Climate Change Emergency' and directs management to effect dramatic short-term changes in every area under its control. All Council departments need to reflect this emergency with immediate and concrete steps. Every plan or target that Council produces needs to have concrete measures to reflect this emergency. That every officer’s report brought to council for decision or noting has a section which must be completed headed ‘implications for environment and sustainability’ akin to the Council’s section on equality and good relations. Every external body or agency that Council influences or directs need to be preparing for 2030 and this will extend to the general public also through the planning and building control processes. Council should follow best practise from across Europe to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change. Furthermore Council shall convene a symposium to assist and develop in an action plan to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change.”

C/157/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – IMPENDING WITHDRAWAL FROM EUROPEAN UNION

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Ó Muirí:

“This Council recognises that economic future planning is crucial in the period ahead, particularly given the impending withdrawal from the European Union. This Council should plan for, and bring forward an economic plan for the future of this Council area in the event of the north of Ireland retaining membership of the European Union, following a referendum on Irish Unity. The economic plan should draw on the numerous existing reports of an all island economy, including, but not limited to; ‘Modelling Irish Unification’ by Dr Kurt Hubner, ‘The Economic Effects of an All Island Economy’, by Paul Gosling,

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee.

C/158/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

“We commend this council for the work and projects it undertakes across the district to enhance biodiversity and increase environmental protection.

We call on this council in each of the 7 DEAs to re-wild a minimum 1 extra space each year outside of what is already planned or programmed.

We further call on this council to promote this initiative and working alongside members in each area to identify achievable and appropriate sites, where working with the community we create re-wilded spaces where local communities can feel part of challenging climate change”.

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Sustainability Working Group.

Agreed: The Motion was referred to the Sustainability Working Group in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

Councillors Enright and Kimmins left the chamber at this point – 8pm and 8.02pm respectively.

C/159/2019: ATTACKS ON PLACES OF WORSHIP

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Taylor:

“That this Council notes recently published research from the charity CARE NI that found 445 attacks have been recorded on places of worship in Northern Ireland in just the last 3 years; notes with concern that 35 of these despicable attacks were recorded in the Newry, Mourne and Down policing district; unreservedly condemns all attacks on places of worship, no matter what faith or denomination, and upholds the important human right for individuals to be free to worship and live out their faith in this society. This Council also notes the operation of the Places of Worship Security Scheme in England and Wales and expresses regret that a similar scheme is not available in Northern Ireland; and therefore agree to write to the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Office calling for the swift introduction of a similar scheme locally”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Taylor advised that places of worship across Northern Ireland had been subject to 445 criminal attacks over the last three years. Measures should be implemented by Government to offer support to Northern Ireland, similar to a scheme available in England and Wales. Under the UK Government’s Hate Crime Action Plan, funding was available for additional security measures for places of worship and it was time that was extended to premises and all faiths in Northern Ireland.

Councillor McKee seconded the Motion and called for the swift introduction of the scheme.

Members of all Parties voiced support for the motion.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKee that this Council notes recently published research from the charity CARE NI that found 445 attacks have been recorded on places of worship in Northern Ireland in just the last 3 years; notes with concern that 35 of these despicable attacks were recorded in the Newry, Mourne and Down policing district; unreservedly condemns all attacks on places of worship, no matter what faith or denomination, and upholds the important human right for individuals to be free to worship and live out their faith in this society. This Council also notes the operation of the Places of Worship Security Scheme in England and Wales and expresses regret that a similar scheme is not available in Northern Ireland; and therefore agree to write to the Department for Communities and the

Northern Ireland Office calling for the swift introduction of a similar scheme locally.

C/160/2019

EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF BOWEL AND BREAST CANCER

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors Trainor and Hanlon:

“This Council notes that early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer offers Patients the best chance of a successful treatment. England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all currently use the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and have a lowered age for screening. NHS England are currently trialling Breast Cancer Screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.

This Council will write to the Permanent Secretary for Health Mr Richard Pongelley highlighting the difference in the screening service provision across the UK and Ireland and calling for a review into Bowel Cancer Screening services in the North and to follow the English NHS lead in trialling Breast Cancer Screening at a lower age here in Northern Ireland.

The Council will write to the 10 other Councils requesting that they join Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in calling on the Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening as outlined.”

In proposing and seconding the motion, Councillors Trainor and Hanlon advised that they were raising awareness of two of the most common types of cancer that affect people in the North, bowel and breast cancer.

In presenting the Motion the following points were highlighted:

- In Northern Ireland around 1,200 men and women were diagnosed with bowel cancer every year, making it the second most common cancer.
- It was also the second most common cause of cancer death with about 420 deaths each year.
- Breast cancer accounted for 30% of all cancer in women in Northern Ireland.
- One in eight women were diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime.
- For bowel cancer two very important changes were required
 1. The age in which home screening could take place via the health service - To be lowered to 50 in line with other areas of the UK as evidence showed screening people at a younger age would allow more bowel cancers to be picked up at an earlier stage
 2. The type of test used for screening - Northern Ireland was the only area within the UK and Ireland that did not use Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT), even though the UK National Screening Committee has made recommendations that FIT be used.
- Reference was made to the success of the Action Cancer bus and Action Cancer charity which was always fully booked and provided screening for people who fall outside NHS guidelines for breast screening.

Councillor McKevitt took the opportunity to highlight the Public Health Agency provide free programmes for cervical, breast and bowel screening through local community groups.

Agreed: This Council notes that early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer offers Patients the best chance of a successful treatment. England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all currently use the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and have a lowered age for screening. NHS England are currently trialling Breast Cancer Screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.

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The Council will write to the 10 other Councils requesting that they join Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in calling on the Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening as outlined

C/161/2019 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN ISLANDS PARK, NEWCASTLE

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

“This Council recognises the significant impact that climate change will have on our communities, Council agrees to manage Islands Park, Newcastle, as a climate change park to support climate change mitigation and adaptation. Council will develop an action plan which will prioritise a number of exemplar projects, including eco-friendly replacement of car parks, permeable pavements, further recycling, wildflower meadows for pollinator bees and butterflies, establishment of a wetlands habitat, planting of a native fruit orchard and green transport connectivity”.

Councillor McEvoy seconded the Motion.

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Sustainability Working Group.

Agreed: **The Motion was referred to the Sustainability Working Group in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.**

C/162/2019 ABORTION LAWS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Reilly:

“That this Council opposed the imposition of laws on the introduction of laissez faire human abortion into Northern Ireland”

While proposing the motion, Councillor Reilly put forward an amended motion as follows:

“That this Council expresses its deep concern at the decision by Westminster to effectively extend the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland against the wishes of the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives, notes the sensitivity and complexity of this issue, acknowledges the need for sensitive consideration that deals with difficult cases and offers support to women in crisis pregnancies and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland requesting that he ensures no legislative changes on abortion be considered until the Northern Ireland Assembly is restored.”

Councillor Savage seconded the amended motion.

Councillor Clarke raised a point of order regarding provision in Standing Orders for amending motions.

The Chairperson advised the meeting would be adjourned at this point for officers to consult Standing Orders.

The meeting did then adjourn – 8.45pm

The meeting did then resume – 9.00pm.

The Chief Executive referred to Standing Orders section 19.2 – under which Councillor Reilly was entitled to alter his motion. The Council was agreeable and the amended motion was put to the Council meeting.

Councillor Brown then proposed an amendment to Councillor Reilly’s motion as follows:

“Welcoming any changes which bring NI into line with international human rights standards and provide equal access to reproductive health care for pregnant people but notes that this is primarily a matter for a reformed Assembly.”

Councillor McMurray seconded Councillor Brown’s amendment

In accepting the amendment from Councillor Brown, Councillor Reilly requested that the Chairperson put said amendment to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows (copy of recorded vote appended to these minutes)

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| FOR: | 2 |
| AGAINST: | 26 |
| ABSTENTIONS: | 0 |

Councillor Brown’s proposed amendment was LOST.

Following lengthy discussions during which arguments and points were raised in support of and against Councillor Reilly's motion, Councillor Howell proposed a further amendment which was seconded by Councillor Hanlon to remove all wording contained within Councillor Reilly's motion after 'that deals with difficult cases' and replace with the following:

"This Council regrets that the Assembly is not in place to provide modern health care for women, including terminations where a woman's life, health or mental health is at risk and in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and sexual crime. Council recognises that it is not possible to legislate for abortion in the case of rape in a compassionate way. Council accepts that termination without specific indication should be available for a limited gestational period through a GP led service in a clinical context. Council also calls for British legislation which criminalises women who have an abortion to be repealed immediately".

As Councillor Reilly did not accept Councillor Howell's proposed amendment, the Chairperson put the matter to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows (copy of recorded vote appended to these minutes)

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| FOR: | 14 |
| AGAINST: | 14 |
| ABSTENTIONS: | 0 |

The Chairperson used his casting vote FOR the motion.

The proposal was CARRIED.

Councillors Brown and Gallagher left the chamber at this point – 9.10pm

Councillor Howell's motion then became the substantive motion and the Chairperson did then put the substantive motion proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Hanlon to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows (copy of recorded vote appended to these minutes).

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| FOR: | 13 |
| AGAINST: | 13 |
| ABSTENTIONS: | 0 |

The Chairperson used his casting vote FOR the motion.

The proposal was CARRIED.

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| Agreed: | It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Hanlon that this Council expresses its deep concern at the decision by Westminster to effectively extend the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland against the wishes of the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives, notes the sensitivity and complexity of this issue, acknowledges the need for sensitive consideration that deals with difficult cases. |
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This Council regrets that the Assembly is not in place to provide modern health care for women, including terminations where a woman's life, health or mental health is at risk and in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and sexual crime.

Council recognises that it is not possible to legislate for abortion in the case of rape in a compassionate way. Council accepts that termination without specific indication should be available for a limited gestational period through a GP led service in a clinical context. Council also calls for British legislation which criminalises women who have an abortion to be repealed immediately.

Councillors Hanna and Reilly left the chamber at this point – 9.23pm.

C/163/2019: ATM CHARGES

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Magennis:

“Newry Mourne & Down Council recognising the growing concerns in relation to ATM charges and the financial difficulties these charges cause particularly to our most vulnerable citizens, contact the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, asking that he look at this issue and introduce measures to reduce or remove these charges for the benefit of customers and shop owners”.

In presenting the motion Councillor Magennis stated that banks and building societies should provide ATMs as a service to customers and not as another source of income. She raised the following points:

- Over recent years a large number of branches had been closed and replaced with ATMs.
- Brand named bank machines have begun to disappear and independent cash machine have entered the market place and charge 95p to £2 per transaction.
- Wages, benefits and pensions were paid direct into banks and these charges were an extra burden on people of fixed and low income.
- In the absence of branches people have no option but use ATMs and were incurring extra expense through charges.

Councillor Magennis requested Council register its objection to these charges by backing the motion to abolish charges on all former free to use ATMs.

In seconding the motion Councillor McAteer asked for a slight amendment to be made which was:

‘and appoint a Regulator to monitor this facet of banking’.

Councillor Magennis accepted Councillor McAteer's amendment.

Members were all in support of the motion.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor McAteer that Newry Mourne & Down Council recognising the growing concerns in relation to ATM charges and the financial difficulties these charges cause particularly to our most vulnerable citizens, contact the Financial Secretary to the Treasury asking that he look at this issue and introduce measures to reduce or remove these charges for the benefit of customers and shop owners, and that he and appoint a Regulator to monitor this facet of banking.

C/164/2019 MEMORY GARDENS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Tinnelly:

“This Council recognises there is no greater heartbreak or tragedy to befall a family than the death of a child.

We acknowledge the importance of small memory gardens where families can visit for reflection, remember their deceased children and find solace in a purpose build peaceful setting, other than a cemetery and to that end this council now proposed to provide 2 such facilities within our district.

A memory garden is a simple construct, a small corner in one of our public spaces surrounded by a small hedge for privacy and containing nothing more than a couple of benches with a few symbolic flowers and plants.

Our officers will now identify a potential host site on council land in each of our Health Trust areas to establish our first two highly symbolic memory gardens and then immediately proceed with their design and construction. “

The Chief Executive confirmed he had been in contact with Councillor Tinnelly and he was content that the issue be tabled at the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Agreed: The Motion was referred to the Neighbourhood Services Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

C/165/2019: OPPOSE TO DEVELOP A GOLDMINE

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Hearty:

“This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and carry out prospecting in Slieve Gullion DEA, and indeed across the wider council area. As such, we believe that it should be written into our Local Development Plan. Furthermore, given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this Council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive”

In proposing the motion, Councillor Hearty highlighted the following:

- The plans presented too many risks to the people in the area.
- It was an area of outstanding beauty and an area of special scientific interest.
- It would be highly destructive to the land, water and wildlife in the Ring of Gullion.
- Trouble had been caused by prospecting in other areas of Ireland.
- With recent protests regarding climate change, what message would it send out if Council was to allow plans to develop a goldmine and carryout prospecting in South Armagh.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Ó Muirí referred to a public meeting held in Silverbridge and the 'Save Our Sperrins' campaign that asked Council to explore all ways to ban the practice of goldmining and prospecting to protect land. He made reference to other Councils, such as Derry & Strabane and Mid Ulster Council, threatening legal action against Department for the Economy for granting prospecting licences in their area and the need for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to protect the whole District.

Councillor Byrne spoke in support of the motion highlighting the need for this matter to be included within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Local Development Plan.

Members were all in support of the motion.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí that this Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and carry out prospecting in Slieve Gullion DEA, and indeed across the wider council area. As such, we believe that it should be written into our Local Development Plan. Furthermore, given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this Council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive"**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.34pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 07/10/2019 VENUE: Downpatrick MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Patrick Brown - SPR/114/2019 – Notice of Motion – 1) Overturn the decision & go back to get costings before taking a decision 2) 3 Motions per Councillor per month

| COUNCILLOR | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| T Andrews | | | | √ |
| P Brown | √ | | | |
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| C Enright | √ | | | |
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| M Gibbons | | √ | | |
| O Hanlon | | √ | | |
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| D Taylor | | | √ | |
| J Tinnelly | | | | √ |
| J Trainor | | √ | | |
| B Walker | | √ | | |
| TOTALS | 3 | 31 | 2 | 4 |

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 07/10/2019VENUE: DownpatrickMEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Patrick Brown – Amendment to Councillor Reilly Motion – Abortion Laws

| COUNCILLOR | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| T Andrews | | | | √ |
| P Brown | √ | | | |
| R Burgess | | | | √ |
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| S Doran | | √ | | |
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| D Taylor | | √ | | |
| J Tinnelly | | | | √ |
| J Trainor | | √ | | |
| B Walker | | √ | | √ |
| TOTALS | 2 | 26 | 0 | 12 |

RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 07/10/2019

VENUE: Downpatrick

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Roisin Howell – Amendment to Councillor Reilly Motion – Abortion Laws

| COUNCILLOR | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| T Andrews | | | | √ |
| P Brown | √ | | | |
| R Burgess | | | | √ |
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| O Magennis | √ | | | |
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| J Tinnelly | | | | √ |
| J Trainor | | √ | | |
| B Walker | | | | √ |
| TOTALS | 14 | 14 | 0 | 12 |

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 07/10/2019

VENUE: Downpatrick

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Councillor Reilly Substantive Motion – Abortion Laws

| COUNCILLOR | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| T Andrews | | | | √ |
| P Brown | | | | √ |
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| A Lewis | | | | √ |
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| M Savage | | √ | | |
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| G Stokes | | √ | | |
| D Taylor | | √ | | |
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| J Trainor | | √ | | |
| B Walker | | | | √ |
| TOTALS | 13 | 13 | 0 | 14 |

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMC/SC

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 30 September 2019 at 6.00pm in the
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

In the Chair: Councillor C Casey

In attendance:

(Councillors)

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| Councillor P Brown | Councillor R Burgess |
| Councillor P Byrne | Councillor W Clarke |
| Councillor C Enright | Councillor H Gallagher |
| Councillor M Gibbons | Councillor O Hanlon |
| Councillor V Harte | Councillor T Hearty |
| Councillor R Howell | Councillor L Kimmins |
| Councillor M Larkin | Councillor C Mason |
| Councillor D McAteer | Councillor L McEvoy |
| Councillor H McKee | Councillor K McKevitt |
| Councillor R Mulgrew | Councillor G O'Hare |
| Councillor B O'Muirí | Councillor M Ruane |
| Councillor M Savage | Councillor G Stokes |
| Councillor D Taylor | |

(Officials)

Mr. L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

Ms S McCauley, Director of Regional Services, NIHE
Ms L Wilson, Area Manager, South Down
Ms A Hickey, Head of Placeshaping, NIHE

SC/18/2019 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Curran, Devlin, Hanna, Magennis, Sharvin, Tinnelly and Walker.

SC/19/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SC/20/2019 PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

The Chairperson welcomed Ms S McCauley, Ms Loma Wilson and Ms Alibhe Hickey from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Ms McCauley thanked Council for the opportunity to meet and referred to the NIHE Newry, Mourne and Down Housing Investment Plan 2019-2023, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda.

Ms McCauley then delivered a presentation on the Housing Investment Plan (copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Following the presentation, the Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members as follows:

- There was a serious lack of investment for housing in all rural areas particularly Crossmaglen and Cullyhanna.
- Concerns were raised regarding poor standards of ground maintenance and cleansing within housing estates, including the collection of grass following cuts, cleansing of alleyways etc.
- A cohesive approach between NIHE, DRD Roads and Council regarding cleansing was required.
- Welcomed the number of initiatives that Council had taken on board with NIHE and expressed the importance of continuing dialogue among key stakeholders.
- The figures provided for social housing need in Downpatrick were unrealistic.
- There was a need for social and affordable housing in Strangford.
- What was meant by Mandatory Repair Grants?
- Clanmil Housing Association and NIHE new builds in Hilltown had unoccupied units which was concerning given the level of need in the area.
- There were to be specially adapted houses built on the lands between Lisbeg Park and Lismore. Concerns raised on the progression of this as a family with complex needs were in urgent need of housing.
- Forkhill Phase 3 – Had other sites been looked at? 20 houses were required.
- Concerns were raised regarding the placement of temporary accommodation e.g. following an accidental fire a tenant could only be accommodated in a hostel some distance away.
- Clarity was sought on the swapping of properties.
- Why had Clanmil Housing Association works at the old hospital site in

Downpatrick stopped and what pressure could NIHE put on.

- Concerns were raised regarding latent demand tests in rural areas. People were not listing the areas they wanted to live in as they were aware there were no properties available, and instead were putting down other areas as first and second choices. Was it possible NIHE hold a separate list of areas of requests where no properties were available to better reflect the need in that area e.g. Killough.
- Was the Site Identification Study for Newcastle available?
- Concerns were raised regarding young families living in upstairs flats and the need for 3-bedroom housing.
- The Affordable Warmth Scheme required expansion. Had NIHE put in a bid for extra resources?
- There were poorly insulated homes within the private sector. British Board of Agrément (BBA) was due to release a report regarding cavity wall insulation.
- Were Home Repair Grants still available?
- A request for an update on the building works for flats at the Burrendale Estate, Newcastle following an arson attack.
- Heating installation for 43 homes in Hilltown and Mayobridge was welcomed, as well as the new kitchen replacements in Warrenpoint, Rostrevor and Kilkeel.
- What were the plans for homes in Mayobridge, Ballyholland and Hilltown areas.
- Were there any plans to update the NIHE point system?
- Update on the next Window Replacement Scheme for Barcroft Park, Newry. Could Councillors be provided with proposed dates for schemes in the Newry area.
- Concerns were raised regarding broken and sunken paving in Rooney Park, Kilkeel.
- The numbers of rough sleepers in Newry were increasing.
- How successful was the Dementia Pilot Scheme?

The delegation responded to queries as follows:

- Work was ongoing for housing need focusing particularly in Newry and surrounding areas e.g. In Crossmaglen a site feasibility study had been accrued out and NIHE were looking at social housing needs and properties.
- NIHE had placed a bid to source more funding for new builds.
- NIHE raised concerns regarding ground maintenance to the ground maintenance team and it was hoped improvements would be made.
- A meeting to be arranged to discuss the issues around grounds maintenance and cleansing within housing estates.
- NIHE were working with DEA coordinators around the issue of ownership and mapping out housing estates regarding cleansing and maintenance.
- NIHE to closely monitor grounds maintenance and gave commitment to keep on track and improve service.
- NIHE to report back to Headquarters regarding a taskforce including NIHE, DRD Roads and Council to address cleansing and maintenance issues.
- Close collaboration with Council, particularly in relation to planning had been very productive in ensuring programmes and schemes move forward.
- NIHE were looking at buildings being adapted if required to ensure wheelchair accessibility and appropriateness for disabled persons. The quality of stock of

new builds was very good.

- Due to PPS21 Strangford was not zoned for affordable housing need. NIHE to raise the matter again with the Planning department.
- Reference was made to appendix 7 of the Newry, Mourne and Down Housing Investment Plan 2019-2023 which detailed the total applicants and allocations for Downpatrick at March 2019. NIHE undertook to look at demand testing.
- Mandatory Repair Grants provide funding to assist in repair and/or improve houses for private sector residents when properties reach a level of unfitness.
- NIHE confirmed units in Hilltown were allocated and fully occupied and the further 6 units were required. NIHE to discuss matter with Clanmil Housing Association at next meeting.
- Apex Housing Association had looked for 20 Units in Forkhill however the scheme had not progressed due to encroachment issues. Alternatives were being investigated. NIHE to check progress on this matter and report back to Council.
- NIHE was aware of complex needs case and vacancies in NIHE stock to be considered. Land is required in order to build purpose-built homes.
- A strategic review of all temporary accommodation to be carried out by NIHE.
- There was a NIHE Home Swapper policy and anyone applying for a transfer could be eligible if criteria were met.
- NIHE to continue doing latent demand tests in rural areas. NIHE had a duty to inform individuals of what houses were available at that time. It is also important individuals list their areas of choice as it was considered as part of latent demand tests.
- The site identification study for Newcastle had 20 sites reviewed with 4 being deemed as having potential.
- NIHE had a business case approved for significant money for Affordable Warmth Scheme however this was dependent on the budget. Council had been very useful in getting referrals through to NIHE with high satisfaction rates from applicants of the scheme.
- A draft report from British Board of Agreement (BBA) had been released. NIHE had bore scope equipment to carry out checks on properties if any evidence of cavity wall installation issues were found.
- Home Repair Grants were available however on a discretionary and low level basis, due to funding availability.
- NIHE to report back to Council following a meeting with Clanmil Housing Association regarding the delay to the new builds at the old hospital site in Downpatrick.
- Burrendale Estate Flats, Newcastle – Another contractor had been appointed for the 2nd phase.
- A CCTV Scheme was due to commence at Burrendale Estate and Bracken Avenue, Newcastle.
- The point system had been out to consultation and there was an intention to review the point system, however as this required a change to policy it needed to be signed off by Government.
- Ballyholland - Rural Housing Association had a site for 14 units with the Planning Department and it was hoped they would be on site before the end of the financial year.
- Mayobridge – There were a couple of proposals from associations for new

builds that were being examined.

- Hilltown – There were 56 applicants on the waiting list, 42 of which were on housing stress and there were less than 10 allocations. Therefore the 6 houses left on the scheme could be occupied by those on that list.
- The proposed window replacement scheme for Barcroft Park, Newry had to be retendered.
- NIHE to send out the programme of schemes for the forthcoming year for Councillors information.
- Site investigation study carried out in Warrenpoint with 22 sites examined and 6 sites with potential.
- A site investigation study to be carried out in Rostrevor in the next 12 months.
- The Local Development Plan was critical to NIHE and the potential for land to be released for housing.
- NIHE to carry out a street audit on rough sleepers in Newry (a 6 week count at varying times) NIHE had no remit and no recourse to public funds but was investigating ways of assisting Local Homeless Action Group and what help was available through the Strategic Steering Group.
- First Dementia Pilot Scheme was in South Down within the NIHE. NIHE trained staff and worked closely with dementia navigators in Newry and Downpatrick with the aim being to sustain people with dementia to live in their homes as long as possible.
- NIHE was committed to rolling out the dementia scheme further including the South area, Causeway and across the Province.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 4th November 2019.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

Housing Investment Plan Presentation to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council 30th September 2019

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Purpose of HIP

New Housing Investment Plans (HIP) replace our District Housing Plans. They have 2 main purposes:

1. The Housing Executive is statutorily required under the 1981 Housing Order to report to councils on its past years performance and next years proposals.
2. The Housing Executive is a Community Planning Partner and the HIP provides an evidence base that will inform Community Planning.

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Overview of the HIP

- After consultation with a range of stakeholders The HIP provides an overview of the housing market in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.
- The HIP examines cross tenure housing issues and detailed social housing investment at a local level.
- It is a 4-year plan with an annual update in intervening years. This is the first year of the plan with yearly annual updates starting in 2020.
- The plan reflects Community Planning priorities.

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Approach

Four high level outcomes related to housing and associated services have shaped our plans:

1. Helping people find housing support and solutions;
2. Delivering better homes;
3. Fostering vibrant sustainable communities; and
4. Delivering quality public services.

Our Housing Investment Plan reports on our progress over the past twelve months and presents our programmes for the coming year. We have aligned our outcomes to those of the Community Plans and continue to engage with Community Planning Partners to deliver housing services locally.

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Housing Executive Investment

| Activity areas | Actual spend £m 2018/19 | Projected spend £m 2019/20 |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Improvements | 1.19 | 0.70 |
| Adaptations for Persons with a Disability (APD's) | 1.25 | 1.04 |
| Planned Maintenance Work (planned, cyclical and MS running costs) | 4.88 | 6.60 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 0.48 | 0.40 |
| Response Maintenance | 3.24 | 2.94 |
| Private Sector Grants | 1.81 | 1.65 |
| Supporting People | 5.70 | 5.68 |
| Community Development | 0.08 | * |
| Investment in New Build** | 12.97 | *** |
| Boiler Replacement Scheme | 0.19 | **** |
| Total | 31.79 | 19.01 |

Source: NIHE
 *Community Development projected spend is not available.
 ** Investment in new build is the total cost of schemes starting in the programme year but which may be spent over more than one year. The amount includes Housing Association Grant (HAG) and housing association private borrowing.
 *** The total cost of units in the gross Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) for 2018/19 has not been finalised.
 **** Demand led, therefore budget cannot be allocated.

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Key Housing Issues (1)

Key housing issues for Newry, Mourne and Down:

- An ageing population – 18.9% of population 65+ by 2027.
- Total Housing Executive stock is 5,270 units.
- An increase in total applicants:
 - 3,289 total applicants – 3.9% increase on last year;
 - 2,516 (76%) in housing stress.
- 1,244 households presented as homeless and 907 (73%) accepted as homeless.
- 499 social housing allocations in 2018/19.

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Key Housing Issues (2)

In 2018/19:

- 126 new social homes completed;
- 324 new social homes on-site.

Future Housing Issues:

- 1,884 new social housing units are needed over next five years;
- 2019/22 SHDP – 870 (gross) new social housing units programmed;
- Welfare Reform – 11,503 residents in receipt of HB at March 2019 including, 5,786 Private and 5,717 Social.

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Local Office Issues

Key local office issues for Newry, Mourne and Down:

- Housing Need Conference / Local Housing Need Action Plan
- Tenancy Sustainment – Dementia Pilot
- Community Involvement – Grants and Participatory Budgeting
- Impact of Welfare Reform
- Community Support Partnership
- Cohesion/ Peace IV

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Next Steps

- Progress against the HIP outcomes will be regularly monitored and will be reported on annually.
- The Housing Investment Plan, the Community Plan and the new Local Development Plan should all align and fit together. Housing Executive colleagues will continue to work with Council as partner to provide evidence and agree outcomes.

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Thank you and any questions?

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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 14 October 2019 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

- Councillor T Andrews
- Councillor A McMurray
- Councillor R Burgess
- Councillor W Clarke
- Councillor D Curran
- Councillor O Hanlon
- Councillor G Hanna
- Councillor V Harte
- Councillor M Larkin
- Councillor D McAteer
- Councillor H Reilly
- Councillor G Stokes

(Non Committee Members)

- Councillor W Walker
- Councillor C Owens
- Councillor K McKevitt

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer
Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/134/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor Mulgrew, on behalf of the Committee, extended best wishes to Marie Ward in her new role as Chief Executive and paid tribute to the work Marie and Officers had carried out within the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Department.

She welcomed Conor Mallon the new Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

Councillor Mulgrew, on behalf of the Committee and Sinn Fein, also extended a warm welcome to Councillor Catherine Owens who will be replacing Councillor Harry Harvey. She acknowledged the great contribution Harry made to Council during his time as Councillor.

Councillor Mulgrew welcomed Councillor Andy McMurray back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

An apology was received from Councillor M Ruane.

ERT/135/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

**ERT/136/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2019.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS**ERT/137/2019: URBAN REGENERATION FORWARD WORK PLAN**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding an update on an Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan partnership with Department for Communities. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: The Council work closely with contractors to ensure works are completed to required standards.
Inclusion of smaller towns in schemes which will enhance businesses and promote tourism.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed Council proceed as follows:

- (a) Council approve the updated 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Work Plan Oct 2019' to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.
- (b) Council work with the Department for Communities to agree Regeneration intervention measures are required in each of the 5 settlements (Saintfield, Killyleagh, Castlewellan, Bessbrook and Rostrevor) with a population of between 2,500 and 5,000 in the district over the next 5 years.
- (c) Council Officials to liaise with the relevant Departments regarding funding to regenerate Newcastle Harbour and surfacing of Harbour Road Kilkeel.

ERT/138/2019: **CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration seeking approval to proceed to contractor in respect of the Carlingford Lough Greenway. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed:

- (a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.
- (b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.

**ERT/139/2019: DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT
(FORMER PSNI STATION)**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon
Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding the
Downpatrick Regeneration Project at the former PSNI Station.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor
Hanlon it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Council Officers proceed to work with Department for
Communities in conjunction with Strategic Investment
Board to draft a Development brief and issue to the market
through public advertisement
- (b) Convene a stakeholder engagement group made up of
Downpatrick DEA Councillors, Business representatives for
the Town Centre and relevant Public Agencies to input
guide the process to include a Breakfast Launch before
Christmas.

ERT/140/2019: SMALL BUSINESSSS SALES & EXPORTING PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Small
Business Sales and Exporting Programme.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by
Councillor Clarke it was agreed to procure and implement a
Small Business Sales and Exporting Programme that will
support at least 20 SME businesses to increase sales to
markets outside of NI (particularly GB and South of Ireland),
and raise awareness of the Newry, Mourne and Down area
as an attractive location for business development and
investment.

ERT/141/2019: DAERA RURAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS SCHEME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding an update on the DAERA Rural Small Business Grants scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed

- (a) To sign and accept a contract for funding for implementation of the programme
- (b) To agree implementation in the DAERA rural grants scheme for businesses, as per the timescales above

ERT/142/2019: NI BUSINESS START PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the NI Business Start Programme – the current programme and the collaborative funding application for the new programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Participate in a new Business Start Up Collaborative programme with other NI Councils and collaboratively submit a funding application for ERDF Jobs and Growth
- (b) LCCC will continue as Lead Council of the New Programme if the funding application is successful for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2023
- (c) To enter into a new Collaborative agreement which sets out the governance arrangement for the new programme, subject to review by Council's legal representatives
- (d) Agree the proposed outcomes and associated financials for the New Programme, accepting that these are subject to change as a result of funding application, assessment and Letter of Offer (any amendments will be reported through Council)

ERT/143/2019: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – QUEENS UNIVERSITY

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a Service Level Agreement with Queens University Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF). **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to establish a Service Level Agreement with the Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF) to provide an integrated landscape study for what is believed to be part of the ancient roadway (Slighe Miodhluachr) which runs from the northern road, Tara Co Meath, to Armagh with sections through the NMD District

ERT/144/2019: MIPIM PROPERTY CONFERENCE: 2020

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the MIPIM Property Conference to be held from 10-12 March 2020 in Cannes France. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed the Council as a partner in the Belfast Region City Deal, make a contribution in the sum of £15,000 towards the delivery of investment opportunity at the MIPIM Conference to be held from 10-12 March 2020 in Cannes France, plus make available a sum of £6,000 in respect of travel and accommodation for the Council delegation who will attend the event which will include Chairman of Council, Chief Executive and 1 No. Director.

It was also agreed Council Officials contact the owners of Mourne Park Estate Kilkeel regarding the possible inclusion of this site in the portfolio for presentation at MIPIM.

ERT/145/2019: FFNI 5G COMMUNICATIONS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding FFNI 5G Communications. **(Copy circulated)**

(5.45pm : Councillor K McKevitt joined the Meeting)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Council Officers to review the health impacts of 5G and seek further guidance from the Public Health Authority, DCMS, OFCOM and other relevant authorities to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District.
- (b) To authorise FFNI c/o NMDDC, to submit a bid(s) for appropriate funding for 5G on behalf of participating Councils subject to appropriate environmental and health impact assessments.
- (c) To commit up to £10k NMDDC funding to the co-ordination of a 5G community and funding applications.
- (d) To allow NMD, as host of FFNI, to spend the total of such aggregated funding in the pursuit of increasing 5g rollout throughout our communities.

ERT/146/2019: **FFNI GIGABIT VOUCHER PROMOTION**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding FFNI 5G Communications. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed as follows:

- (a) The Council to contribute up to £25,000 towards the cost of designing and operating a pilot voucher promotion scheme to secure up to £4m of DCMS vouchers for Northern Ireland subject to Consortium members agreeing.
- (b) To work with officers to identify two appropriate communities in our region to be a part of the pilot.
- (c) To approve NMDDC to appoint a suitable consultant to assist with implementation and delivery of the pilot.

ERT/147/2019: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CONSULTATION: 2019 REVIEW OF BUSINESS RATES

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Department of Finance Consultation on 2019 Review of Business Rates.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: Councillors to pass through any information to Council Officials regarding the above Consultation.

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

- (a) Council Officers engage with local business representatives, including the local Chamber of Commerce, Newry Bid to establish the concerns they have with the rates review and include these in the Council's formal response to the consultation
- (b) Officers in Corporate Services Directorate consider the implications of the rates review for the Council and advise ERT Officers of any concerns that should be included in the response to the consultation
- (c) Further to the completion of recommendations (a) and (b) above, Council Officers develop a composite formal response to the consultation before the deadline of 11th November 2019.

ERT/148/2019: EAST BORDER REGION
CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
LEUVEN BELGIUM: 5-8 NOVEMBER 2019

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the East Border Region Capacity Building Programme study visit through the Irish College in Leuven Belgium. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to appoint the Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism to attend the East Border Region Capacity Building Programme from 5-8 November 2019 in Leuven Belgium at an estimated cost of £650.

BUILDING CONTROL AND REGULATIONS**ERT/149/2019: REVIEW OF DESIGNATED SITES
 - STREET TRADING**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding the Review of Designated Sites for Street Trading. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed to rescind Street Trading designations at the following locations:**

- (a) Quay Street, Strangford**
- (b) The Square, Hilltown**
- (c) Windmill Gardens, Ballynahinch**
- (d) Flying Horse, Downpatrick**
- (e) Glebetown Drive, Downpatrick**
- (f) De Courcey Way, Dundrum**
- (g) Comber Road Estate, Killyleagh**
- (h) Osborne Drive, Shrigley**
- (i) Greencastle Street Kilkeel**

Councillor Hanna proposed and Councillor Reilly seconded to rescind the Street Trading pitch at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel on the basis of inadequate parking in the location, the adverse impact fast food trading has on the nearby hotel in terms of smell and noise and other fast food premises are located close by.

Councillor Reilly seconded the proposal.

Councillor Clarke proposed to accept the recommendation as per Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director, to retain the existing conditions for trading at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel.

Councillor Larkin seconded the above proposal.

The above proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 7
Against: 4
Abstentions: 2

The proposal was declared carried.

- AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to retain the existing conditions for the Trading pitch at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel.
- AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to retain the trading pitch at The Square Warrenpoint, but enforce trading conditions , ie, removal of vehicle after trading, prevention of trading beyond the designated pitch and enforcement of trading hours currently 11pm. Officers to monitor this trading pitch for a 6 week period and be granted authority to refer to a hearing if deemed necessary to do so.
- AGREED:** It was agreed Officers discuss issues raised regarding the number of trading pitches in Kilkeel and report back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee, where appropriate.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/150/2019: TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Events, regarding the Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed Council open the Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund through the Financial Assistance Programme to support local tourism businesses to promote their offering and the wider-district in Spring and Summer 2020

ERT/151/2019: CLUSTER AND TOURISM BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Events, regarding the Cluster and Tourism Business Engagement Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed to appoint a suitable provider through the Tourism NI Framework to deliver an ongoing programme of support to tourism businesses who have been engaged in developing visitor experiences.

(6.30pm: Councillor T Andrews left the meeting)

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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).

ERT/152/2019: WARRENPOINT BATHS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Culture regarding the Lease Agreement for Warrenpoint Baths. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to come out of closed session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following decision:

ER153/2019: Lease Agreement: Warrenpoint Baths

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to progress a full repairing and insuring Lease, at market value, in respect of Warrenpoint Baths with the existing tenant, with the tenant being responsible for maintaining and insuring the site, and any future works on the site in agreement with Council.

FOR NOTING

ERT/154/2019: DEVELOPMENT: NEWCASTLE BEACH

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Culture, regarding Newcastle Beach development. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Report regarding development at Newcastle Beach.

ERT/155/2019: DEVELOPMENT: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Heritage Lottery Fund development project at Warrenpoint Municipal Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the completion of the 1 year Defects Correction period for the Capital works at Warrenpoint Municipal Park and the continuing roll out of the Programme of events**

ERT/156/2019: DEVELOPMENT: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the Heritage Lottery Fund development at Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the ongoing actions of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board.**

ERT/157/2019: SEA FLAG 2

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a project update on SEA FLAG 2. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the update report on SEA FLAG 2 project.**

ERT/158/2019: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the delivery of the Rural Development Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the update report on the delivery of the Rural Development Programme.**

**ERT/159/2019: DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES
ACCESS AND INCLUSION CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding the Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Capital Programme.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: To note details provided regarding the Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Capital Programme.

**ERT/160/2019: BUILDING CONTROL
- 6 MONTH UPDATE REPORT
MARCH – AUGUST 2019**

Read: Report on Building Control 6 monthly update from March – August 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Building Control 6 month update report dated March – August 2019.

**ERT/161/2019: LICENSING
- 6 MONTH UPDATE REPORT
MARCH – AUGUST 2019**

Read: Report on Licensing 6 monthly update from March – August 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Licensing 6 month update report dated March – August 2019.

ERT/162/2019: PLANNING PERFORMANCE

Read: Planning Committee Performance figures for month of September 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note Planning Committee Performance figures for September 2019.

**ERT/163/2019: REPORT:
LOUTH/NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN JOINT COMMITTEE
- 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Report of Louth / Newry Mourne & Down Joint Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Report of Louth / Newry Mourne & Down Joint Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019**

**ERT/164/2019: DEPARTMENT FOR DIGITAL CULTURE MEDIA & SPORT
RE: FFNI**

Read: Correspondence dated 11 September 2019 from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport regarding Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI). **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note correspondence dated 11 September 2019 from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport regarding Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI).**

ERT/165/2019: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Scheme of Delegation.**

**ERT/167/2019: HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER
ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM**

Read: Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 November 2019.

Signed: **Councillor R Mulgrew**

 Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: **Mr C Mallon**

 Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**67**

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

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| Councillor R Burgess | Councillor P Byrne |
| Councillor S Doran | Councillor H Gallagher |
| Councillor O Hanlon | Councillor R Howell |
| Councillor A Lewis | Councillor C Mason |
| Councillor A McMurray | Councillor B Ó Muirí |
| Councillor J Tinnelly | Councillor W Walker |

Officials in Attendance:

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance
 Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy
 Mrs L Fitzsimons, Human Resources
 Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration
 Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager
 Ms E Cosgrove, Head of Compliance
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Councillor Andrews

SPR/131/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Mulgrew and Sharvin.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Carville's return and advised that this was Mr Hannaway's last Strategy, Policy and Resources meeting as Chief Executive. The Chairman thanked Mr Hannaway for his work in the Council and wished him every happiness and health in his retirement.

SPR/132/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Hannaway declared an interest in Item 18 – Chief Executive Appraisal 2018-19.

SPR/133/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked for an update regarding lands at former landfill site in Newtownhamilton. Mr Hannaway confirmed a meeting was being organised with the DEA Councillors and Re-Gen to get clarity on a number of issues.

The Chairman provided an update on the expression of interest for Derryleckagh Playing Fields.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 12 September 2019, be noted, and actions removed as marked.**

SPR/134/2019 REVIEW ON BUSINESS RATES

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alan Bronte from Land and Property Services to the meeting.

Mr Bronte thanked Council for the opportunity to attend and delivered a presentation on 'The Review of Business Rates' and encouraged Members to respond to the public consultation before the closing date of 11th November 2019. (copy of presentation attached to these minutes)

Following the presentation, Members highlighted the following:

- Concerns raised that already struggling businesses would be put under further financial pressure.
- People who were paying rates were being penalised further by vacant properties and rates evasion.
- Small businesses were at a disadvantage compared to bigger multi-national business's in the rates they pay.
- Rural village properties were not benefitting from same level of trade as bigger towns and cities and rateable value the same.
- Introduce rates for online businesses to generate more rateable income.
- Certain exemptions should be removed for charities eg. Churches as a lot of the funds for building work was raised by local people.
- Residential evaluation needed looked at as rateable value was based on 2005 figures.
- Forms of enhancement should be investigated when dealing with green and environmental issues

The Chairman thanked Mr Bronte for his presentation.

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/135/2019 IRISH LANGUAGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2020/2021 AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THEME 2020/2021

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding Irish Language Financial Assistance Scheme 2020/2021 and Minority Communities Financial Assistance Theme 2020/2021 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to approve the inclusion of both an Irish Language (indicative budget of £50,000) and a Minority Communities Financial Assistance Theme (indicative budget of £12,500) within the Financial Assistance Call 1 for period 2020/2021. The outlined indicative budgets**

reflect the amount agreed in 2019/2020 and it was acknowledged the budgets would be subject to agreement and approval through the rate setting process.

SPR/136/2019 REPORT REGARDING NOTICE OF MOTION – WWII VETERANS

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding notice of motion – World War II Veterans **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed in principle to identify the number of veterans on the basis of the definition of a resident to be any person who resides in the Council district; whole last address before being admitted to hospital or a care home was within the Council district; persons who have been resident in a care home for 2 years or more; or former residents of the Council district who had left to receive treatment or care from a relative.

SPR/137/2019 REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE FROM ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: UK'S FIRST NATIONAL MEMORIAL EMERGENCY PERSONEL

Read: Report dated 17 October from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council Re: UK'S First National Memorial dedicated to all Emergency Service Personnel who have served or been killed in the course of their duties **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked for clarity as to where the memorial would be sited and which sector of Emergency Service Personnel would be honoured. The Chairman confirmed it would be located in London and included 999 emergency response personnel.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that Council support the creation of national monument to act as a symbol of eternal gratitude for all emergency service personnel who have served or been killed in the course of duties.

FOR NOTING

SPR/138/2019 SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period July-September 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

SPR/139/2019: COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES FROM 29 JANUARY 2019 & 18 JUNE 2019

Read: Minutes from Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board Meetings held on 29th January and 18th June 2019 (copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the Community Planning Partnership Board Minutes from 29th January and 18th June 2019.

SPR/140/2019: CORRESPONDENCE DATED 02.09.19 – RATE SUPPORT GRANT (RSG) OVERPAYMENT

Read: Correspondence dated 2 October 2019 from Ms T Meharg, Permanent Secretary, regarding Rates Support Grant (RSG) Overpayment (copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the letter received from Ms T Meharg, Permanent Secretary regarding Rates Support Grant (RSG) Overpayment.

SPR/141/2019 BREXIT PREPAREDNESS

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Brexit Planning (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

SPR/142/2019: SICKNESS ABSENCE

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager, regarding Sickness Absence (**Copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/143/2019 NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCING MODEL FOR THE CIVIL CONTINGENCIES FUNCTION

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, regarding New Local Government Resourcing Model for the Civil Contingencies Function (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed that this Council underwrite 1/5th of any liability attached to the matching process and TUPE transfer (where relevant) of the Emergency Planning Officer currently employed by Lisburn Castlereagh Council.

SPR/144/2019 PROPOSED LICENCE OF OCEAN BED AT KILLOUGH HARBOUR, KILLOUGH

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding proposed licence of Ocean Bed at Killough Harbour (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to renew the Licence in favour of Killough Oysters Limited of the area outlined in red on the map circulated in the officer's report for a further 15 years subject to Licence fee of £680.00 per annum for the first five years and thereafter such Licence fee as is determined by a rent review in years five and ten of the term.

SPR/145/2019: RECTIFICATION OF TITLE MAP – CLONALLEN PARK, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding rectification of map – Clonallen Park, Warrenpoint (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following recommendations were agreed:

- i) Approve in principle the rectification of the folio map;
- ii) Apply a condition that Council's legal costs be paid by the requester in relation to Clonallen Park, Warrenpoint.

SPR/146/2019 LAND AT ALTNAVEIGH, DORAN'S HILL, NEWRY

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding land at Altnaveigh, Doran's Hill, Newry (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, the following recommendations were agreed:

1. Remove the stipulation that the social enterprise activity must be directly connected to the purposes of Thomas Davis Ladies GFC.
2. Council waiving its interest in reacquiring the lands at this time.
3. To ensure so far as possible continued rights for Council in respect of the use and future disposal of the land by Thomas Davis GFC, this relates to land at Altnaveigh, Doran's Hill, Newry.

SPR/147/2019 ALBERT BASIN PARK – APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Albert Basin Park – Appointment of Consultants (**Copy circulated**)

The Chairman asked to put on record thanks to Mr Lipsett and the officers for the work done to get to this point in the project.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí it was agreed to approve the appointment of a team of consultants to develop options for the Albert Basin park site.

At this point in the meeting the Chairman took item's 21, 22 & 23.

SPR/148/2019 NEWRY RAINBOW

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, regarding Newry Rainbow Community Grant Funding (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, to reverse the decision taken by the ERT Committee on 11 February 2019 to award the Newry Rainbow Committee a further £50,000 save for the £6,500 discussed in the officer's report which will be paid upon receipt of satisfactory vouching documentation.

FOR NOTING**SPR/149/2019****ACTION SHEET FROM EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING 25 JUNE 2019**

Read: Action Sheet from Efficiency Working Group Meeting held on 25 June 2019.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheet from Efficiency Working Group Meeting held on 25 June 2019.

SPR/150/2019**ALBERT BASIN TASK AND FINISH ACTION SHEET DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 & 8 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Albert Basin Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 11 September 2019 & 8 October 2019

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheets from the Albert Basin Task and finish Working Group held on 11th September and 8th October 2019 noting that the actions contained within will now be reviewed in accordance with the Council's revised Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Working Group – officers will bring forward a draft Terms of Reference for the Stakeholder Forum to the next meeting and to agree that the date of the next meeting of the Task and Finish Working Group will be changed to Tuesday 26th November for the month of November only.

Having previously declared an interest, Mr Hannaway left the meeting at this stage – 8.05pm

All other Council officers aside from Mrs Carville, Mrs Fitzsimons and Miss Taggart vacated the chamber at this stage – 8.05pm

SPR/151/2019**CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPRAISAL**

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services: (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Chief Executive Appraisal 2018-2019 (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed to note that where the Chief Executive has reached the third point of their pay scale and has demonstrated exceptional performance (as assessed via an

objective and robust process of appraisal) and agreed by all unanimously that an exceptional performance payment of one increment may be made.

Mr Hannaway and Mrs Ward re-entered the Chamber at this stage – 8.10pm.

SPR/152/2019 SPRC PAY CLAIMS REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services: (HR & Safeguarding), regarding SPRC Pay Claims Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran to submit the proposed response as contained in appendix b of the officer's report to NILGA in relation to the Trade Union Side NJC pay claim 2020/2021.

SPR/153/2019 VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE

Read: Report dated 17 October 2019 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services: (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Voluntary Severance **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Byrne to release 3 further officers under the RPA Voluntary Severance scheme on the basis of surplus resource and management has confirmed that the work can be completed and service delivery will not be negatively impacted.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

Signed: **Dorinnia Carville**
Director of Corporate Services

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2019

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 21 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: (Councillors)

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| Councillor S Doran | Councillor H Gallagher |
| Councillor M Gibbons | Councillor L McEvoy |
| Councillor K McKeivitt | Councillor A McMurray |
| Councillor G O'Hare | Councillor B Ó Muirí |
| Councillor M Ruane | Councillor M Savage |
| Councillor D Taylor | Councillor W Walker |

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Ms C Convery, Motor Neurone Disease Association

AHC/156/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Malone and Councillor Trainor.

An apology was also received from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement.

AHC/157/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gibbons declared in interest in item 21 – No 16 The Square, Rostrevor.

AHC/158/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed Councillor Ó Muirí would receive an update from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Planning regarding Mullaghbane Community Centre.

Agreed: The action sheet was noted.

AHC/159/2019: MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Convery, Regional Care Development Adviser from the Motor Neurone Association to the meeting and invited her to deliver the presentation (Copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Members were also provided with a copy of the National Institute for Health and Social Care Excellence (NICE) guideline on Motor Neurone Disease, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Convery for the presentation and commented that Council could encourage equity of service across all Trust areas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/160/2019 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McKevitt to note the report and agree to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 4 September 2019.
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2019.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor McKevitt the dates for a virtual dementia bus tour in the Crotlieve area were to be provided.

AHC/161/2019

REVIEW OF OPERATION OF DEA FORUM

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding the review of operation of DEA Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran to note and approve amendments to the draft revised DEA fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol as follows:

- Independent DEA Forum Members will be recruited from the business, community and voluntary sectors following an open process verified by an independent Regional Community Organisation. Independent Members must represent a broad section of their sector and must therefore be nominated by either a recognised network of organisations or be nominated by a minimum of 3 organisations within the sector who are independent of each other.
An individual DEA Forum may actively seek to recruit Independent Members from an under represented sector.
- The term of service for Independent DEA Forum Members will be in line with the Council term commencing from the 2023 Local Government Elections.
- Should the DEA Forum recommendations require action/expenditure from another Council Section/Department, the DEA Coordinator should contact the appropriate Council Officer to arrange for the recommendation to be considered by the relevant Council Committee.
- Each DEA Forum will have an operational budget which is allocated for Good Relations and Community Engagement purposes only and cannot be used for actions which are the responsibility of another Council Department or Public Body. Expenditure from the DEA Forum budget must be allocated by the DEA Forum and subsequently approved by the AHC Committee.

AHC/162/2019

SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 15 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding remaining units at Saintfield Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ruane to note and agree to approve the following:

- Proceed to Expression of Interest Process in line with Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing Policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of Unit B.
- Providing an additional area to the rear of Unit C to increase the amount of storage space within the Community Centre, approximate cost £15,000.

AHC/163/2019

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, providing a Financial Assistance Update **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare to agree to timescales for Financial Assistance Call 1 2020/2021 (process rolled out with caveat that all future awards will be subject to the outcome of the rates estimates process) as follows:

- Call open Monday 4 November 2019.
- Call closed Monday 9 December 2019.
- Information workshops early November 2019.
- Assessment and processing January and February 2020.
- Reports submitted for consideration at February Active & Health Communities Committee Meeting and March 2020 Council Committee Meeting.
- Decision letters will be issued to groups by end of March 2020 (subject to rates estimates process).

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/164/2019

CARERS ALLOWANCE

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Carers Allowance Eligibility for Concessions Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

During discussion Councillor McMurray proposed that concessionary charges for those in receipt of Carers Allowance be introduced immediately.

Councillor Savage stated that whilst he supported the sentiments of Councillor McMurray's proposal there was no budget allocated for immediate effect and time was required to implement it properly, therefore he proposed to accept the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

Having failed to secure a seconder for his proposal, Councillor McMurray's proposal fell.

Members were in unanimous agreement with Councillor Savage's proposal to accept the officer's recommendation.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Walker for individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices as part of the 2020/21 scale of charges review which will be introduced on 1 April 2020.

AHC/165/2019 LEISURE FACILITIES PUBLIC HOLIDAY OPENING DATES

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Leisure Facilities Public Holiday Opening Dates. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Taylor highlighted the importance of holiday arrangements being well advertised and in good time in order the members of the public were aware of the proposed closures.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, the 2020/21 Public Holiday Arrangements for Leisure and Sports Facilities were agreed, subject to rates estimates approval.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/166/2019 CONSULTATION BY FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY NORTHERN IRELAND ON OFFICIAL CONTROLS IN RELATION TO FOOD SAFETY

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a consultation response to the Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland on Official Controls in relation to Food Safety. **(Copy circulated)**

At the request of Councillor McKeivitt Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing provided an update on Councils' preparedness for Brexit.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to provide the response to the Food Standards Agency's consultation on official controls in relation to food safety as outlined.

It was noted the response was returned by the required date on the proviso that it would be subject to Council approval.

AHC/167/2019: CONSULTATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ruane referred to ongoing problems associated with Japanese Knotweed throughout the District and asked that Council examine ways to tackle this, through Neighbourhood Services Committee, if appropriate. Councillor Savage also highlighted the need to confirm who had responsibility for dealing with issues relating to this in other areas.

Mr Devlin confirmed that problems associated with Japanese Knotweed on Council land were dealt with by Council, however, issues arose when it was on adjacent land where responsibility fell outside of the Council.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve the response being provided to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland.

It was noted the response was to be returned by 23 October 2019.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage that Council take the lead in coordinating responsibility for different areas throughout the District i.e. Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Roads Service, Rivers Agency.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/168/2019: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 24 June 2019 (adopted at the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 17 September 2019).

AHC/169/2019: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 12 June 2019 (adopted at the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 11 September 2019).

AHC/170/2019: POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2019 (approved at Policing Committee Meeting on 18 September) and the minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on 30 July 2019 (approved at the PCSP Meeting held on 18 September 2019).

AHC/171/2019: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 September 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Social Investment Fund – Update **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of Social Investment Fund Board Meetings held on 8 July 2019, 5 August 2019 and 9 September 2019.

AHC/172/2019: CROSSGAR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 16 September 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Rowallane District Electoral Area Forum (DEA) existing provision of Community Centre Facilities in Crossgar **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Walker welcomed the fact Officers had initiated contact with the Department for Communities to establish whether funding was to become available for community provision.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

AHC/173/2019**WIFI IN COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Read: Report dated 21 October from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Wi-Fi installation in Council Owned Facilities **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker to accept the business case for the provision of Wi-Fi for Council owned Community run facilities.

It was further agreed to proceed to work with the IT Department to implement Phase II of the roll out of Wi-Fi to community facilities.

It was agreed to circulate a list detailing those Council owned community facilities to all Councillors for their information.

AHC/174/2019**CASTLEWELLAN 3G PITCH**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding findings of the condition survey for Castlewellan 3G pitch **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to remove the agreement to lease the 3G pitch to Castlewellan Community Partnership as per minute (AHC/071/2019) and replace this with a Facility Management Agreement for the 3G pitch.

AHC/175/2019**LANDS AT BARCROFT**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, providing an update on land at Loanda House, Barcroft, Newry **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage to the application being made for departmental approval to allow Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to lease the site identified at a peppercorn rent.

AHC/176/2019 **NO 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding No 16 The Square, Rostrevor (Copy circulated)

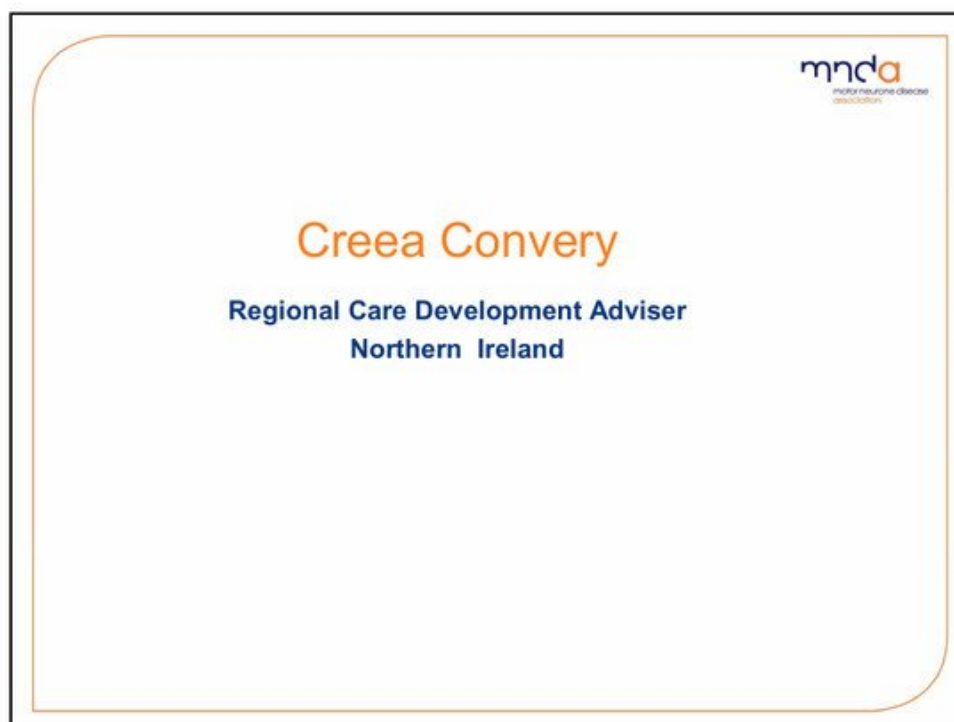
Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the officers report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.15pm.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities




The slide features the MND Association logo in the top right corner. On the left is a compass rose with cardinal and ordinal directions labeled (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW). The main title is 'MND Charter.' in large orange letters. Below the title is a bulleted list of rights:

- The right to an early diagnosis and information.
- The right to access quality care and treatments.
- The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect.
- The right to maximise their quality of life.
- Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.



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What is a motor neurone?

- A nerve cell which controls muscles

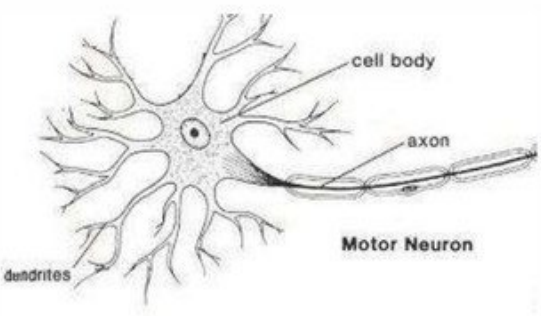
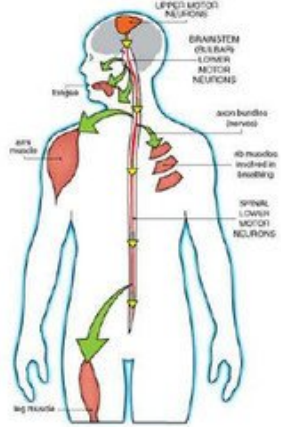


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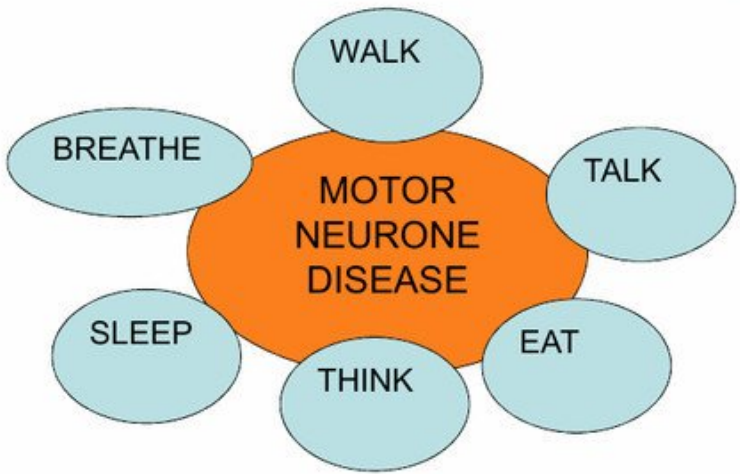
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- Upper motor neurones are in the cortex of the brain
- Lower motor neurones are in the spinal cord

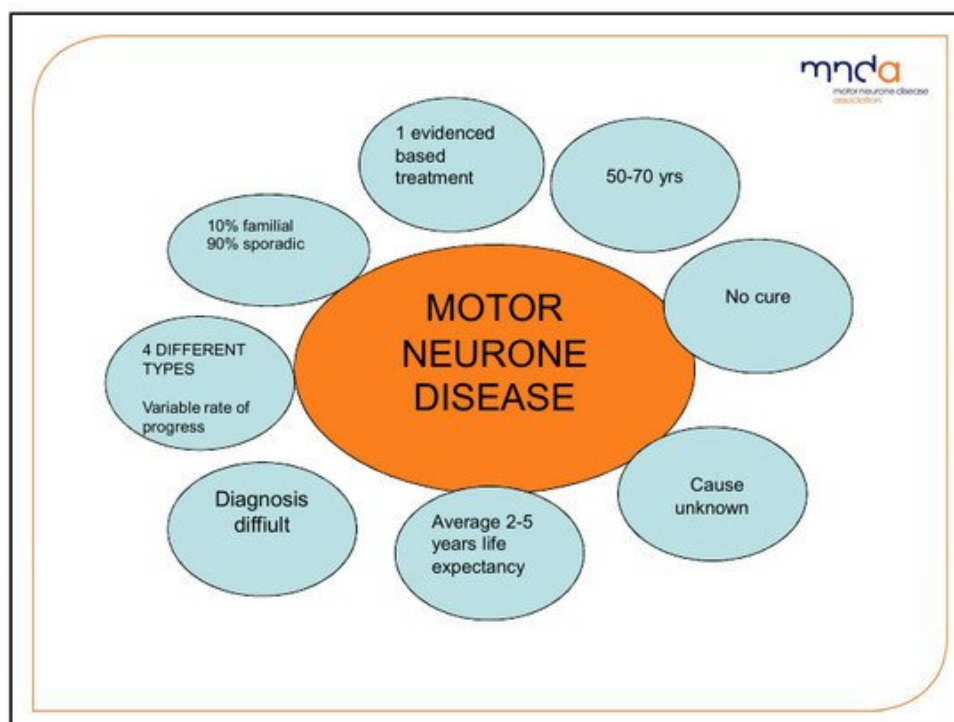


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The diagram features a central orange circle labeled "MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE". Surrounding this central circle are six light blue circles, each containing a function affected by the disease: WALK, TALK, EAT, THINK, SLEEP, and BREATHE. This visualizes how the disease impacts fundamental aspects of daily life.

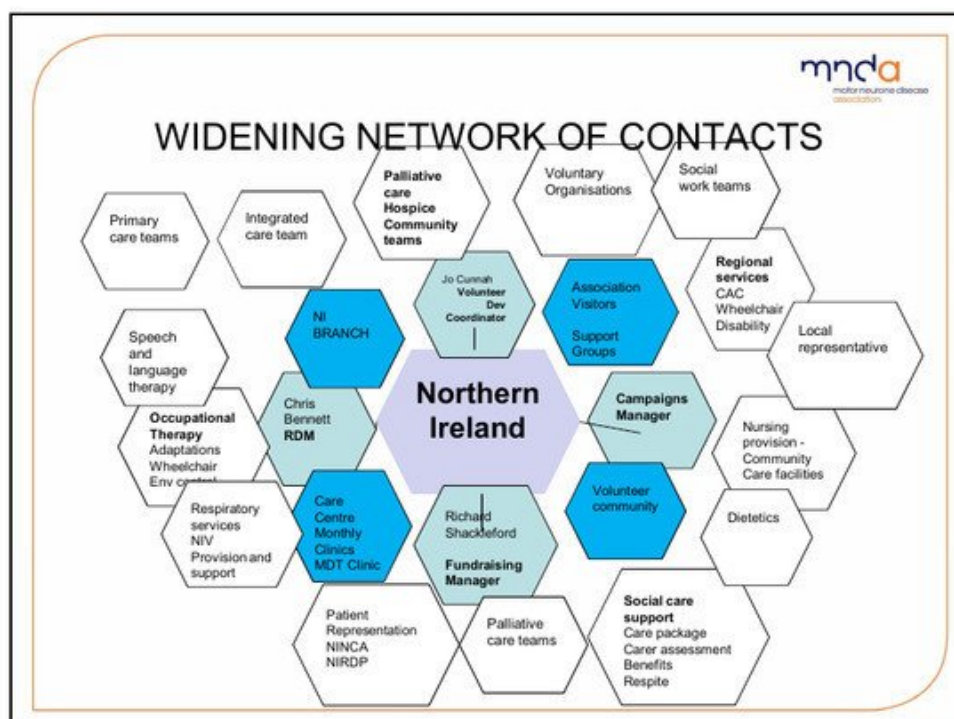
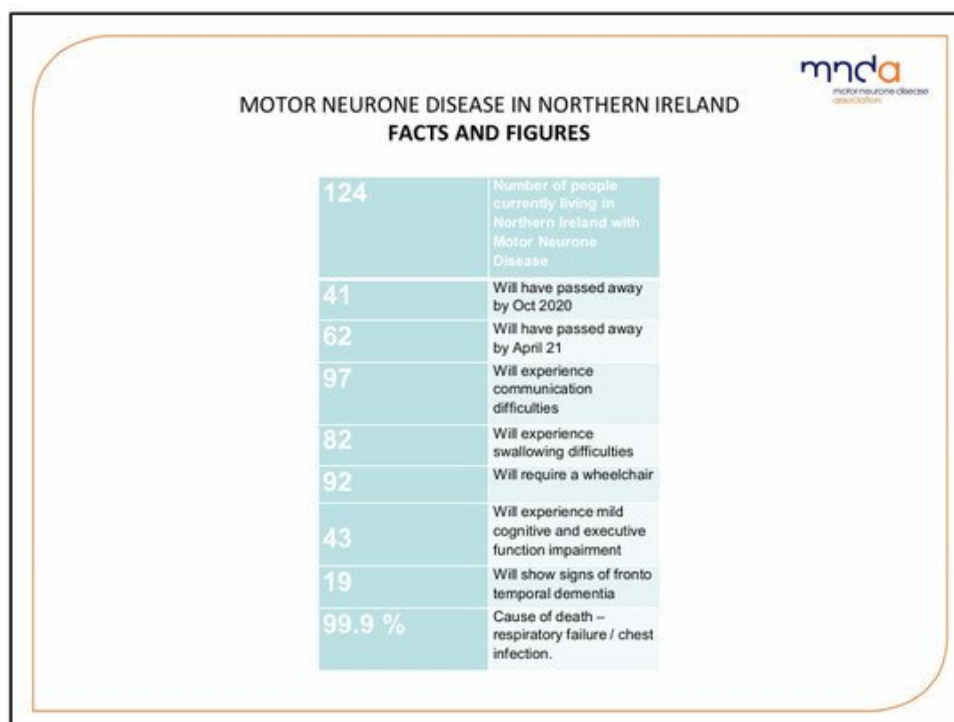


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Prevalence is 7 per 100, 000 people p/a

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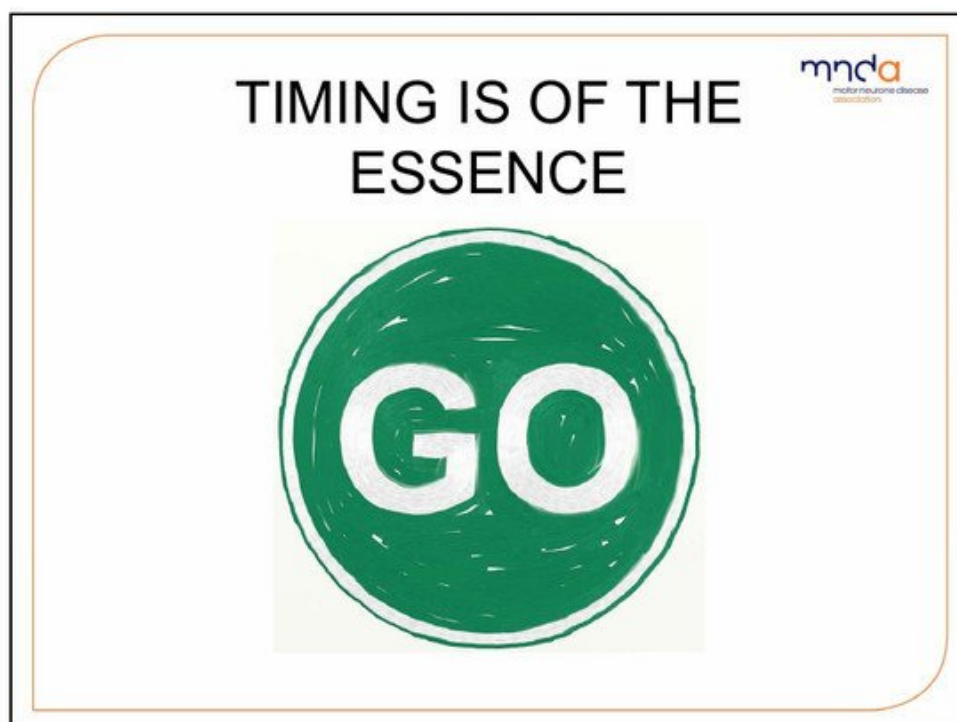
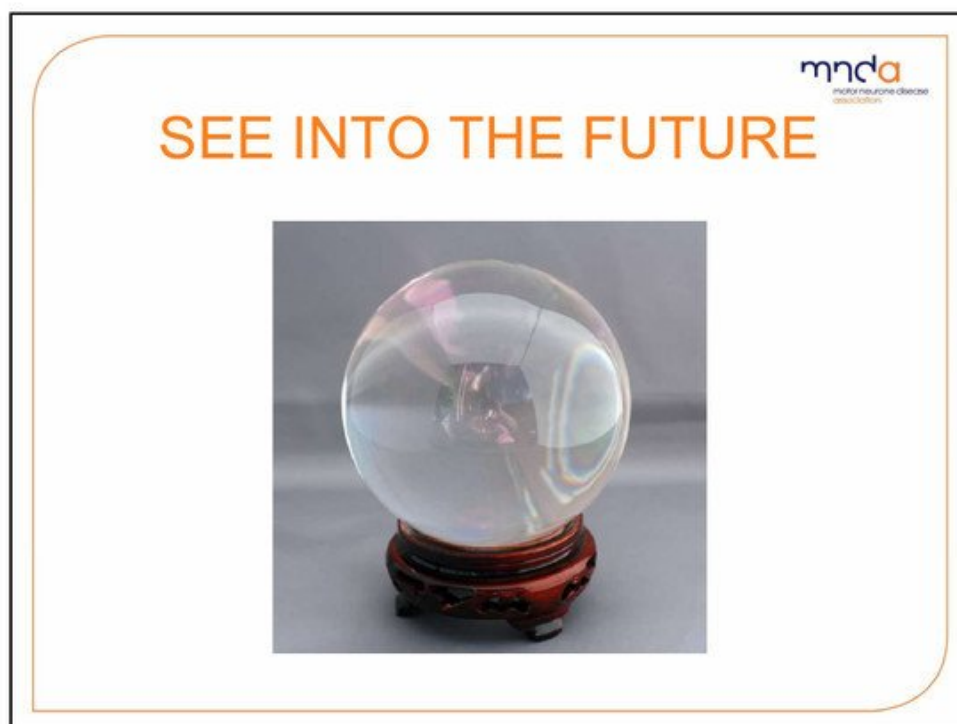
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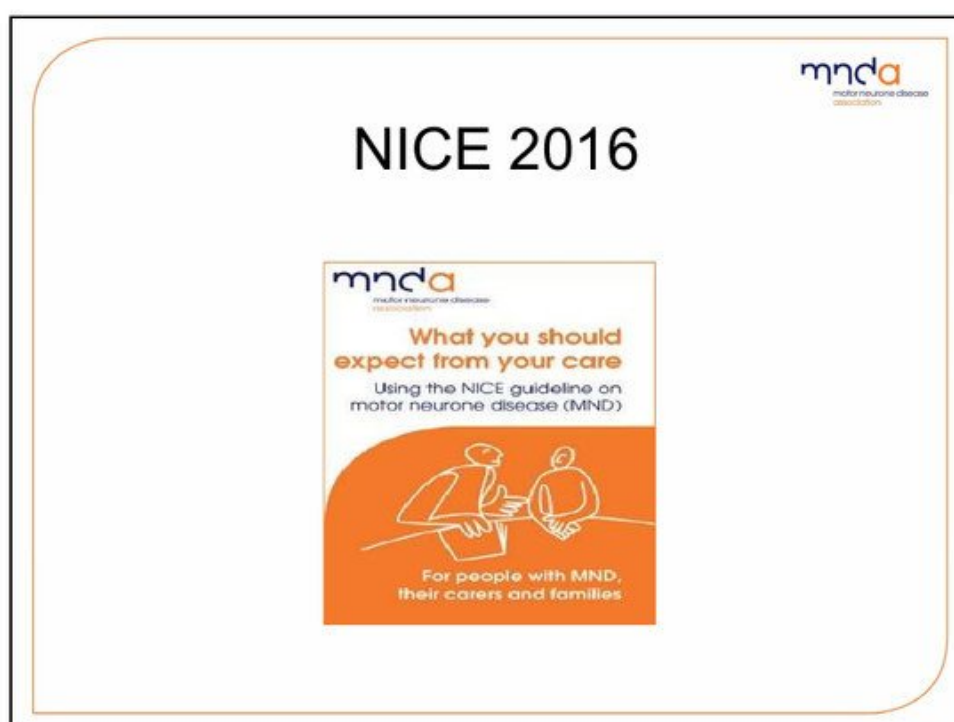


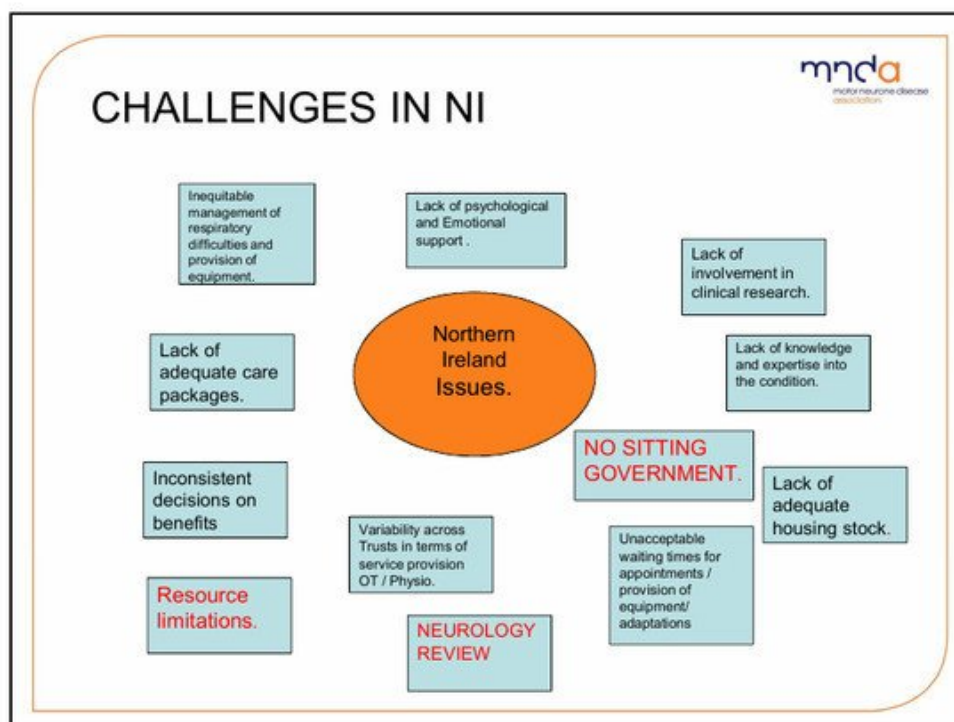
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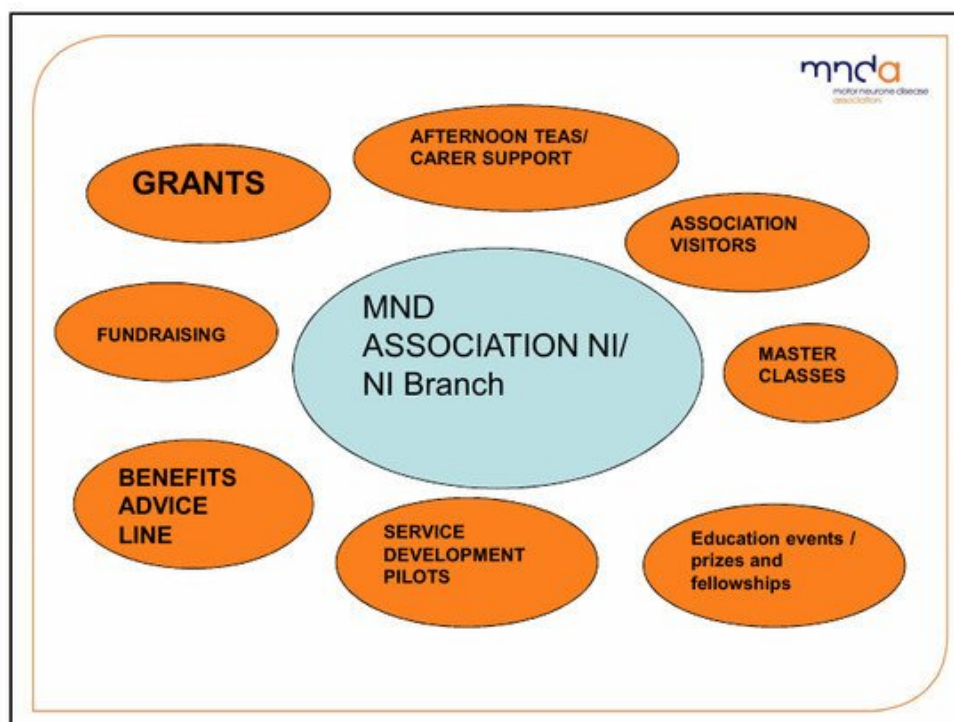
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NOT WIN THE RACE**














NI MANIFESTO

A public declaration of policy and aims.

- Equity of service.
- Comprehensive and equitable management of respiratory difficulties, including provision of equipment.
- Solid and collaborative partnership between neurology and palliative care services in managing patients with MND from point of diagnosis
- Holistic multidisciplinary management of the patient journey.
- Comprehensive and timely management of psychological and emotional issues
- Provision of adequate housing and housing adaptations on time
- Provision of equipment and clinical management in good time and ahead of time
- A good life and a good death



UNIQUE

- Consistently terminal
- No cure
- All encompassing condition
- Proactive NOT reactive
- Womb to grave- health economics
- Complex interaction between many medical disciplines
- Rare
- Static figure



What can we do about it?

- Time is of the essence- anticipatory.
- Complex needs for a shorter period of time.
- RED FLAG STATUS
- Nice guidelines.
- Be an advocate for this condition
- MIND MND



THANK YOU

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NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chair: Councillor G Hanna (Acting)
Councillor K Owen

Deputy Chair: Councillor G Stokes

Members:

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| Councillor T Andrews | Councillor D Curran |
| Councillor W Clarke | Councillor V Harte |
| Councillor T Hearty | Councillor L Kimmins |
| Councillor O Magennis | Councillor G Malone |
| Councillor H McKee | Councillor D Taylor |
| Councillor J Tinnelly | |

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

NS/067/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor McKevitt.

Councillor Hanna introduced Councillor Owen and advised she was the new DUP Councillor who was replacing Councillor Harvey and would be chairing the Committee from next month.

NS/068/2019: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

NS/069/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2019. **(Circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2019 be noted and actions removed as marked.

Issues raised

- Councillor McKee referred to the sustainable Christmas tree project and said that a sustainable tree be provided as part of the Environmental Improvement Scheme at Annalong. Officers advised this project was being delivered through ERT colleagues.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

NS/070/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Tinnelly:-

“This Council recognises there is no greater heartbreak or tragedy to befall a family than the death of a child. We acknowledge the importance of small memory gardens where families can visit for reflection, remember their deceased children and find solace in a purpose build peaceful setting, other than a cemetery and to that end this Council now proposes to provide 2 such facilities within our district. A memory garden is a simple construct, a small corner in one of our public spaces surrounded by a small hedge for privacy and containing nothing more than a couple of benches with a few symbolic flowers and plants. Our officers will now identify a potential host site on Council land in each of our Health Trust areas to establish our first two highly symbolic memory gardens and then immediately proceed with their design and construction.”

Councillor Tinnelly formally proposed and Councillor Clarke seconded the Notice of Motion and in doing so spoke on this very emotive issue and the need for a peaceful, quiet space where someone who had lost a child could come to terms with their loss.

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr A Mallon, Head of Maintenance, re: proposed Memorial Gardens landscape scheme. **(Circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the Notice of Motion and that Officers identify two locations for Memorial Gardens in the district, one in each Health Trust area and Officers to develop designs for such locations to include plants, materials requirements and costs to establish and maintain.

Mr Scullion advised a further report would be brought back to the December Meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

NS/071/2019: REPORT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PARTNERING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM TOWN CENTRE FOOTWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN AREAS

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr R Moore, Director Neighbourhood Services, regarding Memorandum of Understanding partnering arrangements for the removal of snow and ice from town centre footways and pedestrian areas. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to review the Agreement and Schedule of the Memorandum of Understanding Partnering Arrangements for the Removal of Snow and Ice from Town Centre Footways and Pedestrian areas during prolonged winter weather and the Agreement would be extended for a further 12 months in accordance with the "Scope of the Agreement" Clause 3 and Appendix 1 as amended.

It was also agreed officials meet with representatives from Dfi to review the priority list of locations, with a view to adding towns/villages that had increased in population and other relevant factors and also to raise the provision of grit to local communities by Dfi, for spreading themselves, in extreme weather situations.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

NS/072/2019: REPORT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr R Moore, Director Neighbourhood Services regarding Neighbourhood Services Transformation Project *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKee, it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Working Group held on 17 September 2019.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

NS/073/2019: REPORT ON PROPOSED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE POLICY AND STRATEGY 2019 TO 2023

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management & Maintenance Department, regarding proposed Maintenance Policy and Strategy 2019 to 2023. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed as follows:

- Council's Facilities Management and Maintenance Department develop for agreement with the NS Committee a Property Maintenance Policy and Strategy for the Council to cover the term of this Council 2019 to 2023.
- If required to assist officers in the development of this Strategy, external support to be procured in accordance with Council Procurement Procedures.

During discussions the following issues were raised and responded to:-

- Where possible the development of the Strategy to be undertaken using in-house resources.
- The Schedule also to deal with maintenance for Council owned rights-of-way.
- The Schedule also to deal with maintenance of Council owned street furniture such as fences, bins, seats.

NS/074/2019: REPORT ON PROVISION OF NEW BUS SHELTER IN JONESBOROUGH VILLAGE:

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management & Maintenance Department regarding provision of new bus shelter in Jonesborough Village. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed Council remove the bus shelter located at the junction of Finnegan's Road and Edenappa Road, Jonesborough, and replace it with a Council cantilever type bus shelter with the addition of two side panels and a seat.

AGREED: At the request of Councillor Harte it was agreed Officials investigate the removal of the stone wall sides of the bus shelter on the Old Warrenpoint Road, Newry and their replacement with transparent side panels.

(Councillor Stokes and Councillor Taylor left the meeting – 6.45 pm).

WASTE MANAGEMENT

NS/075/2019: REPORT ON HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES (HRC) UPDATE:

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr Joe Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management, regarding household recycling centres (HRC) update. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hearty, it was agreed to approve the following:-

1. Implementation of HRC sites continue as planned:
 - Official opening for new site
 - Extension of entrance procedures to sites at Castlewellan and Ballynahinch
 - Introduction of Permit system
 - Refreshment of site signage
 - To further illustrate changes at the new HRC site at Downpatrick, an HRC competition to be promoted at all primary schools at Downpatrick.
 - The success of the competition to be reviewed with proposal to run similar at both Castlewellan and Ballynahinch if deemed worthwhile.
2. Photocalls to be arranged to further publicise initiatives e.g. Official Opening, changes in procedures of sites at Castlewellan and at Ballynahinch and commencement of Permit System.
3. Reference FAQ'S to be drawn up relating to Permit System and placed on Web-site.
4. Translations to be sought for recommended languages relating to communities recommended by Projects Co-Ordinator (Diversity and Inclusion).
5. Investigation to be made through WRAP Capital Fund for grant-aid toward additional container capacity at selected sites.

AGREED: It was also agreed Officers review the wording in relation to the Site Permit System to allow all domestic property owners to access the HRC sites with double axle trailers rather than single axle trailers.

NS/076/2019: **REPORT ON ILLEGAL TYRE DISPOSAL**

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr Joe Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management, regarding illegal tyre disposal (*Circulated*)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to endorse and support the interagency groups in addressing illegal fly tipping of tyres and the use of them on bonfires.

AGREED: It was also agreed to invite representatives from NIEA to a future meeting of the NS Committee to discuss issues relating to fly tipping and in particular illegal tyre disposal.

(Councillor Harte, Hearty and Magennis left the meeting – 7.10 pm).

NS/077/2019: REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr Joe Parkes, Assistant Director Waste Management re Enforcement Improvement Plan update. **(Circulated)**,

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note and endorse the Enforcement Plan Update and to agree to the Council taking part in the Dogs Trust Partnership Award 2019/2020.

In response to a query regarding a review of the provision and siting of litter and dog waste bins, Mr Parkes said this would fall within the remit of the Litter Bin Policy which would be coming back to Committee for consideration.

NS/078/2019: REPORT ON FLY TIPPING REVISED SHARED PROTOCOL

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr Joe Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management. **(Circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKee, it was agreed to approve the proposed Fly Tipping Protocol between the Council and the NIEA subject to the following:-

- The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) be consulted to ensure a uniform approach and reply from the 11 Councils.
 - The Agreement to be reviewed at the end of a 12-month period as provided for in the Agreement.
- The Protocol would also commence amendments to the Waste Contaminated Land (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, with a Commencement Order scheduled to be implemented end-February 2020 therefore:
- Officers from relevant Departments meet to review the operational arrangements and responsibilities arising from the commencement of the Order. This would involve a number of Directorates across the Council.

NS/079/2019: COUNCIL STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services re: Council Strategic Waste Management arrangement update **(Circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to note the contents of this report and to endorse the actions of Officers to date and to receive future updates in due course.

**NS/080/2019: ACTION SHEET FROM STRATEGIC WASTE WORKING GROUP
20 MARCH 2019**

Read: Action Sheet from Strategic Waste Working Group 20 March 2019
(*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet from the Strategic Waste Working Group Meeting held on 20 March 2019.

FOR NOTING

NS/081/2019: Arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES 15 AUGUST 2019

Read: Report of Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting (No.43), held on Thursday 15 August 2019. (*Circulated*)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the above Report.

**NS/082/2019: ARC21 MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN
- SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Arc21 Members Monthly Bulletin – 26 September 2019.
(*Circulated*)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the Arc21 Members Monthly Bulletin – 26 September 2019.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items 17, 18 and 19 were deemed to be exempt under 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

NS/083/2019: IN COMMITTEE ITEMS FROM Arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES 15 AUGUST 2019

Read: In Committee items from Arc21 Joint Committee Minutes – 15 August 2019. **(Circulated).**

NS/084/2019: REPORT ON MUTUAL GRANTING OF EASEMENT FOR VISIBILITY SPLAYS AT DAISY HILL, NEWRY

NOTED: It was unanimously agreed Councillor Andrews Chair the meeting for discussion on this item as Councillor Hanna had declared an interest as a Member of the Planning Committee and had withdrawn from the discussion/decision.

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr K Scullion re: mutual granting of easement for visibility splays at Daisy Hill, Newry. **(Circulated).**

NOTED: Councillor Clarke, Hanna and McKee declared an interest in this item as Members of the Planning Committee and withdrew from the discussion/decision.

NS/085/2019: BUSINESS CASE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CAR PARK AT STRANGFORD ROAD DEPOT, DOWNPATRICK

Noted: Councillor Hanna resumed Chairing the Meeting.

Read: Report dated 23 October 2019 from Mr K Scullion re: business case for the development of a car park at Strangford Road Depot, Downpatrick. **(Circulated).**

Councillor Andrews proposed and Councillor Kimmins seconded to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairman reported the following had been agreed:-

Item 17 – In Committee Items from Arc21 Joint Committee Minutes – 15 August 2019

On the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to note the In-Committee Items from the Arc21 Joint Committee Minutes of 15 August 2019.

Item 18 – Mutual granting of easement for visibility splays at Daisy Hill, Newry

The Chairman, Councillor Hanna, reported Councillor Clarke, Councillor McKee and himself had declared an interest in this item as Members of the Planning Committee and had withdrawn from the discussion/decision.

On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 23 October 2019 and that the Council grant an easement of visibility splay for an adjacent landowner for their property located adjacent to Council property at Daisy Hill, Newry, subject to the landowner granting the Council an easement of visibility splay for its property at Daisy Hill, Newry.

Item 19 – Business Case for development of car park at Strangford Road Depot, Downpatrick

On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 17 September 2019 and associated Business Case and to:-

- Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 3 was chosen as the preferred option. Option 3 would see the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent contractor to develop a car park facility at the Council's depot site in Downpatrick in accordance with agreed planning approval. It would also see a licence agreement set up for the provision of off-site parking for staff vehicles pending completion of construction phase of car park.
- Current Capital budget for works was £100,000 and this will be reviewed as part of Rates Estimates Process. If project was to proceed it was intended that works would begin in the current Financial year 2019/20. Permission is sought to bring part of this agreed capital spend forward into this current year for works completed in 2019/20 and to increase capital provision to complete the project to £152,070 as part of rates estimates process.
- That the replacement of Strangford Road Depot should be considered through the Strategic Project Working Group.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 November 2019.

Signed: Councillor Hanna
(Acting) Chairperson of Neighbourhood Services Committee

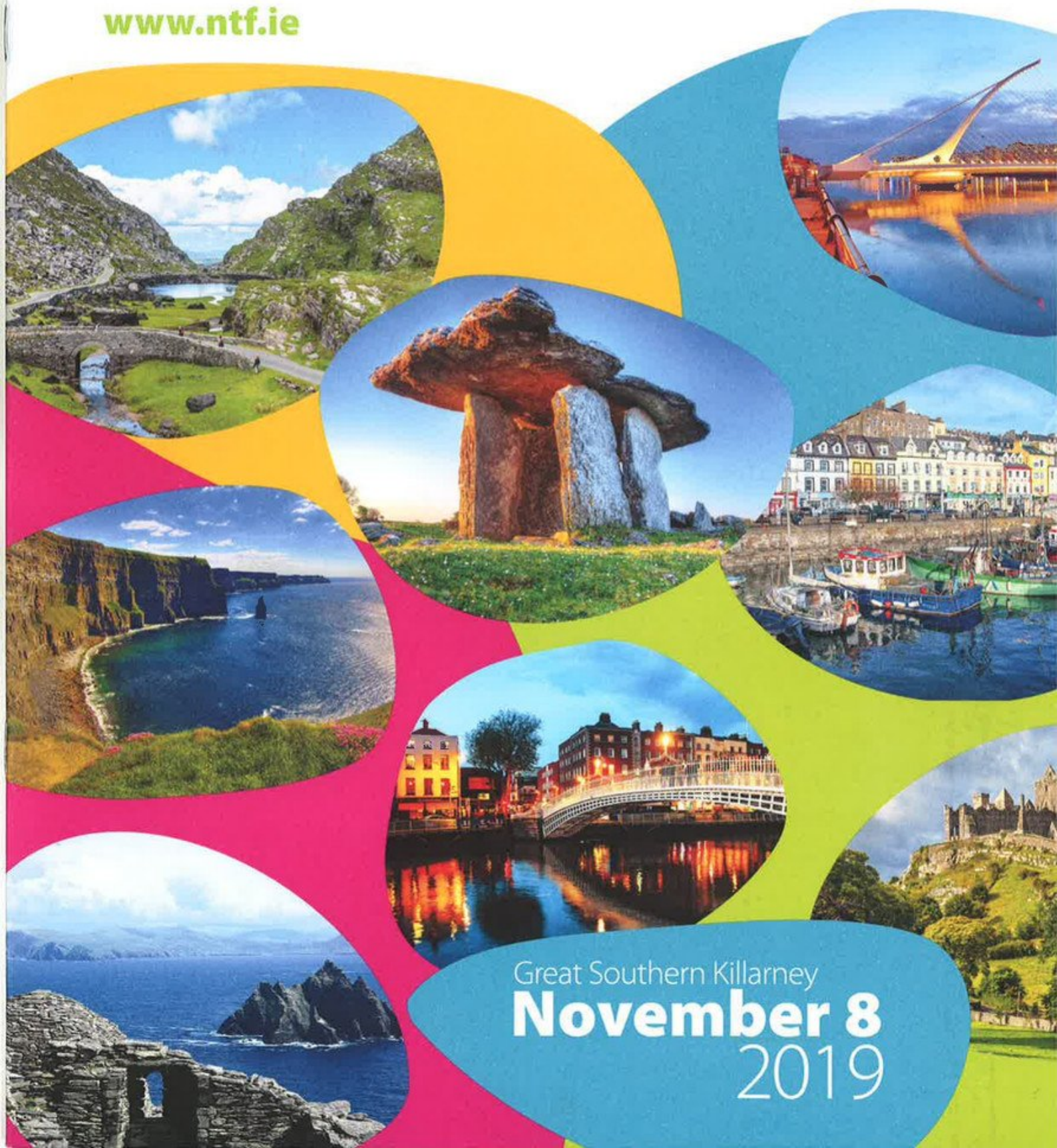
Signed: Mr R Moore
Director of Neighbourhood Services



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It is expected by 8th November our nearest neighbours, Great Britain, will have reached their deadline to Brexit. Our gathering of tourism professionals is the first one scheduled after the current deadline and the impact of Brexit on Irish tourism will be discussed by Simon Calder, esteemed Travel Editor of The Independent (UK), TV and Radio Broadcaster. Looking closer to home, the sentiment of the domestic tourist will be explored by our moderator Olivia O'Leary in conversation with journalist and consumer advocate Conor Pope. We will also hear from Fáilte Ireland about their latest drive to encourage visitors to 'Taste the island' and from Food NI, Northern Ireland's food and drink promotion body on how they achieved 'Best Food Destination' at the prestigious International Travel and Tourism Awards.

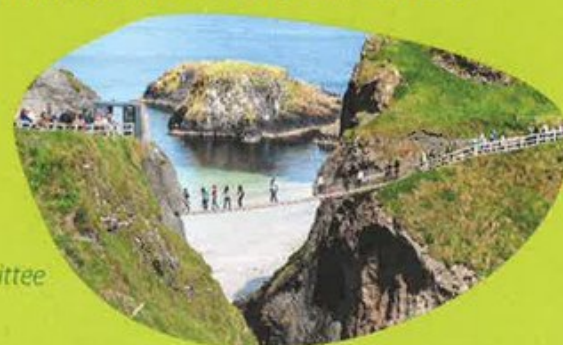
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Chairperson, 'Let's talk tourism - National Tourism Forum' Organising Committee



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Brendan Griffin T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport

• The outlook from the tourism industry perspective

Ruth Andrews, Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC)

• Setting the scene from a global perspective; mega trends and future trends

Jane Stacey, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

• The consumer sentiment amongst domestic tourists

Conor Pope, *The Irish Times*

• The food offering

Pól Ó Conghaile, Travel Writer & Editor

Jenny De Saulles, *Fáilte Ireland*

Michele Shirlow MBE, Food Northern Ireland

Helen Collins, *A Taste of West Cork Food Festival*

Éimhín Ní Chonchúir, *Food the Waterford Way*

• The potential impact of Brexit on Irish tourism

Simon Calder, *The Independent (UK)*, TV & Radio Broadcaster

• The economics of sustainability

Sarah Dempsey, AIB

• Climate change in Ireland: Challenges and opportunities for Irish tourism

Prof. John Sweeney, Maynooth University

• The sustainable agenda - Panel discussion

Maurice Buckley, Office of Public Works (OPW)

Marcus Treacy, *The Killarney Park Hotel & The Ross*

Tina O'Dwyer, *The Tourism Space*

• Closing panel discussion

Eoghan Corry, Travel Industry commentator, author and broadcaster

Moira Murrell, Kerry County Council

John McGrillen, Tourism Northern Ireland

Jenny De Saulles, *Fáilte Ireland*

Niall Gibbons, Tourism Ireland

Cost to attend - €195



Forum Moderator



Olivia O'Leary *TV and Radio Broadcast Journalist*

Olivia has presented current affairs programmes for the last three decades for RTÉ, BBC and ITV. As a print journalist, she has written about politics for both 'The Sunday Tribune' and 'The Irish Times'. She does a weekly radio column for RTÉ Radio 1's Drivetime and is the presenter of RTÉ Radio 1's 'The Poetry Programme'. She has recently presented a two-hour television documentary 'Daniel O'Connell: Forgotten King of Ireland' for RTÉ 1.

Forum Speakers



Opening Address - Brendan Griffin T.D.

Minister of State for Tourism and Sport

Brendan was appointed Minister of State for Tourism and Sport in June 2017 by Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar. A TD since 2011, he previously served on Kerry County Council representing the Dingle Electoral Area, and is a former Parliamentary Assistant to Jimmy Deenihan TD. Brendan lives in Castlemaine with his wife Róisín and their two sons.



Ruth Andrews

Chairperson, Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC)

Ruth commenced her career in the Hotel sector before establishing her own marketing/sales consultancy service. She is currently the Chief Executive for the ITOA – Incoming Tour Operators Association and works with AVEA – The Association of Visitor Experience and Attractions as special advisor to the board. In 2019 she accepted the two-year term as Chairperson of ITIC.



Maurice Buckley

Executive Chairman, Office of Public Works (OPW)

Maurice is Executive Chairman of the Office of Public Works (OPW), which develops and manages some 70 National Monuments, Historic Properties, Gardens, and Parks as fully serviced visitor destinations. Maurice is a Chartered Engineer and Chartered Director, currently serving on the boards of Engineers Ireland and National Gallery of Ireland.



Simon Calder

Senior Travel Editor, The Independent, TV & Radio Broadcaster

Simon is Britain's leading travel commentator and is known as "the man who pays his way", which means that he pays for his own travel. He is Senior Travel Editor of The Independent and also writes for the Evening Standard. He is a regular guest on national TV, often seen on BBC Breakfast News, Good Morning Britain, ITV News, CNN and Sky News.



Helen Collins

Chairperson, A Taste of West Cork Food Festival

Helen has been chairperson of A Taste of West Cork Food Festival for the last 6 years. She is a Managing Partner in Wolfe & Co, Solicitors, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Helen is also Chair of the West Cork Arts Centre and speaks annually at Béal na Bláth Michael Collins Memorial Gathering. She is the founding member of the Collaborative Practice movement in Ireland.



Eoghan Corry

Travel Industry commentator, author & broadcaster

Eoghan is a leading commentator on the travel industry on Irish television and radio and editor of Ireland's largest circulation specialist travel publication, Travel Extra. He has won awards for travel writing on four continents including life time contribution to the industry at the Irish Travel Industry Awards and the Business Travel Journalism Award in London.



Sarah Dempsey

Head of the Office of Sustainability in AIB Group plc.

In her role, Sarah leads a small team in embedding a sustainable business approach across the business, demonstrating the value AIB creates in its business, the economy and the communities where the bank operates. Sarah joined AIB two years ago from RBS where she was Head of Corporate Affairs & Economics for Ulster Bank in Ireland.



Jenny De Saulles

Director of Industry Development at Fáilte Ireland

Jenny established and led Ireland's Ancient East since its inception in 2015 and has worked with Fáilte Ireland for over 10 years in both national and regional roles working on Destination, Product, Industry and Commercial Development. Jenny also has extensive FMCG experience, working with Nestlé across the globe for over 15 years and has worked in private consultancy.



Niall Gibbons

Chief Executive, Tourism Ireland

Tourism Ireland is the organisation that markets the island of Ireland as a compelling tourism destination in over 20 markets overseas. 2018 was the best year ever for overseas tourism with over 11 million visitors to the island, spending €5.86bn while here. The World Economic Forum ranks Ireland 3rd in the world for 'effectiveness of marketing and branding to attract tourists'.



John McGrillen

Chief Executive, Tourism Northern Ireland

John took up his current post in 2015 following a lengthy career in economic development and local government. Tourism NI is responsible for the development of tourism and the marketing of Northern Ireland as a tourist destination to domestic tourists, from within Northern Ireland, and to visitors from the Republic of Ireland. He also sits on the Tourism Ireland Board.



Moira Murrell

Chief Executive, Kerry County Council

A native of Kerry, Moira was appointed Chief Executive of Kerry County Council in 2014. As head of an organisation employing almost 1,400 people, she oversees the many services and facilities which are provided for by the Council including the economic development of the county and the betterment of the quality of life for the people of Kerry.



Éimhín Ní Chonchúir

Co-ordinator, Food the Waterford Way

Éimhín's previous roles in Waterford involved delivering the county's food strategy, and the West Waterford Festival of Food showcase festival. Waterford's efforts in this area have culminated in winning the RAI 2019 Foodie Destination of the year and place the county in a good position to develop food as part of its tourism offering going forward.



Pól Ó Conghaile

Travel Writer & Editor

Pól is Travel Editor at The Irish Independent and Independent.ie and a regular contributor to National Geographic Traveller. He helps readers put things to right and appears weekly on national TV and radio, and the author of Secret Dublin: An Unusual Guide (Jonglez). He is a regular speaker at travel, media and food events. Follow him on Twitter at @poloconghaile.



Tina O'Dwyer

Director, The Tourism Space

The Tourism Space is an online training and events platform that supports tourism business leaders. Recognised by the All-Ireland Business Foundation for thought leadership in High Performance Tourism. Tina works directly with tourism business owners supporting them to build prosperous and profitable businesses that last.



Conor Pope

Consumer Affairs Correspondent, The Irish Times

Conor is a journalist, author and broadcaster. He writes about everything from budgets and banking scandals to overpriced sausages and the sneaky tricks retailers play. He helps readers put things to right and appears weekly on RTE's Ray D'Arcy Show and Virgin Media's Six O'Clock Show. He is an award-winning travel writer and has extensively covered tourism in Ireland.



Michele Shirlow MBE

Chief Executive, FoodNI

FoodNI is dedicated to enhancing the reputation of food and drink and has been instrumental in Northern Ireland winning the International Travel and Tourism Awards – Best food destination 2018. Michele is spearheading the Taste the Greatness strategy to establish Northern Ireland as a leading food region in the UK by 2021 and is an advocate for the 'Taste the Island' initiative.



Jane Stacey

Head of Tourism Unit, OECD

Jane is responsible for the work that helps OECD member and partner countries develop integrated policies to address major challenges faced by the sector, engage reforms in tourism building on in-depth policy analysis, improve the measurement of the tourism economy, and enhance international co-operation in tourism.



Emeritus Professor John Sweeney

Maynooth University

Prof. Sweeney is a climate scientist who has worked on climate change issues for almost 40 years at Maynooth University and has over 100 publications on this and related topics. He has been a Contributing Author and Review Editor to the IPCC 4th Assessment Report and attended both COP21 in Paris and the launch of Laudato Si in Rome.



Marcus Treacy

Operations Manager, The Killarney Park Hotel & The Ross

Marcus has grown up in the hospitality industry hailing from a family who own and run The Ross & The Killarney Park Hotel. Marcus is a graduate of Shannon College of Hotel Management and has worked in hotels in Geneva, New York and Dublin. Being surrounded by Killarney National Park, sustainability is a hugely important topic for Marcus and the teams at The Ross and The Killarney Park Hotel.

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Robert Huey
Chief Veterinary Officer



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27 September 2019

Dear Mr. Hannaway,

Live Animals in Circuses

Thank you for your letter of 11th September 2019 to the Permanent Secretary which has been passed to me for a response.

In your letter, you note that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has agreed a motion that it will not grant licences or other permissions to circuses featuring live animals and have asked that we consider a Northern Ireland ban on circuses with live animals.

Any decision to launch a consultation and enact legislation to ban live animals in circuses in Northern Ireland is a matter for a future Minister. In the interim, officials have been gathering evidence on the use of animals in circuses operating in Northern Ireland which will enable the Department to bring forward policy proposals, in the event that a Minister and Assembly wish to initiate legislation.

At present, there are no circuses domiciled in Northern Ireland, although there are a small number of circuses registered elsewhere that travel to perform here. Any circus which performs in Northern Ireland must comply with the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The Act provides a range of powers to safeguard the welfare of all animals, including live animals in circuses. It is an offence to cause an animal to suffer, either through a deliberate action or failure to act. Where there is reason to believe that an animal is suffering, or likely to suffer, an inspector can, without a police presence, take immediate action to alleviate its suffering.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT HUEY
Chief Veterinary Officer



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Dear Mr Hannaway



I am writing to you in my capacity as Director of the Royal College of Nursing in Northern Ireland, to inform the Council about developments related to the Royal College of Nursing's safe and effective care campaign and ballot in Northern Ireland.

Within the 5 Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland we now have over 3000 unfilled nursing posts. This equates to over 13% of the total nursing workforce, the highest in all the UK. We believe there is also a similar vacancy rate within the independent sector. Nurses' pay within the health service in Northern Ireland continues to fall behind England, Scotland and Wales. The cost to the public purse of filling nursing vacancies through nursing agencies increased to £50 million in 2018-19.

Nurses have reported serious concerns that there are not enough staff to provide safe and effective care for patients. Nurses are being left to manage high levels of risk daily. These experiences are having a direct impact upon the health and well-being of nurses, with sickness levels amongst nursing staff consequently increasing.

The RCN believes that the current nursing workforce crisis is having an impact upon the health and well-being of the people of Northern Ireland. Equally, nurse staffing issues are having a negative impact upon the productivity of medical staff within the HSC, leading to the longest waiting lists in all of the UK Countries and cancelled operations. These issues are a matter of public concern for the people of Northern Ireland.

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The RCN believes there is a clear link between cost-saving measures, inadequate workforce planning, pay disparity and the recruitment and retention of nursing staff. The palpable sense of disillusionment and even anger amongst RCN members in Northern Ireland over these issues continues to grow. As a result, and for the first time in its history, the RCN (UK) Council has now authorised the RCN in Northern Ireland to ballot members employed within the HSC in Northern Ireland for industrial action up to and including strike action.

Our dispute is not with patients or our professional colleagues, and we will make patient safety a priority during any action. Any strike action called by the RCN will ensure that patients are not put at any additional risk. The RCN will always ensure the maintenance of life-preserving services in acute and emergency situations, and we will ensure that robust contingency arrangements are in place in the event of a major incident.

This is a course of action that the RCN would prefer not to have to take but our members now feel that there is no alternative. I would be very happy to meet with you at any time, to further discuss our ballot and any impending action. Please contact fiona.adair@rcn.org.uk if you wish to arrange this.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Hannaway

Re: Motion – TV Licensing for the Over 75s

At the Council meeting of 1 October 2019, Members considered the Motion of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding TV Licensing for the Over 75s.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wishes to express its support for the Motion as outlined in your correspondence dated 20 August 2019.

Yours sincerely

pp. **Brendan Hegarty**
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Ards and North Down Borough Council

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Dear Liam

TV LICENSING FOR THE OVER 75s

I refer to your letter of 20 August 2019 advising of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Notice of Motion concerning the BBC's plans to means test the provision of TV licensing for the over-75s and your Council's agreement to write to the BBC requesting these plans are ceased immediately and that consultation takes place with the Newry and Mourne Senior Citizens Consortium.

The letter was considered at the 25 September 2019 meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council. Council agreed that they were supportive of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Resolution and opposition to the BBC plans. The Council will write to the BBC accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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**From the Permanent Secretary
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Dear Mr Hannaway

Early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast cancer

Thank you for your letter dated 16th October 2019 about early diagnosis of bowel and breast cancer in Northern Ireland.

The Northern Ireland Bowel Cancer Screening Programme currently covers all men and women from 60 to 74 years of age. You refer to progress in the other UK countries and ROI in extending the age range for bowel screening. While Scotland has extended bowel screening to 50 - 59 year olds since 2007, extension of the age range in Wales, England and the Republic of Ireland is expected to be some years away.

In relation to the further development of the Northern Ireland Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, the NI Screening Committee has recommended a phased approach with the first step to replace the Faecal Occult Blood (FOB) test with Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) and then giving consideration to extending the age range to offer screening from the age of 50. In April 2019 I announced that FIT would be adopted by the Northern Ireland Bowel Cancer Screening Programme as the primary screening test for bowel cancer. Implementation is underway, with the move from FOB to FIT due to take place in early 2020. Once this work has been completed, extension of the age range for bowel screening will be considered.

Through the NI Breast Screening Programme, women aged between 50 and 70 are invited for screening every three years and this is in line with the recommendations of the UK National Screening Committee. Women over the age of 70 are not invited, but are encouraged to make their own appointment by contacting their local screening centre. Breast screening is not offered to women under the age of 50 because the risk of breast cancer is lower and women under 50 generally have denser breast tissue which makes their mammograms much more difficult to

interpret, which may lead to false positive results, anxiety and unnecessary biopsies.

On 1st April 2013 the Northern Ireland Breast Screening Programme took on responsibility for the surveillance screening of women at higher risk of breast cancer. Women from the age of 20 upwards are included in the higher risk surveillance screening programme.

Your letter also refers to the current NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) Age X trial in England. This trial, which is due to run until 2026, is designed to examine the effectiveness of offering some women an extra screen between the ages of 47 and 49, and another between the ages of 71 and 73. The aim of this study is to see if extending the age range of breast screening reduces deaths from breast cancer. It will provide robust evidence to inform further consideration on the most clinically appropriate upper and lower ages for breast screening across the UK. The UK National Screening Committee will review the evidence once the trial has reported and will advise the four UK Health Departments on their recommendations.

It should be noted that the screening tests do not provide a guarantee that all cancers will be detected early or prevented. No test is 100% reliable, so in the interests of early detection it is important that people are aware of the warning signs or symptoms, and that they act promptly to get anything suspicious checked out by their GP and referred for further assessment if necessary.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Dear *Liam*

PLACES OF WORSHIP SCHEME

Thank you for your letter of 16th October 2019 highlighting Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's motion concerning attacks on places of worship.

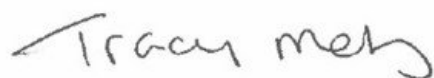
DfC does not have the policy remit to consider the introduction of a scheme similar to the Places of Worship Scheme. Matters of security are for the Department of Justice and their associated bodies and as such I have forwarded the Council's correspondence to them for consideration. I have also shared it with The Executive Office who are the lead department for Good Relations and the implementation of the Race Equality Strategy 2015-2025. One of the key aims of this strategy is to eradicate hate crime in Northern Ireland and end the sort of attacks the Council have highlighted in their motion.

From the Department for Communities perspective, we see faith based communities as key social partners to build a participative, peaceful, equitable and inclusive community in Northern Ireland. Faith-based organisations here have an important and distinctive place and reach in society, and their community work plays an important role in communities where they deliver many interventions across various themes. In recognition of this distinctive role, the Department resources faith based engagement with a particular focus on tackling deprivation and building communities.

This funding provides support, training, advice, advocacy, and information and resource services to those Faith Based Organisations interested in or engaged in community work. It also supports the Community Faiths Forum which provides a platform for engagement between the faith sector and officials across NI Departments. Membership of the forum includes those from non-Christian faiths.

Whilst I do not have the remit to introduce a similar scheme to the Places of Worship Fund I have asked the officials involved in the work of the Community Faiths Forum to discuss the issue the Council has raised with members, and consider whether there is a practical response my Department can contribute.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Hannaway

Thank you for your letter dated 16 October addressed to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland regarding attacks on places of worship. The Secretary of State has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I note with regret the CARE NI findings on criminal damage to religious buildings, churchyards and cemeteries in recent years. Such acts of violence do not belong in, nor reflect society in Northern Ireland, and should be wholly condemned.

The response to hate crime in Northern Ireland is a devolved matter, and therefore actions to tackle this issue, including the provision of funding, are led and coordinated by the Northern Ireland Executive, or in the absence of an Executive, by the Executive Departments led by the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service. The Northern Ireland Department of Justice (DoJ) has committed to review the hate crime legislation as part of its work towards reducing crime, as well as the harm and vulnerability caused by it.

DoJ have commissioned Judge Desmond Marrinan to conduct an independent Review of Hate Crime Legislation (the full terms of Reference can be viewed at <https://www.hatecrimereviewni.org.uk/sites/hcr/files/media-files/Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf>). The review provides an opportunity for stakeholders to directly raise issues of concern with the review team, who can be contacted at Enquiries@hatecrimereviewni.org.uk.

As you are aware, the Home Office-led Places of Worship Security Scheme does not extend to Northern Ireland for the aforementioned reasons. This issue further highlights the importance of restoring the Northern Ireland Executive, which would then be able to take forward similar legislation if desired in the future. We continue to work with the political parties to ensure that the Executive is restored as soon as possible. Thank you for writing to the Minister on this important matter.

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