



July 1st, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 4th July 2022** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

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Letter dated 28 June 2022

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Ms Kate Bingham

Mr Caolain Boyd

Cllr Jim Brennan

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr Charlie Casey

Mr Andrew Cassells

Cllr William Clarke

Mrs Linda Cummins

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Regina Mackin

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

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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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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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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Cllr Michael Rice
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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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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/178/2019	Notice of Motion – C/131/2019: Live Animals in Circuses	At the request of Councillor McAteer it was agreed the motion remain on the action sheet.	Democratic Services		N
C/084/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28.03.22 – with NIAS & SHSCT	It was agreed to bring forth problem solving solutions to the NIAS in all facets of their work and for this action to be retained on the Action Sheet to keep track of progress	Democratic Services		N

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/100/2022	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 03.05.22	The Action Sheet was agreed.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/101/2022	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 03.05.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/102/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 23.05.2022	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/103/2022	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 28.04.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/104/2022	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 09.05.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, subject to a minor amendment to include Councillors Harte and Mulgrew in attendance in the Chamber.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/105/2022	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 12.05.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/106/2022	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 16.05.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/107/2022	Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 18.05.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/108/2022	Planning Minutes	The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 11 May 2022 was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/109/2022	Northern Ireland Council Minutes 10 March 2022	It was agreed to note the minutes.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/110/2022	Northern Ireland Housing Council	It was agreed to note the bulletin.	Democratic Services	Noted	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	Bulletin – 12 May 2022				
C/111/2022	Response from HM Treasury re NOM C/054/2022 – Opposed to Planned Changes to Red Diesel	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/112/2022	Response from Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council re NOM C/057/2022 – Cost of Living Crisis	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/113/2022	Response from Mid Ulster District Council re NOM C/054/2022	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	Noted	
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 6.00pm in Downshire Chamber

In the Chair:

Councillor M Savage

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor R Howell	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor A Lewis	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor G Malone	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor H McKee
Councillor K McKevitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor D Murphy
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Rice
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor D Lee-Surginor
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive
 Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr J McBride, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

C/098/2022

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Casey, Gallagher, Owen, Ruane, Stokes and Walker.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to his first monthly meeting and also welcomed the new Alliance councillor for Rowallane David Lee-Surginor and wished him well in his political career.

Councillor McMurray congratulated Councillor Savage on his role as Chairperson of Council and thanked him for his warm welcome to Councillor David Lee-Surginor.

C/099/2022

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/100/2022

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 2022

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 3 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 3 May 2022 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/101/2022

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 3 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor McAteer.

C/102/2022

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 March 2022 re Ballykinlar 23 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on

23 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor McAteer.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/103/2022 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2022

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/104/2022 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews subject to a minor amendment to include Councillors Harte and Mulgrew in attendance in the Chamber.**

C/105/2022 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne.**

C/106/2022 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt.**

C/107/2022 MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

C/108/2022 PLANNING MINUTES

Read: Extract from Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2022. (Copy circulated)

In response to a point raised by Councillor Hanna, Mr Mallon advised a workshop would be arranged for all Councillors to be informed of recent developments of the Local Development Plan.

Noted: **The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 11 May 2022 was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor O'Hare.**

FOR NOTING

C/109/2022 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES 10 MARCH 2022

Read: Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 10 March 2022. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 10 March 2022 were noted on the proposal of**

Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Magennis.

C/110/2022 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – MAY 2022

Read: Bulletin dated May 2022 from Northern Ireland Housing Council.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The Northern Ireland Housing Council Bulletin was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Magennis.**

C/111/2022 RESPONSE FROM HM TREASURY RE NOM C/054/2022 – OPPOSED TO PLANNED CHANGES TO RED DIESEL

Read: Letter dated 23 May 2022 from HM Treasury regarding NOM C/054/2022, opposed to planned changes in red diesel. (copy circulated).

Councillor McEvoy voiced her disappointment at the response from the British Treasury as the planned changes for red diesel would only continue to hit sectors that were already struggling with increased costs of materials and energy prices.

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 23 May 2022 from the HM Treasury regarding NOM C/054/2022, opposed to planned changes to red diesel was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Magennis.**

C/112/2022 RESPONSE FROM ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL RE NOM C/057/2022 – COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Read: Letter dated 11 May 2022 from Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council regarding NOM C/057/2022, Cost of Living Crisis. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 11 May 2022 from Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council regarding NOM C/057/2022 – Cost of Living Crisis was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Magennis.**

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/AGM/

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Council held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 5.30pm in the Downshire Chamber

In the Chair in chamber:

Councillor M Rice 5.30pm – 5.38pm
Councillor M Savage 5.38pm – 6.11pm

In attendance:

(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor R Howell	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor A Lewis	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor G Malone	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor H McKee
Councillor K McKevitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor D Murphy
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Lee-Surginor	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor

(Officials)

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Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs S Kieran, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

AGM/1/2022

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Casey, Gallagher, Owen, Ruane, Stokes and Walker.

As outgoing Chairperson, Councillor Rice welcomed everyone to the meeting acknowledging it was fantastic to finally hold a full Council meeting following on from the Covid-19 pandemic. He welcomed the new incoming Chair, Councillor Savage and Deputy Chair Councillor Finnegan, congratulated them and wished them all the best in the coming year.

Councillor Rice said, in his short and brief period as Chair, he had attended various events and presentations on behalf of Council and said it had been an honour to represent the Council on such occasions. Councillor Rice thanked all the Council staff who had helped him during this period, in particular Sheila Kieran who he said had been very supportive and always available outside of office hours to assist where she could.

Councillor Rice thanked his party for the trust and support he had received during the past few weeks. He said replacing Cathy Mason had been no mean feat, and in her role as Chair, she had placed Mental Health as her number one priority, with monthly initiatives and a hugely successful Mental Health Workshop. Additionally, he said Councillor Mason had hosted the International Women's Day Event in the Slieve Donard Hotel, which saw a panel of different motivational speakers discuss issues themed around Break the Bias. He said there had been many other events held, ranging from Community and Voluntary funding to promoting Pensioner Social Inclusion. Councillor Rice said she would be an excellent representative for South Down in the Assembly.

Councillor Rice paid tribute to his predecessor Sean Doran who, he said had been a lifelong community activist with no task too much for him to undertake. He concluded by saying he had been privileged to have known Sean as a friend, activist and role model.

Councillor Rice then invited outgoing Deputy Chair Councillor Magennis to say a few words.

Councillor Magennis said it had been a privilege to serve the people of Newry, Mourne and Down and said whilst the role had, at times been challenging emerging from lockdown, it had been very enjoyable and had presented opportunities she would not otherwise have had.

Councillor Magennis congratulated Cathy Mason on her recent MLA success and wished her all the best in her new role. She also thanked Councillor Rice for stepping up to fill the role of Chair for the past three weeks.

Councillor Magennis thanked her party colleagues for their support throughout the year and conveyed her thanks to Sheila Kieran, Democratic Services for the help and support she had given her during her time as Deputy Chairperson.

Finally, she wished the incoming Chair Councillor Michael Savage and incoming Deputy Chair Councillor Aoife Finnegan all the best for the coming year.

Members took the opportunity to welcome the incoming Chair Councillor Savage and Deputy Chair Councillor Finnegan in their new roles.

AGM/2/2022

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AGM/3/2022

NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON TO ASSUME THE CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR ROLE

The Chief Executive called upon Councillor McAteer as nominating officer for SDLP to nominate a Councillor for the position of Chairperson of Council for 2022/23.

Councillor McAteer nominated and proposed Councillor Michael Savage for the position of Chairperson of Council for 2022/23. This was seconded by Councillor Sharvin and subsequently accepted by Councillor Savage.

The Chief Executive called upon Councillor Ó Muirí as nominating officer for Sinn Féin to nominate a Councillor for the position of Deputy Chairperson of Council for 2022/23.

Councillor Ó Muirí nominated and proposed Councillor Aoife Finnegan for the position of Deputy Chairperson of Council for 2022/23. This was seconded by Councillor Howell and subsequently accepted by Councillor Finnegan.

The Chief Executive stated that Councillor Savage and Councillor Finnegan had been duly nominated as Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson respectively of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council for the year 2022/23.

Councillor Rice vacated the Chair at this point in the meeting – 5.38pm.

Councillors Savage and Finnegan assumed the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson roles at this point – 5.38pm.

Councillor Savage, in his acceptance speech as the newly appointed Chairperson of Council for the 2022/23 term, thanked Councillor Rice for his kind words and the work he had done in the last few weeks stepping in for Cathy Mason as Chair and said he was a young man with a bright political future ahead of him and it would not surprise him if, the chain of office rested again on his shoulders in years to come.

Councillor Savage paid tribute to Cathy Mason and thanked her for her dedication and professionalism throughout a successful eleven months in the Chair and for highlighting the issue of mental health during her tenure. He welcomed Cathy well as she took up her new challenge in the Assembly.

He congratulated Councillor Aoife Finnegan on her role as Deputy Chair and said he looked forward to working closely with her in the year ahead.

He said the theme he had chosen for his year in office was 'Hope and Ambition through Growth' and said hope was needed for very many reasons. He outlined some ambitions for the year ahead and was confident that many of them could be fulfilled through the strength of partnership.

He paid tribute to his family for their support and said he was deeply honoured to have received the chain of office and would treat it with the honour and respect it deserved and he thanked his party colleagues for their support in nominating him for the role.

In conclusion, Councillor Savage said he had the greatest respect for all his fellow councillors and he looked forward to working positively with them all in what he believed would be a busy and productive year, a year of Hope, Ambition and Growth.

AGM/4/2022 **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE STATUTORY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Chair of Council **Councillor Savage**
Proposed by Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.

Chair of ERT **Councillor Burgess**
Proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Lewis.

Chair of AHC **Councillor Gallagher**
Proposed by Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.

Chair of NS **Councillor Magennis**
Proposed by Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell.

Deputy Chair of NS

Councillor Andrews

Proposed by Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Curran.

Chair of SPR

Councillor Hanlon

Proposed by Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Magennis.

Deputy Chair of SPR

Councillor Howell

Proposed by Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Magennis.

Chair of Planning

Councillor McAteer

Proposed by Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Andrews.

Deputy Chair of Planning

Councillor Murphy

Proposed by Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell.

It was noted Councillor McKeivitt would replace Councillor Savage on PCSP.

AGM/5/2022

**TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AS PER LIST
CIRCULATED SHOWING APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY
QUOTA OF GREATEST REMAINDER AND REMAINING
POSITIONS TO BE FILLED USING D'HONDT**

Read: List attached showing appointments to be made by Quota of Greatest Remainder and remaining positions to be filled using d'Hondt

The Chief Executive advised it had been agreed to use the default method of Quota of Greatest Remainder for appointment to Committees, with the remaining 12 positions being allocated by the d'Hondt method.

The Chief Executive advised the Alliance Party had given up a place on the Planning Committee and Sinn Féin had given up a place on Audit Committee.

The Chief Executive called on the nominating officer for UUP for two Committee picks and advised Councillor Malone's first pick had been used for the Deputy Chairperson for Active and Healthy Communities.

The positions were confirmed as follows:

UUP	Planning and Strategy, Policy and Resources
Councillor Malone	Deputy Chair of Active and Healthy Communities
Councillor Reilly	Planning
Councillor Tinnelly	Active and Healthy Communities
Councillor Gibbons	Strategy, Policy and Resources
Councillor Enright	Economic Regeneration and Tourism
Councillor Malone	Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Reilly	Economic Regeneration and Tourism
Councillor Tinnelly	Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Gibbons	Audit
Councillor Enright	Audit

The Chief Executive advised that the remaining names for committee selection should be given to Democratic Services as soon as possible.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Finnegan to approve the appointments to Committees using d'Hondt. (copy of Committee List 2022/23 appended to these minutes)**

AGM/06/2022: **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BOARDS/BODIES AND COUNCIL COARDS/BODIES**

Read: External and Council Bodies List (Copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the External Bodies and Organisations List. (excluding Statutory Positions of Responsibility)**

AGM/07/2022: **REPORT OF MOCK ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022**

Read: Report of Mock Annual Meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2022 (Copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report of Mock Annual Meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2022.**

AGM/08/2022: **SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2022/23**

Read: Copy of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors. (copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the Newry, Mourne and Down District Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors.**

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 18.11pm.

For confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 July 2022.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Chief Executive



2022-2023 Appointments

Chairperson:

Councillor Michael Savage

Deputy Chairperson:

Councillor Aoife Finnegan

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1. Committee List

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Plus Independent Members

2. Statutory Positions of Responsibility – Annual Meeting 1 June 2021

POSITION - Year 4		Councillor Name
Chair of Council Year 4	SDLP	CLlr Michael Savage
Deputy Chair of Council Year 4	Sinn Féin	CLlr Aoife Finnegan
Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 4	UUP	CLlr Robert Burgess
Deputy Chair - ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM Year 4	SDLP	CLlr Dermot Curran
Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 4	SDLP	CLlr Hugh Gallagher
Deputy Chair - ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Year 4	Ind	CLlr Gavin Malone
Chair - NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES Year 4	Sinn Féin	CLlr Oonagh Magennis
Deputy Chair - NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES Year 4	SDLP	CLlr Terry Andrews
Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 4	Sinn Féin	CLlr Oonagh Hanlon
Deputy Chair - STRATEGY, POLICY & RESOURCES Year 4	Sinn Féin	CLlr Roisin Howell
Chair - Planning Year 4	SDLP	CLlr Declan McAteer
Deputy Chair - Planning Year 4	Sinn Féin	CLlr Declan Murphy
Partnership Panel for NI: 4 Year Term	UUP	CLlr Robert Burgess
NI Housing Council: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Mickey Ruane
Reserve Forces & Cadets' Assoc for NI: 4 Year Term	DUP	CLlr Kathryn Owen
Arc21 - Position 1: 4 Year Term	DUP	CLlr Kathryn Owen
Arc21 - Position 2: 4 Year Term	UUP	CLlr Robert Burgess
Arc21 - Position 3: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Declan Murphy
PCSP Position 1: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr William Clarke
PCSP Position 2: 4 Year Term	SDLP	CLlr Hugh Gallagher
PCSP Position 3: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Oonagh Hanlon
PCSP Position 4: 4 Year Term	SDLP	CLlr Karen McKeivitt
PCSP Position 5: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Roisin Howell
PCSP Position 6: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Declan Murphy
PCSP Position 7: 4 Year Term	UUP	CLlr Alan Lewis
PCSP Position 8: 4 Year Term	SDLP	CLlr Terry Andrews
PCSP Position 9: 4 Year Term	Sinn Féin	CLlr Michael Ruane
PCSP Position 10: 4 Year Term	DUP	CLlr Kathryn Owen

3. Council Project Boards and Forums

Brexit Forum

Membership	2019-2023
Sinn Fein	M Larkin *to be filled
SDLP	G Stokes M Savage
UUP	D Taylor
DUP	G Hanna
Alliance/Independent	H Reilly

Castlewellan Forest Park

Membership	2022-2023
Sinn Fein	R Howell L McEvoy
SDLP	L Devlin H Gallagher
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	G Hanna
Alliance/Independent	A McMurray

Chief Executive Appraisal Group

Membership	2019-2023
1 Sinn Fein	B Ó Muirí
1 SDLP	P Byrne
1 UUP	R Burgess
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 Alliance/Indp	C Enright

Christmas Illuminations / Celebrations Group

Membership	2019 - 2023
2 Sinn Fein	W Clarke O Magennis
2 SDLP	T Andrews K McKeivitt
1 UUP	A Lewis
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 Alliance	*to be filled
1 Smaller Party/Independent	J Tinnelly

Covid 19 Recovery Working Group

Membership	2021-2023
Sinn Fein	W Clarke O Hanlon
SDLP	G Stokes L Devlin
DUP	K Owen
UUP	D Taylor
Alliance/Independent	J Tinnelly

Economic Forum

Membership 2019-2023	
2 Sinn Fein	O Hanlon D Murphy
2 SDLP	M Savage D Curran
1 UUP	R Burges
1 DUP	K Owen
1 Alliance/Independent	A McMurray

Elected Member Development Working Group

Membership 2019 - 2023	
Sinn Fein	M Ruane
Sinn Fein	B Ó Muirí
SDLP	T Andrews
SDLP	M Savage
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	K Owen
Alliance/Indp	*to be filled

Equality and Good Relations Reference Group

Membership	
Sinn Féin (2)	O Hanlon B Ó Muirí
SDLP (2)	P Byrne K McKevitt
UUP	D Taylor
DUP	G Hanna
Alliance	A McMurray
Independents (2)	H Reilly C Enright

Fair Trade Steering Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein	R Howell
SDLP	P Byrne

Health Working Groups

Membership 2019-2023	Southern Trust Area	SE Trust Area
3 Sinn Fein	C Casey D Murphy G O'Hare	W Clarke M Rice O Hanlon
3 SDLP	P Byrne D McAteer M Savage	T Andrews J Trainor D Curran
1 UUP	D Taylor	A Lewis
1 DUP	G Hanna	K Owen
1 Alliance	*to be filled	*to be filled
I Independent	G Malone	C Enright

International Relations Forum

Membership	
Sinn Fein	M Ruane
Sinn Fein	O Magennis
SDLP	G Stokes
SDLP	K McKeivitt
UUP	R Burgess
DUP	K Owen
Alliance	*to be filled
Independent	J Tinnelly

Irish Language Strategy Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein	B Ó Muirí
Sinn Fein	G O'Hare
SDLP	T Andrews
SDLP	D McAteer
1 UUP	No nomination
1 DUP	No nomination
2 Alliance / Independents	C Enright *to be filled

Local Development Plan Steering Group – (All Planning Committee Members)

Membership	
Sinn Fein	L McEvoy M Larkin G O'Hare V Harte D Murphy
SDLP	L Devlin D McAteer P Byrne
	G Hanna
UUP	R Burgess A Lewis
2 Independents	H Reilly

Neighbourhood Services Working Group

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	A Finnegan O Magennis
2 SDLP	G Stokes K McKeivitt
1 UUP	D Taylor
1 DUP	K Owen
1 All/Indp	G Malone

Appointments should come from the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Newcastle Gateway to the Mournes

Membership 2022-2023	
Sinn Féin	W Clarke M Rice
SDLP	L Devlin H Gallagher
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	G Hanna
Alliance/Independent	A McMurray

Newry City Centre Regeneration Project

Membership	
Sinn Féin	C Casey R Mulgrew
SDLP	P Byrne G Stokes
UUP	D Taylor
DUP	G Hanna
All/Ind	G Malone

Newry and Mourne Travellers Forum

Membership 2019 - 2023	
3 Councillors appointed to Local Government Partnership for Travellers	C Casey G Stokes J Tinnelly
Plus 3 Councillors:	
1 Sinn Féin	D Murphy
1 SDLP	D McAteer
1 UUP/DUP	K Owen

Party Representatives Forum

Membership	
Sinn Féin (2 Members if not holding Chair of Council position)	B Ó Muirí O Hanlon
SDLP (Chair of Council plus Party Rep)	G Sharvin
1 UUP	D Taylor
1 DUP	G Hanna
Chair of Council	M Savage

- **One Special Responsibility Allowance to Sinn Féin and SDLP for role as Party Representative.**
- **Position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, if on forum, count towards allocation of two places for Sinn Féin and SDLP**

Peace IV Partnership

Membership	
3 Sinn Féin	D Murphy M Ruane M Rice
2 SDLP	T Andrews K McKevitt
1 UUP	D Taylor
1 DUP	K Owen
1 Alliance	*to be filled
1 Independent	H Reilly

Plus 9 social partners

Planning Call in Panel

Membership	December 2021 – May 2022
D McAteer	
M Larkin	
G Hanna	

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

Strategic Finance Working Group (replaced EWG)

Membership	
2 Sinn Féin	W Clarke O Hanlon
2 SDLP	P Byrne G Sharvin
1 DUP	K Owen
1 UUP	R Burgess
1 Alliance/Independent	C Enright

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Forum

Membership	
2 Sinn Féin	W Clarke C Mason
2 SDLP	T Andrews D Curran
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 UUP	D Taylor
1 Alliance	*to be filled
1 Independent	C Enright

Agreed that the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum would be open to any additional Members who wished to attend.

All Party Group on Sustainable Development

Membership	
Sinn Féin	W Clarke
SDLP	T Andrews

Women's Working Group

Membership	
Sinn Fein	*to be filled A Finnegan
SDLP	L Devlin K McKevitt
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	K Owen
All/Ind	M Gibbons

4. Task & Finish Working Groups

Camlough Lake Task & Finish Working Group

Slieve Gullion Councillors	P Byrne
	A Finnegan
	M Larkin
	O Magennis
	D Murphy
	B Ó Muirí
	D Taylor

Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	W Clarke R Howell
2 SDLP	L Devlin H Gallagher
1 UUP	A Lewis
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 All/Indp	A McMurray

Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme

Membership	
Newry DEA Councillors	C Casey V Harte R Mulgrew G Malone M Savage G Stokes

Plus representatives from Newry Chamber of Commerce

St Patrick's Day Cross Party Working Group

Membership	
1 Sinn Fein	O Hanlon
1 SDLP	J Trainor
1 UUP	D Taylor
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 Alliance/Independents	C Enright

Tourism/Arts Task and Finish Project Board

Membership	
2 Sinn Fein	W Clarke O Magennis
2 SDLP	D Curran D McAteer
1 UUP	R Burgess
1 DUP	G Hanna
1 Alliance/Independent	*to be filled

Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Working Group

Membership	
Crotlieve Cllrs	M Gibbons D McAteer K McKevitt G O'Hare M Ruane J Tinnelly

Warrenpoint Municipal Park Task & Finish

Membership	
Crotlieve Cllrs	M Gibbons D McAteer K McKevitt G O'Hare M Ruane J Tinnelly

YAFTA Short listing

Membership	
Sinn Fein	V Harte
SDLP	P Byrne
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	K Owen
All/Indp	*to be filled

5. Appointments to External Bodies/Organisation

APSE NI Executive Board 2019-2023

Membership	
1 Member	T Andrews

Carlingford Lough Commissioners Board 2019 – 2023

Sinn Fein	
SDLP	M Savage

Community Planning Partnership Board

Membership	
Sinn Féin 2 Members	W Clarke
	A Finnegan
SDLP 2 Members	T Andrews
	G Stokes
UUP 1 Member	D Taylor
DUP 1 Member	G Hanna
Alliance/Indp 1 Member	*to be filled
Chairperson of Council	*to be filled

(Chairperson will change annually)

Diversity Champions 2019-2023

Councillors and Officer	
Sinn Féin 1 Member	A Finnegan
SDLP 1 Member	P Byrne
UUP/DUP 1 Member	G Hanna
Council Officer	C Moffett

Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor

	P Byrne
	D Murphy
	D Taylor

East Border Region

Sinn Féin	C Mason
Sinn Féin	D Murphy
Sinn Féin	M Ruane
SDLP	T Andrews
SDLP	D McAteer
UUP	R Burgess

East Border Region Board Directors 2019-2023

Sinn Féin	M Ruane
SDLP	T Andrews
UUP	R Burgess

FLAG Board

1 Member	D Curran
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LAG Board

Sinn Féin	L McEvoy
Sinn Féin	R Howell
Sinn Féin	A Finnegan
Sinn Féin	R Mulgrew
SDLP	T Andrews
SDLP	P Byrne
SDLP	D McAteer
SDLP	M Savage
UUP	R Burgess
DUP	K Owen
Alliance / Indp	J Tinnelly
	H Reilly

Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues 2019-2023

Sinn Féin	C Casey
SDLP	G Stokes
Alliance / Indp	J Tinnelly

Louth, Newry, Mourne and Down (LNMD) Joint Committee 2019-2023

Sinn Féin	W Clarke
Sinn Féin	M Larkin
Sinn Féin	R Mulgrew
Sinn Féin	D Murphy
SDLP	D Curran
SDLP	D McAteer
UUP	A Lewis
DUP	G Hanna
Alliance / Indp	J Tinnelly

National Association of Councillors 2019-2023

3 Sinn Féin	C Casey
	V Harte
	M Ruane
3 SDLP	T Andrews
	D Curran
	H Gallagher
1 UUP	R Burgess
Alliance /Indp 1 Member	*to be filled

NILGA 2019-2023

3 Sinn Féin	M Ruane
	C Casey
	V Harte
3 SDLP	T Andrews
	D Curran
	K McKevitt
1 UUP	R Burgess
1 DUP	K Owen

NILGA Policy & Learning Networks

Economy & International Affairs	
Elected Member Development	T Andrews
Health, Social & Environmental Wellbeing	
Place Shaping & Infrastructure	
Reform, Devolution & Improvement	

Ring of Gullion AONB Management Board/ Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Management Board

Slieve Gullion Councillors	SDLP	P Byrne
	Sinn Féin	A Finnegan
	Sinn Féin	M Larkin
	Sinn Féin	O Magennis
	Sinn Féin	D Murphy
	Sinn Féin	B Ó Muirí
	UUP	D Taylor

Rural Community Network

SDLP	Pete Byrne
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SANDSA (South Armagh, Newry and Down Sports Association)

5 Councillors	Sinn Féin	O Magennis
	Sinn Féin	L McEvoy
	SDLP	D McAteer
	SDLP	G Sharvin
	UUP	A Lewis

Somme Advisory Council 2019 – 2023

Year 1 Walker / Andrews	Year 2 Burgess / Owen
Year 3 Lewis / Andrews	Year 4 Lewis / Hanna

Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Years 1 and 3 2019 / 2020 and 2021 / 2022

2 Councillors	SDLP	G Sharvin
	Alliance/Indp	C Enright

Years 2 and 4 2020 / 2021 and 2022/2023

2 Councillors	SF	O Hanlon
	DUP	K Owen

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority 2020 – 2024

Sinn Fein	C Mason
SDLP	K McKevitt
DUP	G Hanna

6. Community Planning Thematic Groups

Lifelong Health & Wellbeing	Elected Member
Sinn Féin	V Harte
SDLP	D McAteer
UUP	D Taylor
DUP	K Owen
Alliance/Independents	G Malone

Sustainable Environment (Environmental & Spatial)	Elected Member
Sinn Féin	W Clarke
SDLP	J Trainor
UUP	D Taylor
DUP	K Owen
Alliance/Independents	C Enright

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022 at 6.00pm in the Chamber Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry, and remotely via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess (Chamber)

Deputy Chairperson: Councillor D Curran (Chamber)

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**
 Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)
 Councillor W Clarke (Chamber)
 Councillor C Enright (Teams)
 Councillor G Hanna (Teams)
 Councillor V Harte (Chamber)
 Councillor R Howell (Chamber)
 Councillor M Larkin (Teams)
 Councillor D Lee-Surginor (Chamber)
 Councillor R Mulgrew (Chamber)
 Councillor H Reilly (Teams)
 Councillor M Ruane (Chamber)
 Councillor J Trainor (Chamber)

Non Members: Councillor A McMurray (Teams)

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 & Regulations
 Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer
 Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer

ERT/094/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was recorded for Councillor G Stokes.

The Chairperson, Councillor Burgess, welcomed the new members on the ERT Committee, Councillor Trainor, and newly appointed Councillor Lee-Surginor.

ERT/095/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

**ERT/096/2022: START TIMES
ERT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
JUNE 2022 – MAY 2023**

Read: Paper recommending proposed dates and start times for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meetings from June 2022 to May 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the start time for ERT Committee Meetings from June 2022 - May 2023 will be 6.00 pm.

**ERT/097/2022: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 09 MAY 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 09 May 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 09 May 2022.

The following item was raised arising out of the above Action Sheet:

**ERT/082/2022 – International Relations Agreement
– Municipality de Lamorlaye**

AGREED: In response to a query from Councillor Andrews regarding plans to renew town twinning arrangements, it was agreed to raise this matter with the International Relations Forum.

BUSINESS PLANS/GOVERNANCE

**ERT/098/2022: ERT BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW 2021/22
ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2022/23**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding
ERT Business Plan Review 2021/22
ERT Business Plan 2022/23
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed to approve:

- **Assessment of the ERT Directorate Business Plan 2021-22**
- **ERT Directorate Business Plan 2022-23**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/099/2022: UPDATE RE: DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding reviewing membership of Downpatrick Regeneration Group to consider issues identified and develop solutions with stakeholders/agencies regarding the role of a Downpatrick Town Centre Manager.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed:

- a) **Council explore the potential to review the membership of the Downpatrick Regeneration Group to consider the issues identified and develop potential**

solutions with local stakeholders and relevant agencies.

- b) Council write to Mr Simon Hamilton CEO Belfast Chamber of Trade & Commerce, to address the Downpatrick Regeneration Group on the role of a Town Centre Manager.**

ERT/100/2022: NI BUSINESS START UP PROGRAMME – GO FOR IT

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, regarding an extension on the NISBUP/Go for It programme. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- a) To approve the triggering of an extension to the current delivery contract for the Go for It Programme, for a 1 year period, covering 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 at a cost of £167,263.**
- b) To sign an updated collaborative agreement extending the provision of the regional Go for It Programme with NI Councils.**

ERT/101/2022: ULSTER UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, regarding an amendment to the Council's Memorandum of Understanding with Ulster University Economic Policy Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to approve an amendment to the Council's Memorandum of Understanding with Ulster University to include the completion of a research piece "Labour Market Supply and Demand Intelligence" at a cost of £25,000.**

BUILDING CONTROL & REGULATION

ERT/102/2022: EXTENSION OF OFF STREET CAR PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AGREEMENT

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulations, regarding extension of the Off-Street Car Parking Enforcement Agency Agreement. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to advise the Department for Infrastructure the Council intend to extend the current Agency Agreement in collaboration with the members of the Regional Off-Street Parking Group (ROSPG) for an additional 12 month period from 1 November 2022 – 31 October 2023.**

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/103/2022: IRELAND ASSOCIATION FOR ADVENTURE TOURISM (IAAT) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding financial support towards the Ireland Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) Annual Conference to be held on 23-24 November 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed Council provide £15,000 towards the Ireland Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) Annual Conference to be held in NMD 23-24 November 2022.**

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Trainor seconded by Councillor Andrews 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/104/2022: DOWN ARTS CENTRE
- ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding a Service Level Agreement for delivery of an Artist in Residence Programme in Down Arts Centre.
(Copy circulated)

ERT/105/2022: PILOT SEA TOURS EXPERIENCE – NEWCASTLE HARBOUR

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding a pilot programme for an additional Sea Tour boat from Newcastle Harbour.
(Copy circulated)

**ERT/106/2022: TOURISM NI
AGENCIES FOR SEASONAL MARKETING CAMPAIGNS**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the use of Tourism NI agencies to assist in the delivery of seasonal marketing campaigns via various digital and advertising platforms. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/107/2022: NI TOURISM AWARDS 2022

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding sponsorship to the Northern Ireland Tourism Awards **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported on the following decisions taken:

ERT/104/2022: Down Arts Centre – Artist in Residence Programme

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to establish a Service Level Agreement as detailed in report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, for the delivery of an Artist in Residence Programme in Down Arts Centre.

ERT/105/2022: Pilot Sea Tours Experience – Newcastle Harbour

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve a pilot programme of an additional sea tours boat by the existing sea tour operator, Mourne Sea Tours from Newcastle Harbour, effective from July – October 2022, subject to payment of fees from valuation.

ERT/106/2022: Tourism NI Agencies for Seasonal Marketing Campaigns

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to utilise the services of Tourism NI agencies to assist in the delivery of seasonal marketing campaigns via various digital and advertising platforms.

ERT/107/2022: NI Tourism Awards 2022

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to provide sponsorship support to the Northern Ireland Awards which will be hosted in the District in 2022.

FOR NOTING

ERT/108/2022: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD MEETINGS

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board Meetings held on:
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the action reports arising out of the Castlewellan Task & Finish Board Meetings held as follows, and amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Project Board:**
- 08 April 2022
- 13 May 2022.

ERT/109/2022: DOWNPATRICK ARTISAN MARKET

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding relocation of the Downpatrick Artisan Market. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the relocation of the Downpatrick Artisan Market, from current location of Market Street North Car Park to the new location of St Patricks Square, commencing Saturday 18 June 2022.**

ERT/110/2022: UPDATE RE: FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding an update on the Forkhill Former Barracks site.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding an update on the Forkhill Former Barracks site.**

ERT/111/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

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

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Sheet for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

ERT/112/2022: UPDATE RE: NEWRY & DOWNPATRICK REVITALISATION SCHEMES

Read: Report dated 13 June 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding an update on the implementation of 2 revitalisation schemes:
Lower Hill Street Newry
Church Street Downpatrick
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the update in relation to the implementation of 2 revitalisation schemes:
-Lower Hill Street Newry
-Church Street Downpatrick

ERT/113/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for May 2022.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for May 2022.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 18.50pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 04 July 2022.

Signed: Councillor R Burgess
Chairperson

Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon
Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 16 June 2022 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams & in the
Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre**

In the Chair: Councillor O Hanlon (Chamber)

In Attendance in Chamber Councillor P Byrne
Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor R Howell
Councillor O Magennis
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor G Sharvin

In Attendance via Teams: Councillor G Hanna
Councillor A Lewis
Councillor D Taylor

**Also in Attendance
via Teams:** Councillor H McKee

**Officials in Attendance
In chamber:** Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services
Mr M Lipsett, Director Active & Healthy Communities
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services
(HR & Safeguarding)
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services
(Administration)
Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director of Finance (Acting)
Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Estates & Project Management
Mr A Grimshaw, Project Director NCCR
Mrs E Cosgrove, Head of Compliance
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:
Via Teams:** Mrs N Largey, Legal Advisor, Belfast City Council

SPR/095/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Rice and Trainor and Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism.

The Chairperson advised an additional item had been added to the agenda - To agree start times for Strategy Policy Committee Meetings for June 2022 – May 2023. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded
by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that the Strategy, Policy
and Resources Committee Meetings would commence
monthly at 6.00pm.**

SPR/096/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SPR/097/2022: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis to approve the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022.**

SPR/098/2022: DRAFT PUBLICATION SCHEME V2.3

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs E Cosgrove, Head of Compliance, regarding, Draft Publication Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query raised by Councillor Byrne, Mrs Cosgrove clarified that Council did consider all the recommendations provided by ICO however the team had concluded a recent exercise and to repeat this would be time consuming. She stated the suggestion was to maintain the current approach, whereby any requests received would be forwarded directly to legal and they would process same, in an open and transparent manner.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Howell that Elected Members approve the draft Publication Scheme and publish the following on the website:**

- Policies and procedures (where applicable) for the provision of services.
- Register of Gifts and Hospitality.

SPR/099/2022: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-23

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding, Performance Improvement Plan 2022-23. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gallagher that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:**

- The Performance Improvement Plan 2022-23 (including the five performance improvement objectives), Consultation and Engagement Report 2022-23 and Objective Delivery Plans 2022-23
- That the Performance Improvement Plan 2022-23 is published before 30 June 2022, ahead of full Council ratification, in order to meet the statutory deadline.

SPR/100/2022: DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLANS

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive, regarding, Directorate Business Plans. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Howell that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:

- Assessment of the Chief Executive's Business Plan and Corporate Services Directorate Business Plan 2021-22.
- Chief Executive's Business Plan and Corporate Services Directorate Business Plan 2022-23.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matter 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/101/2022: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE OF LANDS AT KILMOREY STREET, NEWRY

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding proposed renewal of lease of lands at Kilmorey Street, Newry. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to renew the lease from the Department of Infrastructure in respect of the lands outlined in green on the map attached to the officer's report for a further term of 5 years commencing on 1st April 2022, subject to a peppercorn rent.

SPR/102/2022: PROPOSED SALE OF LANDS AT TYRELLA, DOWNPATRICK

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding proposed sale of lands at Tyrella, Downpatrick **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:

- That the lands marked C on Map 1 are transferred to the neighbouring landowner identified in the officer's report for nil consideration in light of his exclusive occupation of the lands for more than 12 years subject to Departmental Consent.
- That the area shown shaded green on Map 1 are sold to the neighbouring landowner identified in the officer's report for the value determined by Council's valuer.

SPR/103/2022: AGILE WORKING POLICY

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Agile Working Policy. **(Copy Circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the adoption of the Agile Working Policy as per the officer's report.

SPR/104/2022: ILL HEALTH RETIREMENT POLICY

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, regarding Ill Health Retirement Policy. **(Copy Circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the introduction of a new Ill Health Retirement Policy.

SPR/105/2022: SPECIAL LEAVE PROVISIONS POLICY

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, regarding Special Leave Provisions Policy. **(Copy Circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the introduction of the Special Leave Provisions Policy.

SPR/106/2022: BRCD AND COMPLEMENTARY FUND RESOURCES

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services, regarding BRCD and Complementary Fund Resources. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the appointment of 2Nr Project Managers as permanent staff to support the work of the Programme boards to deliver the BRCD projects identified in the report.

SPR/107/2022: CIVIC REGIONAL HUB – RIBA STAGE 2 REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mr C Mallon, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Civic Regional Hub – RIBA Stage 2 Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray asked that his concerns regarding the project be noted.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members note the contents of the report and approve the following recommendations;

- Council accepts the Stage 2 report as presented for the Civic & Regional Hub and public realm, and Council progresses to RIBA Stage 3 - Spatial Co-ordination;
- Council proceeds with the procurement for an Integrated Supply Team (IST);
- That the Pre-Application Notice (PAN) is concluded and Council proceeds with the submission of the full planning application.

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

FOR NOTING –

SPR/108/2022: STRATEGIC FINANCE WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET – 16 MAY 2022

Read: Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet held on 16 May 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to note the Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet – 16 May 2022.

SPR/109/2022: YEAR END MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS – 2021/22

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Year End Management Accounts – 2021/22 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members note the Year End Management Accounts 2021/22.

FOR NOTING -

SPR/110/2022: FRIENDS OF THE SOMME – YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION 2022/2023

Read: Letter dated 25 May 2022 from The Somme Association, regarding Yearly Subscription 2022/2023. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that Elected Members note the correspondence received and approval given for Councillors Lewis and Hanna to attend the Somme Commemorations from 30th June – 2nd July 2022.

SPR/111/2022: NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FAIR EMPLOYMENT MONITORING RETURN – 2 JANUARY 2021 – 1 JANUARY 2022

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services: (HR & Safeguarding) regarding, Newry Mourne and Down District Council's Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Return – 2 January 2021 – 1 January 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that Elected Members note the correspondence received.

SPR/112/2022: SICKNESS ABSENCE

Read: Report dated 16 June 2022 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, regarding Sickness Absence. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that Elected Members note the contents of the report and also note the following measures in relation to sickness absence.
- ASM have provided satisfactory assurance in relation to the Managing Attendance Procedure and the controls in place to manage sickness absence.
 - Absence data is analysed and reported on a quarterly basis to both the Senior and Corporate Management Teams to identify opportunities for targeted interventions.
 - Sickness Absence forms part of the Corporate Risk Register and performance monitored on the Corporate Dashboard.

SPR/113/2022: MINUTES OF NEWRY CITY CENTRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the minutes of Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Board Meeting held on 13 June 2022.

The Chairperson advised that it was Mrs Carville's last meeting and thanked her for her professionalism in the role and wished her well in her new post.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 18.52pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 04 July 2022.

Signed: **Councillor Oonagh Hanlon**
Chairperson

Signed: **Dorinnia Carville**
Director Corporate Services

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2022

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 20 June 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate and
via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor H Gallagher (Chamber)

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor C Casey
Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor G Sharvin

Councillor V Harte
Councillor G O'Hare

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor A Lewis
Councillor D Lee-Surginor
Councillor B Ó Muirí

Councillor G Malone
Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Also in attendance via
Teams:**

Councillor M Larkin

**Officials in attendance
in Chamber:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance
via Teams:**

Ms C Ferris, Executive Director, Outdoor Recreation Northern
Ireland

AHC/103/2022:

APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Finnegan, McAteer and Owen.

AHC/104/2022:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Harte declared an interest in Item 16: Update Report on Upgrade Works at Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centre.

AHC/105/2022:

**TO AGREE START TIME FOR AHC COMMITTEE
MEETINGS 2022-2023**

Read:

Paper recommending proposed dates and start times for Active and
Healthy Committee Meetings 2022/2023 **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt that the start time for AHC Committee Meetings 2022/2023 will be 6.00 pm.

AHC/106/2022: **ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2022**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2022. **(Copy circulated).**

In response to a query from Councillor McKeivitt, Mrs Hillen advised that Council had agreed a timeline, budget and process for taking Warrenpoint Community Centre to the planning stage. She advised a consultant team had been appointed with officers meeting the team twice a month and that an update on all capital projects would be presented to the DEA meetings over the next few months to allow for a more comprehensive update to Members.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/107/2022: **OUTDOOR RECREATION NORTHERN IRELAND (ORNI) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

Read: Presentation from Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) Service Level Agreement

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Caro-Lynn Ferris from Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms Ferris thanked the Chairperson for the welcome and provided an update on the outputs of the Service Level Agreement for 2021-22 (copy presentation attached to these minutes). Ms Ferris outlined the following work that had been completed over the last year:

- New trail development at Glasswater Wood, Glendesha Forest and Windmill Hill and Lough Park.
- Improvement works at Drumkeeragh and Tievenadarragh Forests
- 'Shovel Ready' status for 2 community trails
- Feasibility assessments for an additional 4 community trails
- Monitoring of visitors to 11 community trails
- Hilltown pump track development

Ms Ferris advised the total spend across the previous year was £716,000 on community trails across the District and stated there were 13 community trails in place, and in conjunction with the Council, they were constantly trying to develop trails within their community trail plan. She stated across the community trails from April 2021-March 2022 there were 208,891 visits made by members of the public. With regard to the pump track in Hilltown, she advised when officers visited the location, they discovered it wasn't the most

suitable and therefore were progressing work with finding an alternative location for this pump track.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ferris for her presentation and invited questions from Members. Members asked the following questions:

- When would the additional carparking spaces be available at Drumkeeragh and Tievenadarragh as there had been a few parking issues at these locations?
- Congratulate ORNI on the work completed across the District.
- Daisy Hill Wood figures only for a 6 month period, keen to know how widely used. Issues with vandalism on the trails which is unfortunate. Would there be any figures on hand as to how widely used?
- Why was the location not correct for the pump track in Hilltown?
- Realistically what was the position with Bright GAC, Teconnaught GAC and Inch Abbey in terms of getting agreement with the clubs and getting the designs to planning application stage in order to get them submitted?
- ORNI asked to complete beach access survey – how many of the beaches had been assessed and what key themes exist in terms of access to beaches?

Ms Ferris responded to the queries as follows:

- Tievenadarragh carpark should be open at present, and the letter of offer was only received by Council last week with regard to Drumkeeragh,
- Figures for usage of Daisy Hill Wood for 6 months were 8435 visits to the site.
- Although do not know the full background to the project, when staff went to consider the site it wasn't deemed appropriate as it was very close to houses. Happy to revert to the Councillor on the matter.
- Staff working on taking Bright GAC, Teconnaught GAC and Inch Abbey to 'shovel-ready'. Community trails could now realistically take 9-10 months and it was not possible to complete planning and delivery in one year.
- All beaches across the Council have had their site assessment completed and staff were developing maps and criteria as to what would make beaches accessible. Content to come back to report to AHC Committee at a later date.

In response to a query from Councillor McKevitt, Mr Tamati advised the budget for the scoping work and planning permission for the pump track at Hilltown had been secured, as with all ORNI SLA projects external funding would need to be secured for the delivery element of these projects and ORNI explore opportunities for securing that external funding.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly to table the issue of Hilltown Pump Track onto a future Crotlieve DEA forum meeting to ensure all possible locations in Hilltown were exhausted and if not feasible, that other locations in the DEA be investigated, potentially beside the mountain bike trails in Kilbroney.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

AHC/108/2022: TIERED INSURANCE LEVELS FOR COUNCIL HIRERS (PUBLIC LIABILITY & PRODUCT LIABILITY)

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs K McNiff, SHEP Manager regarding Tiered Insurance Levels for Council Hirers (Public Liability & Product Liability) **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin queried whether the tiers within the report were recommended by Council's insurers or was there an opportunity that e.g. bouncy castles/inflatables could be a lesser amount than £10m. It may not be feasible to ask someone to have £10m public liability insurance just to hire a Council facility with a bouncy castle. He stated that a child could break a limb on a bouncy castle, however, they may be as likely to do the same playing sports which was not considered such high risk.

Mr Lipsett advised the insurance broker had not said which activity should be listed under each category but had highlighted, in conjunction with officers, what they considered to be riskier activities. He stated, however that it was for Council to decide how much risk it was prepared to take. The report would also be tabled at SPR however it was felt that it should be tabled at AHC also as it was likely to be the department that would be impacted the most.

Mr Tamati advised that in his experience accidents on bouncy castles happen often and it was an inherent risk regardless of what mitigating factors were in place.

In response to a query from Councillor Tinnelly, Mr Tamati advised a challenge, particularly during Covid, was that the Council's insurance policy was £10m regardless of whether it was hire of a meeting room or a fireworks display, therefore the tiered system was a better position for those looking to hire Council facilities.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to approve Appendix 1 – adoption of a tiered level of indemnity insurance for 3rd party hirers/users Council-wide.

DIRECTORS PAPERS

AHC/109/2022: ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BUSINESS PLAN

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding, Active and Healthy Communities Business Plan **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to agree the following:

- Assessment of the Active & Healthy Community Directorate Business Plan 2021-22;
- Active & Healthy Community Directorate Business Plan 2022-23

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/110/2022: PEACE IV UPDATE

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Update (**Copy circulated**)

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, Mrs Hillen advised she would circulate the list of locations for the Multi-Cultural Summer Schemes to all members of the Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed that Mrs Hillen would circulate the list of locations for the Multi-Cultural Summer Scheme to all Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor O'Hare the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed as per 2.1 of the officer's report.

AHC/111/2022: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to note the report and approve the actions for:

- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2022;
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2022;
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

AHC/112/2022 COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Co-ordination Hub. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/113/2022

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM – 19 MAY 2022

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing regarding Sustainability and Climate Change Forum (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Harte, to note the report and approve the action contained within the action sheet from the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum which took place on Thursday 19 May 2022.

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

AHC/114/2022

SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY/SPORTS HUB REVIEW

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Sports Facilities Strategy – Multi Sports Hubs Review. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to approve the following:

- The Executive Summary and Strategic Recommendations of the completed Sports Facilities Strategy - Multi Sports Hubs Review.
- To support the Strategic Recommendations of the Sports Facilities Strategy - Multi Sports Hubs Review as per 4.1 of the officer's report.

COUNCILLOR TINNELLY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE – 7.14pm

AHC/115/2022

**WATER BILL CULLYHANNA GFC/CULLYHANNA
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Water Bill Cullyhanna GFC/Cullyhanna Community Centre. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to approve the following:

- To pay a one-off contribution to Cullyhanna GFC towards the water bill.
- To appoint a contractor to carry out the necessary works to separate the water supply between Cullyhanna GFC and Cullyhanna Community Centre.

AHC/116/2022

MARKET HOUSE REFURBISHMENT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Internal Refurbishment of the Market House, Ballynahinch **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to approve the following:

- The business case contained within the officer's report for the internal refurbishment of the Market House Ballynahinch (Appendix 1 Business Case)
- To procure and appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works immediately (in advance of full council approval in July)

AHC/117/2022

UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Update on Delivery of Affordable Warmth Scheme (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in relation to the provision of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Harte to write to the Minister of the Department for Communities to investigate the possibility, in the absence of a functioning executive, of additional funding to offset the shortfall in the Affordable Warmth Scheme

COUNCILLOR HARTE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE HAVING PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AN INTEREST – 7.24pm

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

AHC/118/2022

UPDATE REPORT ON UPGRADE WORKS AT BARCROFT AND THREE WAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Update Report on Upgrade Works at Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centre (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the revised estimated costs for completion of upgrade works to Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centres from previously approved Business Case (January 2022), subject to consultation with the user groups in the centre.

COUNCILLOR HARTE RE-ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE – 7.33pm

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/119/2022 DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRO) Report (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of the report and the minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2022.

AHC/120/2022 SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the Summer Activity Programme. (copy circulated)

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, officers advised they would investigate mid-year budgets in order to operate similar schemes at Halloween and Christmas holiday periods.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the planned Summer Scheme activities within the Community Services Department.

AHC/121/2022 **POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP). (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meetings held on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 and Tuesday 24th May 2022.

AHC/122/2022 **UKRAINE ASSISTANCE CENTRE UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on Ukraine Assistance Centre. (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of the report.

AHC/123/2022 **PEACE PLUS UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 20 June 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Peace Plus. (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of the report.

FOR NOTING

AHC/124/2022 **LETTER FROM TEO PERMANENT SECRETARY RE: UKRAINE ASSISTANCE CENTRES**

Read: Letter dated 26 May 2022 from The Executive Office Permanent Secretary Dr Denis McMahon, regarding Ukraine Assistance Centres (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of the letter.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to write to The

Executive Office to request the payment of £350 for those assisting with the Ukrainian Refugees.

AHC/125/2022

LETTER FROM PRIVATE OFFICE, DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES RE: MEETING TO DISCUSS CHILD POVERTY

Read: Letter dated 25 May 2022 from Private Secretary, Louise Anderson, Department for Communities regarding Meeting to Discuss Child Poverty (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of the letter.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.38pm.

Signed: Councillor H Gallagher
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry and via MS Teams.

Chair: Councillor O Magennis (Chamber)

Members: Councillor T Andrews (Teams)
Councillor C Casey (Chamber)
Councillor W Clarke (Teams)
Councillor D Curran (Teams)
Councillor A Finnegan (Chamber)
Councillor K McKeivitt (Teams)
Councillor A McMurray (Teams)
Councillor D Murphy (Chamber)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor G Stokes (Chamber)
Councillor D Taylor (Teams)
Councillor J Tinnelly (Teams)

Non-Committee Members: Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor H McKee
Councillor G Sharvin

Officials in Attendance: Mr J McBride Director Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Ms S Murphy, Acting Assistant Director Waste Management
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

NS/085/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Owen.

NS/086/2022: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

NS/087/2022: START TIMES NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS JUNE 2022 – MAY 2023

Read: Paper recommending proposed dates and start times for

Neighbourhood Services Committee Meetings from June 2022 to May 2023. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the start time for NS Committee Meetings from June 2022 - May 2023 would be 6.00 pm.

NS/088/2022: **ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2022**

Read: Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 be noted and actions removed as marked.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORATE

NS/089/2022: **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2021-2022**

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr J McBride, Neighbourhood Services Director (Acting) re: Neighbourhood Services (NS) Directorate Business Plans. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Assessment of the NS Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 and the NS Directorate Business Plan 2022-23 be agreed.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

NS/090/2022: **PORTABLE TOILET TRIAL AS PART OF COUNCIL PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION**

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: portable toilet trial. *(Circulated)*.

Mr Scullion responded to the following issues raised by Members:-

- The need for a public convenience facility in Dundrum has to be addressed – even with the provision of a temporary facility over the very busy summer period. (Officer response - the Report was not recommending that a temporary facility be provided in Dundrum over the summer period. Dundrum had been identified in the Public Toilet Strategy as having the population that would merit consideration of having a public toilet facility and all options would be considered as part of that Strategy. Mr Scullion said there was a public toilet facility at the amenity area just outside the village of Dundrum).
- Provision of toilet facilities at Kilclief – more a case of negative feedback due to the location of the portaloo rather than the need for have toilet facilities provided. Is there plans to put the portaloo back into Kilclief over the summer period with alternative options for the location to be considered? (Officer response - the Report advised that the use of portaloos as part of the Council's provision of public toilets was not the way forward but where there was an identified short term need within a Council facility then it was an option, subject to budget availability. Kilclief was also an area where there was a Council Bye Law for no overnight parking and residents were concerned that if a portaloo was provided, it would encourage camper vans and others to potentially camp there overnight and this was something that had to be considered).
- Consideration be given at some stage to the provision of permanent toilet facilities at Victoria Locks, given the opening of the Greenway at this location and also at the Albert Basin where there was a lot of water-based activity (Officer response - locations for public conveniences would be considered on a case by case basis as part of the Council's Public Toilet Strategy)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and that the use of portaloos as part of the Council's provision of public toilets can meet temporary short term needs but is not a long-term option for providing a service to a specific location due to the cost and reduced ability to keep the facility clean. Where it is known that a particular Council facility, without its own public toilet, is likely to experience increased visitor numbers for a short duration, then the provision of a portaloo will be considered subject to budget availability.**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, that if the public conveniences at 16 The Square, Rostrevor were not re-opened in time for the Fiddlers Green Festival at the end of July, that temporary portaloo facilities be provided.**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Magennis, that officials meet with representatives of Newcastle Yacht Club to discuss the potential of an SLA to enable the provision of shared public toilet facilities at their Club premises.**

AGREED: Officials consider a request to investigate if there was adequate litter/dog fouling bins along the Greenway.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

NS/091/2022: ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Ms S Murphy, regarding update on the implementation of the Enforcement Improvement Plan for dog fouling and illicit dumping. ***(Circulated)***.

Issues raised by Members

- The number of enforcement officers was insufficient to cover the District and perhaps consideration should be given to offering full time posts rather than seasonal and part time.
- LEAMS (Local Environment Audit Management System) – NI average score 65; NMD score 64 – does this score fall short of the average. (Officer response - expecting to have the figures for 2021/22 to give an indication as to how Council scored last year this was a point that was raised through the Cleansing Workshops and it was hoped to have an increase in the Council's score across the District).
- Illicit dumping – people should feel comfortable and not afraid to make statements to the Enforcement Team on those that have been caught dumping. (Officer response - the collection of statements is a key part of the evidence that is required for a successful prosecution and it is something that the Enforcement Officers are very mindful of).
- Still not gotten to grips with the issue of dog fouling – Council was short of Enforcement Officers who should have a visible presence particularly on well used areas such as Newry Tow Path.
- Test case footpaths – small footpath leading to WIN – officers to examine this area for dog fouling.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to note the content of this update report and to agree review of key actions from the Enforcement Improvement Plan to be incorporated into a timebound programme of work for 2022/23 and annually thereafter.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 are 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 Murphy, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

(Councillor McKevitt left the meeting)

NS/092/2022: BUSINESS CASE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC TOILET STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding Business Case – implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy. *(Circulated)*.

NS/093/2022: BUSINESS CASE – PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TOILETS

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding Business Case – Provision of maintenance services for the Council's Public Toilets. *(Circulated)*.

NS/094/2022: BUSINESS CASE – ANNUAL FIXED ELECTRICAL WIRING AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING TESTING

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding Business Case for the annual fixed electrical wiring and emergency lighting testing. *(Circulated)*.

NS/095/2022: BUSINESS CASE – PROVISION OF BI-ANNUAL SERVICE OF OIL FIRED BOILERS AND EMERGENCY BREAKDOWN COVER FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding Business Case for provision of Bi-annual Service of Oil Fired Boilers & Emergency Breakdown Cover for Council Properties. *(Circulated)*.

NS/096/2022: PROPOSED LEASE OF STORAGE FACILITY FOR CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding proposed lease of storage facility for Christmas Illuminations. *(Circulated)*.

NS/097/2022: REQUEST TO SUB-LEASE THE BOG ROAD AMENITY SITE, FORKHILL

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding request to sub lease the Bog Road Amenity Area, Forkhill. *(Circulated)*.

NS/098/2022: BUSINESS CASE – MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, OTHER MARINE SERVICES WORKS AND INSPECTIONS

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding Business Case for maintenance of navigational aids, other marine services works and inspections. *(Circulated)*.

NS/099/2022: REQUEST FOR SALE OF BURIAL RIGHTS PLOTS IN COUNCIL CEMETERIES IN ADVANCE OF A BEREAVEMENT

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding request for sale of burial rights plots in Council cemeteries in advance of a bereavement. *(Circulated)*.

NS/100/2022: FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROCUREMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding Facility Management and Maintenance Procurement Action Plan update. *(Circulated)*.

NS/101/2022: WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Ms S Murphy, regarding Waste Management Procurement Action Plan Update. *(Circulated)*.

NS/102/2022: REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE BUSINESS CASE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding review of expenditure under the Business Case for the procurement of Christmas Illuminations and Christmas Trees. *(Circulated)*.

NS/103/2022: REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE BUSINESS CASE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SAFETY TILES WITH WET-POUR SURFACING IN VARIOUS COUNCIL PLAY AREAS

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding review of expenditure under the Business Case for the replacement of safety

tiles with wet-pour surfacing in various Council play areas.
(*Circulated*).

NS/104/2022: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 26 MAY 2022

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 26 May 2022. (*Circulated*).

NS/105/2022: MINUTES OF ARC 21 SPECIAL 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 MAY 2022

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022. (*Circulated*).

NS/106/2022: MINUTES OF ARC 21 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 28 APRIL 2022

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2022. (*Circulated*).

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

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

NS/092/2022 – Business Case – to support the implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed:-

- **To note contents of this report.**
- **Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for the provision of consultancy support to deliver on the objectives of the Public Toilet Strategy. Option 2 will see the appointment of the Councils nominated contractor under the SCAPE Framework to provide identified consultancy support and associated investigatory work up to the delivery of an economic appraisal**

NS/093/2022 – Business Case for the provision of maintenance services for the Council's Public Toilets

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

- **Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.**

- **Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for provision of maintenance services for Council's Public Toilets – Option 3 is chosen. Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to provide routine maintenance and provide break down cover for the Council Public Toilet Service which cannot be addressed by its own in-house maintenance team.**

NS/094/2022 – Business Case for Annual Fixed Electrical Wiring and Emergency Lighting Testing

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to:-

- **Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.**
- **Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 2 is chosen as the preferred option. Option 2 will see the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent electrical contractor who will undertake these annual tests and where required, agreed remedial works to supplement in-house provision.**

NS/095/2022 – Business Case – provision of Bi-annual service of oil fired boilers and emergency breakdown cover for Council properties

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to:-

- **Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.**
- **Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for provision of maintenance services for Council's oil-fired boilers – Option 3 is chosen.**
- **Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to provide biannual servicing of Council oil fired boilers, emergency breakdown cover and minor capital works.**

NS/096/2022 – Proposed lease of storage facility for Christmas illuminations

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to Officers entering discussions with a named Group to seek to agree the terms of a Lease in respect of a Storage Unit at Greenbank Industrial Estate for a term of 5 years at a market rental value agreed by Council's valuer. A further report to be presented to the SP&R Committee detailing any financial implications for consideration/approval.

NS/097/2022 – Request to sub-lease the Bog Road Amenity Site, Forkhill

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to Officers entering discussions with Trustees of a named Charitable Trust and the third-party commercial operator concerning the Council's lease of lands known as the Bog Road Amenity Area. A further report to be provided to the SP&R Committee on options available once these initial discussions have concluded.

NS/098/2022 – Business Case for Marine Services covering Council harbours and navigational aids

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

- Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.
- Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for maintenance of the Council's LAtNs and other marine services works – Option 3 is chosen.
- Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified marine services engineering contractor to undertake maintenance of the Council's LAtNs, other marine services works and inspections.

NS/099/2022 – Update: request for sale of burial rights to plots in Council Cemeteries

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to:-

- Based on advice from the Council's Legal Services, to enforce the provisions of the Rules & Regulations for the Control of the Public Cemeteries within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and not grant requests for the procurement of the rights of burial in advance of a bereavement.
- It is further recommended that Officers write to both parties to advise of the Council decision in this matter and the reasons for this.
- Councillors are asked to note that Officers will offer the single plot to the third party referred to in Section 2.1 above as this complies with the Rules & Regulations for the Control of the Public Cemeteries within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

NS/100/2022 – Facilities Management and Maintenance Procurement Action Plan

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it agreed to:-

- Approve an extension to the Facilities Management & Maintenance Procurement Action Plan to the 31st December 2022.
- Note that services will continue “out of contract” until new contracts are awarded and regularised.

NS/101/2022 – Waste Management Procurement Action Plan

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to:-

- Approve the progress update report.
- Approve an extension to the Waste Management Procurement Action Plan to the 31st December 2022.
- Note that services will continue “out of contract” until new contracts are awarded and regularised.
- Note procurement update concluding issues previously highlighted.

NS/102/2022 – Update: Review of expenditure under the Business Case for the procurement of Christmas Illuminations and Christmas trees

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note this report.

NS/103/2022 - Update: Review of expenditure under the Business Case for the replacement of safety tiles with wet-pour surfacing in various Council Play Areas

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note this report.

NS/104/2022 - Arc21 Joint Committee Members’ Monthly Bulletin dated 26 May 2022

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note this bulletin.

NS/105/2022 - Special Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of 18 May 2022

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note these Minutes

NS/106/2022 - Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of 28 April 2022

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note these Minutes

FOR NOTING

NS/107/2022: BUS SHELTER POLICY REVIEW

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding Bus Shelter Policy Review. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the contents of the above report.

NS/108/2022: SUMMER SEASON PREPARATIONS

Read: Report dated 22 June 2022 from Mr J McBride regarding 2022 summer season preparations. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andres, it was agreed to note the contents of the above report.

NS/109/2022: KEEP BRITAIN TIDY: CHEWING GUM FUND APPLICATION

NOTED: It was noted this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

NS/110/2022: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES 28 APRIL 2022

Read: Arc21 JC Meeting Minutes held on 28 April 2022 *(Circulated)*.

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

NS/111/2022: HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

Read: Historic Actions Tracking Sheet *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the Historic Actions Tracking Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meetings be noted and actions removed as marked.

NS/112/2022: BEST WISHES

Councillor Magennis said this was Mr McBride's last meeting as Director of Neighbourhood Services as he was leaving the Council to take up a new post. She thanked him for all his help and assistance and wished him well in all his future endeavours.

Councillor Andrews, on behalf of the SDLP Group, also thanked Mr McBride for his years of service and wished him well in his new role.

Mr J McBride thanked the Elected Members for their support, direction and advice, especially in the Acting Directorate role over the last two years, when they had gone through very challenging times, not least the impact on Covid. He also thanked his colleagues and staff who provided an excellent service to the residents of the District.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.25 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 July 2022.

Signed: Councillor O Magennis
Chairperson of Neighbourhood Services Committee

Signed: Mr J McBride
Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Extract from Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 10.00am in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry and via Microsoft Teams

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION)

P/059/2022: LDP: Planning Policy Review – Coastal Development

Read: Report dated 1 June 2022 by Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding the Local Development Plan: Planning Policy Review – Coastal Development

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Devlin the following was agreed:

- The proposed draft planning policies for inclusion within the draft Plan Strategy, and
- Authorise the development Plan Team to amend the proposed draft planning policies as necessary (i.e. subject of further consultation engagement, sustainability appraisal, and any change to overarching regional policy) and report back to Members any substantive changes to proposed policy wording or direction.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to note the LDP: Planning Policy Review – Retail:

- Agree the proposed draft policies for inclusion within the draft Plan Strategy, and
- Authorise the Development Plan Team to amend the proposed draft planning policies as necessary (i.e. subject of further consultation engagement, sustainability appraisal, and any change to overarching regional policy) and report back to Members any substantive changes to proposed policy wording or direction.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTER



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Our ref: SUB-2040-2022

Marie Ward
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Via email: Marie.ward@nmandd.org

9 June 2022

Dear Marie,

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Under Part III of Schedule 1 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, the Minister of Justice is responsible for the appointment of independent members to the Northern Ireland Policing Board (the Board). The current term of appointment of three such members will expire in November this year and a further three members' terms of appointment will expire in March next year.

Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 1 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 requires consultation with the First Minister and deputy First Minister, district councils and such other bodies as are considered appropriate before making any appointment of independent members to the Board.

I intend to launch a public appointment competition in the near future so as to establish a pool of suitable candidates from which new independent board members can be appointed. I would expect that the tranche of independent member appointments falling due at the end of March 2023 to be made from the same pool of candidates successful

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at interview. I am commencing this competition now with a view to ensuring that appointments as future vacancies arise.

In the absence of a First Minister and deputy First Minister, I am inviting comments from The Executive Office: a view from the First Minister and deputy Minister would be welcome as soon as circumstances permit.

The competition will be administered in accordance with the Code of Practice for Ministerial Public Appointments in Northern Ireland as issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland. In seeking to appoint independent members to the Board, my Department is committed to the principles of public appointments on merit, with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process.

Should you have any views or queries regarding any aspect of the process please contact Fiona Scullion, the competition co-ordinator, by e-mail: Fiona.Scullion@justice-ni.gov.uk.

I would be grateful if responses could be provided by 24 June 2022.

Yours sincerely,

NAOMI LONG MLA
Minister of Justice

Please ensure that you quote our reference number in any future related correspondence.

2030 Strategy

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Better. Connected

Leading the Transformation of
Transport in Northern Ireland

Translink has ambitious plans.

An effective and successful public transport network is vital for the economic, social and environmental well-being of our society. That's why we are committed to continuing the transformation of public transport.



Why Better.Connected?

Better...

means we will strive for excellence in everything we do. Continually improving the quality and accessibility of our services through innovation and an unwavering focus on our customers. It also means accelerating action on the climate challenge, helping to ensure a cleaner environment. If more people use public transport and active travel modes, we can reduce congestion and reduce pollution and greenhouse gases.

Connected...

is what we want for our people and communities. This means leading the development of an integrated transport network, linking services and transport modes. Connected also allows the enabling of the wider policy objectives of the NI Executive Government. We will provide the everyday mobility that ensures social inclusion. We will connect people with work, education, health, shops, sport, leisure, social and entertainment. We will connect communities and bring friends and family closer together.

Delivering the previous 5-year 'Get on Board' strategy means we have already made significant progress. We want to ensure a positive legacy for future generations, and we understand that there is still much to do.

Our vision remains to make Translink your first choice for travel, today for tomorrow. To achieve this, it is our mission to lead the transformation of transport in Northern Ireland. This strategy, covering the period to 2030, sets out how we will do it and outlines our four strategic objectives of **Continuous Improvement**, **Customer Focus**, **Climate Action** and **Connecting Communities**.

Building on the past

Translink leads a vital public service for the people of NI. We have already started a public transport transformation for a better connected, healthier and greener NI. Through the delivery of a 5-year 'Get on Board' strategy we had a clear vision to make Translink your 'First Choice for Travel'. We delivered strong results right across the business, they include:

Over 84.5 million passenger journeys in 2019, the highest in over 20 years

Removing over 70 million car journeys a year

Saving 100k tonnes of CO₂ annually

Our investment delivered notable passenger service improvements:

- Quality brands and improved services such as Glider and Urby
- New stations, including the North West Transport Hub and good progress towards the Belfast Transport Hub
- Better trains and low/zero emission buses and coaches
- Much improved maintenance capacity to keep our network safe
- Significant development and growth in park and ride usage
- An ambitious programme to create a fully integrated, contactless ticketing system.

We have shown that through a combination of investment, innovation and imagination we can:

- Help the government deliver on its wider commitments
- Connect communities and improve economic and social wellbeing.
- Encourage more people to change to more sustainable public transport modes
- Support climate action and enhance the quality of air we breathe.

Looking to the future

COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on us all. It has made us realise what is truly important in our lives. Family, community, and our health and wellbeing. It has also shone a spotlight on issues around climate and air quality. The lockdowns gave us a glimpse of a cleaner and less congested Northern Ireland.

Climate change remains the biggest threat we all face, and air pollution is a serious risk to personal health. So, an efficient, effective and popular integrated public transport network, will be vital to combat the climate crisis and to drive the change towards a healthier, more active and better quality of life for future generations.

This new strategy is aligned with Government policies as set out in the draft Programme for Government (PFG) including the NI Executives united aim 'To improve the wellbeing for all of our people'.

It has been devised within the context of the Department for Infrastructure's (DfI), Regional Development Strategy for 2035 and the Planning for the Future of Transport – Time for Change strategy and other developing transportation plans.

Our actions are benchmarked, working with Business in the Community through the CORE standard. We also closely align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to deliver a more sustainable world by 2030 and beyond.

So, it recognises how public transport can contribute to a better quality of living, a stronger economy, improved health and a cleaner environment.



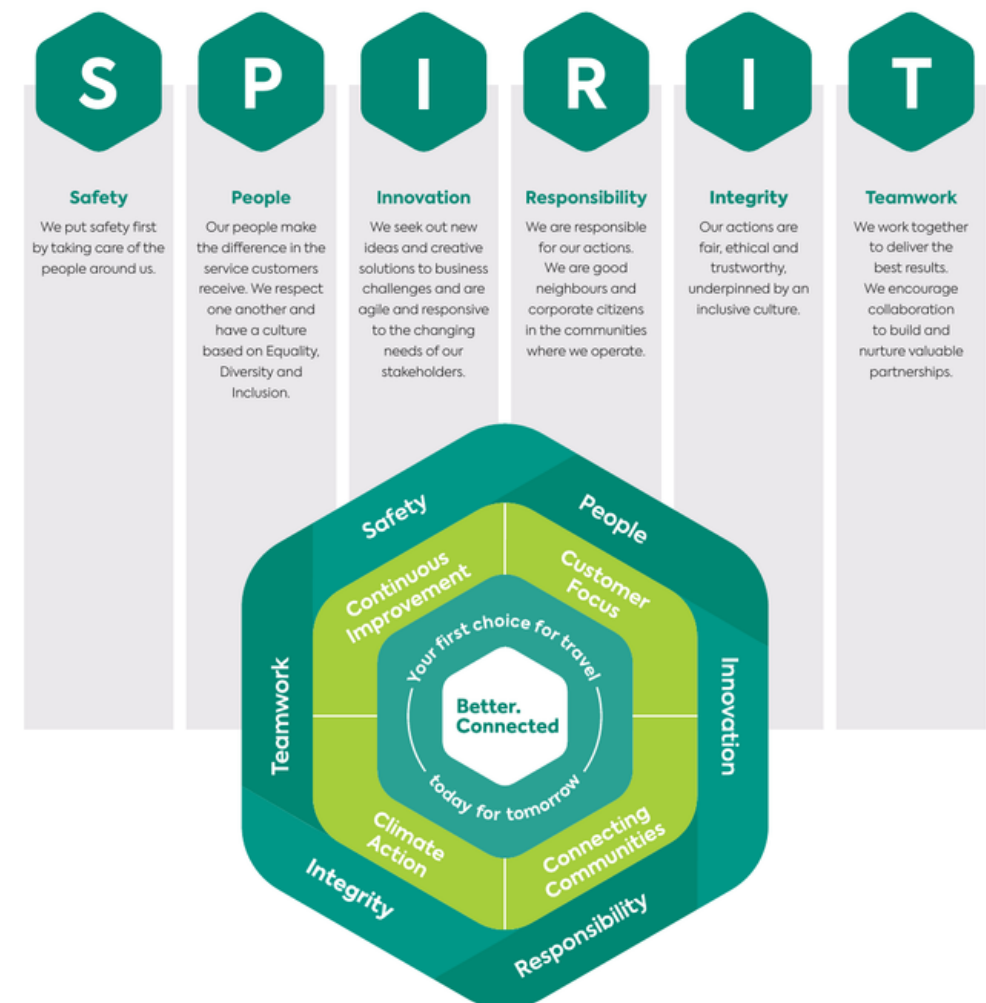
Vision — Mission — Core Values — Strategic Objectives

Our Vision: Your first choice for travel, today for tomorrow.

Our Mission:
**To lead the transformation of
transport in Northern Ireland:**
we will create the advanced public
transport services and integrated
networks which connect people
and communities, enhance the
economy and improve health and
the environment.

The Translink Spirit

Our Translink Spirit underpins everything that we do and helps ensure we are Better.Connected. It shapes our culture and the way we do things. Our people are encouraged to be respectful and inclusive of everyone, to work together, to connect with customers and stakeholders, to motivate each other and to do things better. Our Spirit guides us to act responsibly, with integrity, and innovation and to succeed in delivering on our goals and creating 'wellbeing for all'. Keeping customers and staff safe remains at the core of how we work.



Continuous Improvement

This is how we'll deliver an excellent service for all our passengers.

Our goals are to aim for zero safety incidents and set high standards for punctuality and reliability.



Even better safety performance

Safety is our number one priority. Our aim is to have zero safety incidents. We will work to ensure everyone gets home safe and healthy every day. This includes customers, employees, contractors, the public and indeed anyone impacted by what we do.

Our Safety, Health and Environmental Management System, will meet the highest international standards compatible with ISO. It is designed for continuous improvement and we will continue to create and boost a positive safety culture where all employees play a role in its successful delivery.

Better reliability and timeliness

Our integrated transport system will ensure that all the parts come together to keep Northern Ireland moving forward and on time. Our Passenger's Charter will set high standards for punctuality and reliability, with >95% punctuality and >99.5% reliability on the 12,500 services we deliver every day. We will invest in cutting edge technology to improve services, maximise resources and transform performance.

Better asset management

Our Asset Management System will meet the highest international standards compatible with ISO to support all investment decisions. We will optimise effectiveness and performance by better planning, operation and maintenance, maximising the value of each asset over its lifecycle. This will bring improved efficiency across the organisation.

Investing in our people

Our people are the face of Translink. They provide the human connection with passengers and stakeholders. We will expand our Investor in People programme, helping to create a talented, diverse and inclusive workforce, empowered with the skills to ensure they are the best they can be.

Better benchmarking and monitoring

We will embed a continuous improvement culture in everything we do through benchmarking, analytics and use of technology. We will work closely with the Consumer Council NI and DfI to independently monitor performance and deliver on our Passenger's Charter and value for money.

Customer Focus

This is how we will meet and exceed customer expectations and attract new customers.

Our goal is to deliver high levels of customer satisfaction and continually improve our Net Customer Sentiment Score.

Better customer experience

When passengers travel with Translink, we want their experience to be the best it can be. So, customer satisfaction is built into our Passenger's Charter. We have set a target to achieve >90% customer satisfaction across all our services and work to continually improve our Net Customer Sentiment Score.

Better customer information

We will continue to improve the way we provide and receive information about our services. Whether provided face to face or on-line we will ensure information is clear, easy to access and where relevant tailored and personalised. For us the customer journey will start as you plan your trip and end with the opportunity to feedback.

Better handling of complaints

When things go wrong, we will do our best to put them right and will set out in our Passenger's Charter our responsibilities and our commitments to respond to complaints.

Better facilities

We will continue to transform public transport through a programme of upgrades and enhancements. Our stations, halts and bus shelters will be attractive and high quality.

Park and Ride facilities are increasingly vital for our integrated transport network. We will plan and develop these in line with the DfI Regional Strategic Transport Network Plan.

Better fleet

We will continuously improve our fleet to deliver safe, clean, accessible and attractive public transport for our customers. Alongside daily, weekly and monthly maintenance and cleaning programmes, we will seek out examples of best practice and introduce innovative methods. Our fleet renewal programme will ensure buses, coaches and trains are leading edge and high quality. They will feature the latest technologies to deliver high levels of accessibility and customer satisfaction.

Better ticketing and fares

We will develop customer led, innovative ticketing solutions with a focus on, ease of use, integration, convenience and value. We want to use ticketing to encourage integration and boost public transport usage. As a key part of this commitment, we will roll out Account Based Ticketing/ Contactless Tap On Tap Off ticketing and continue to expand our mobile app technologies.

Every year, in partnership with stakeholders, we will review fares to deliver value for money for our customers. We will continue to innovate to offer best value with new products, fare offers, new payment options and capping fares to offer customers flexibility, integration, convenience and simplicity to attract more users.

Better accessibility

We will work to ensure our services and facilities are accessible to all. This means creating a consistent customer experience for everyone ensuring accessible public transport for people with all levels of abilities. This includes enhancements to our vehicles, station improvements, introducing new changing places facilities, upgrades to rail halts and employee training. In addition, there are exciting developments planned to advance our digital passenger information to provide easier accessible route planning for passengers.

Customer-led branding

Our brand strategy will be customer led, informed by research. We will project the Translink name more clearly. Our brands will recognise the need for consistent and positive service delivery. Our branding will aim to visually connect our modes and services across Northern Ireland.

Climate Action

This is how we will reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 and play a leading role in promoting zero emission transport across NI.

Our goal is to deliver a 50% reduction in our current emissions by 2030. This is in line with our Climate Action Pledge and using Science Based Targets.

Urgent action on climate change

Climate change is the most pressing environmental challenge of our time. There's overwhelming scientific evidence that we must act now. The scale of the challenge demands a step-change in how we live and work, and we all have a duty to act quickly and decisively to reduce emissions.

Transport has a significant role to play in reaching net zero both regionally and globally. Translink will lead the transformation and accelerate towards net zero emissions in public transport in NI. This will create a path for a healthier, greener and more sustainable future for generations to come. We will make the most efficient use of resources, driving out waste and protecting and enhancing our natural heritage.

Although we aim to make significant progress during the next strategy period, we are looking beyond 2030 and far into the future. We want to be net zero by 2040, climate positive by 2050 and we will promote zero emission technology across the transport sector.

We have been benchmarked as Platinum status in the Business in the Community Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking Survey and we will continue to benchmark Translink with the very best organisations in carbon emission reduction.

Action on sustainable infrastructure

Incorporating the potential for electric and hydrogen technologies, we will develop a rail infrastructure plan focused on decarbonising the rail network.

Our energy strategy will seek to reduce emissions for buildings, facilities and infrastructure, such as signalling and telecommunications. We aim to change the way we design, build and operate our infrastructure and assets so we can minimise our whole-life carbon and air pollution emissions. This will make an important contribution to overall emission reduction targets and look after the safety and wellbeing of our passengers, neighbours and employees.

We will enhance engagement with key policy makers (DfI Transport Plans, Council Local

Development Plans, and Department for Economy Air Quality and Energy Strategies), to shape policies and promote measures for the reallocation of sustainable road space encouraging a modal shift to greener, active and healthier travel modes.

Action on sustainable bus fleet

We will embrace zero/low emission technology and innovations to decarbonise public transport. This will build on the programme of zero emission bus replacement which started in 2021/22. By mid 2022, we will have introduced over 100 Zero Emission vehicles, (80 Battery Electric and 23 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles) - the first of their kind in Ireland. A further 38 Battery Electric vehicles are also on order to be added to the fleet in 2023. We will develop a bus procurement plan, to meet the target of net zero by 2040.

Action on sustainable rail fleet

Our rail fleet will transition from diesel to electric/hydrogen technology. We will identify and embrace zero emission technology to create a cleaner fleet with the aim to meet the target of net zero by 2040.

Our plans will align with the Network Utilisation Strategy for the rail network in Northern Ireland and the Enterprise Development Strategy developed in partnership with Iarnród Éireann.

We will engage with key stakeholders including local and central government and industry to promote and increase the uptake in zero-emission technology. This will encourage a whole system approach, reducing costs and supporting the global 'Race to Zero' campaign.

Climate Resilience

In preparing for climate changes, we are taking steps to assess, plan, design, build and upgrade our infrastructure to ensure we can operate in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions such as flooding and other impacts of extreme weather such as high temperatures. These actions will ensure it can withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions caused by climatic conditions.

Connecting Communities

This is how we will connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure and services.

Our goal is to increase passenger journeys towards 100million p.a. and aim to ensure high levels of accessibility to public transport connections in Northern Ireland.

Connecting with stakeholders

We are committed to the NI Executive's draft Programme for Government and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. We recognise the importance of working closely with our stakeholders to deliver these shared goals for the people of NI and for future generations.

Connected network development

Using the DfI's Regional Strategic Transport Network Plan as a guide we will lead the development of an integrated and sustainable public transport network for Northern Ireland, making the most efficient use of the current rail and bus network and defining future plans to upgrade the network. Our goal is to provide high levels of network coverage across Northern Ireland ensuring more than 80% of people in Northern Ireland have access to a public transport connection.

Connected services

Linking with public health policy, public transport can play an important role in encouraging active travel. We will work with key stakeholders including the DfI, local Councils, Public Health Agency and Sustrans to improve the integration of public transport and active travel.

We will also continue to review our network and refine and enhance services and timetables in line with changing demands, demographics and new travel habits. Enhancing accessibility will also be a key focus as will providing cost effective rural services to help sustain local towns across the region.

Connected infrastructure

In line with industry standards, we will maintain and enhance our infrastructure to deliver a safe and sustainable public transport network today and for future generations. This includes all aspects of our railway (permanent way, structure and signalling) our buildings, stations, halts, park & rides and shelters.

Rail Network

In conjunction with the DfI and other stakeholders we will input to the 'All Island Strategic Rail Review', to consider the rail network and to view how it can be improved for everyone. We will look for opportunities to enhance rail across NI.

We will work with Iarnród Éireann and other stakeholders to enhance the Belfast to Dublin Enterprise service, to include hourly services as soon as possible.

Bus Network

In conjunction with the DfI, we will work to promote and extend bus priority schemes, park and ride and Glider phase 2.

Belfast Transport Hub

We will work to deliver the Belfast Transport Hub and Weavers Cross, a transport led regeneration project which is a hugely important NI Executive Flagship Project and a key driver of economic growth. It will have immense environmental significance and social value for Belfast and Northern Ireland.

These network enhancements will ensure the development of a connected and sustainable public transport network for future generations.

Stakeholder Support

Tourism NI welcomes Translink's 'Better. Connected' strategy for public transport as part of a 'green' recovery to build towards their Net Zero ambitions in the years ahead. Sustainable public transport will play an increasingly important part of Northern Ireland's tourism offer as we seek to attract visitors who want to travel easily and sustainably across all parts of the province. We look forward to working in collaboration with Translink in the achievement of their goals that in turn support the further growth of Northern Ireland as a must-see destination.

John McGrillen
Tourism NI



Translink are taking Climate Action and the role of the transport sector seriously by including Climate Action and setting Science Based Targets to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 and play a leading role in promoting zero emission transport across NI. This will help transform Northern Ireland supporting the journey to a vibrant low-carbon economy that values the people and the environment of Northern Ireland, benefitting current and future generations.

Dr Jade Berman
Climate NI



NIEL would like to compliment Translink on the very positive and ambitious climate action targets... and welcomes the targets for Translink to be net zero by 2040, climate positive by 2050 and to promote zero emission technology across the transport sector.

Craig McGuicken
NI Environment Link



Across the 11 council areas, the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) knows that the pandemic has heightened the focus on accessible, quality, sustainable public transport. This will be substantially improved through collaboration across all tiers of government to deliver the transformed transport infrastructure of the future. As we continue to recover, public transport in all areas must play a key role in helping us rebuild our communities, our local economies and reconnect our people. NILGA, therefore, supports Translink's vision for the investment in, advancement and further integration of public transport services across each of our 11-member council areas.

Alison Allen
NILGA



The Institution of Civil Engineers shares an aim with Translink to drive infrastructure to Net Zero emissions at pace and to ensure sustainable, resilient infrastructure and strategic planning longer-term.

Jenny Green
ICE Director



Investment in public transport has an important role to play in economic growth. NI Chamber is therefore very supportive of Translink's vision for an advanced, integrated public transport network which supports people and businesses across Northern Ireland.

A vibrant, future-focused economy must be supported by bus and rail infrastructure, which is accessible, reliable and supports climate action goals. 'Better.Connected' sets out the kind of public transport network businesses and potential investors need to support their aspirations – actioning the plan as quickly as possible is strategically important for the region as a whole.

Ann McGregor
NI Chamber



We welcome the ambitious actions and targets... of a 50% reduction in current emissions by 2030, net zero by 2040 and to be climate positive by 2050... As consumers become more environmentally aware and concerned about how their transport choices affect climate change, they are likely to have an increasing appreciation for sustainable transport options.

Noyona Chundur
CCNI



Sustrans welcomes Translink's commitment to Climate Positivity in the years ahead, which requires a modal shift to sustainable modes. Integrating walking and cycling opportunities with public transport is vital for this transition to protect our environment.

Caroline Bloomfield
Sustrans Northern Ireland



As Translink Youth Forum members, we look forward to and support the Better. Connected strategy, as we want Northern Ireland to be better connected for all, including young people. It's important for us as young people to see engagement, community and climate at the very centre of this strategy. Alongside this, development, innovation and care must also be at the core. As TYF members, we look forward to working alongside Translink to ensure that Northern Ireland becomes better connected.

Lauren McAreavey
NI Youth Forum



COPNI welcomes Translink's' new strategy and fully supports the goals and principles set out in the strategy... COPNI welcomes the strategy's focus on 'Connecting Communities'. Loneliness and social isolation of older people is a growing source of concern for COPNI. All age groups are affected by this issue which can have a severe impact on health and wellbeing, with older persons being some of the worst affected.

Evelyn Hoy
CEO to the Commissioner for Older People NI



Conclusion

Over the next decade, the challenge for transport in NI is formidable. To rise to that challenge, Translink will be committed and consistent. We recognise how fundamental public transport is to the success of NI in so many ways. So, we know we have to deliver the change and improvements needed.

This strategy is an ambitious roadmap, setting out the vital steps and actions to deliver a sustainable mobility network for Northern Ireland. With a clear focus on climate action and air quality, it puts sustainability at the heart of decision making.

Public transport brings people and communities together and creates opportunities and choices which will be vital to make our region economically competitive, socially inclusive and renowned as one of the top locations in Europe for sustainable transport.

A better and connected NI depends upon the successful delivery of this strategy.

Better. Connected





Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

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Ms Marie Ward
Chief Executive
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District Council Offices
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Dear Ms Ward

Re: Free School Meals

At the Regeneration and Community meeting held on 10 May, Members noted correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council dated 11 April 2022.

Our Council has previously made representations to the Northern Ireland Executive asking that it introduces a scheme for all school children in Northern Ireland to receive a free school meal. The Council is satisfied that this is of similar intent to the course of action proposed by your Council.

Yours sincerely

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

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HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Dorinnia Carville
Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Deputy Chief Executive
By email

Your ref: C/057/2022
29 June 2022

Dear Dorinnia,

Thank you for your letter of 15 March to the Chancellor of the Exchequer enclosing correspondence on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down District Council, regarding energy bills support. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

On behalf of the Treasury, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to you. Many people are worried about the impact of rising prices, with the most vulnerable households struggling to make their incomes stretch to cover the basics. We have received a large amount of correspondence about this and have considered suggestions from Members of Parliament and their constituents.

We are providing £37 billion of support this year, targeted at those who are most in need. This will see millions of the most vulnerable households receive at least £1,200 of support in total this year to help with the cost of living, with all domestic electricity customers receiving at least £400 to help with their bills.

Given the time that has passed since you wrote to us, the specific concern for the Council may already have been addressed through one of the announced schemes. Attached is a factsheet detailing support the Government is providing with the cost of living, but please contact me again if there are any outstanding issues that you would like addressed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Helen Whately'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Helen Whately
EXCHEQUER SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY



GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR COST OF LIVING FACTSHEET:

Help with energy bills

The Government is providing a £15 billion energy bill rebate package, worth up to £550 each for around 28 million households. All domestic energy customers in Great Britain will receive a £400 grant to help with the cost of their energy bills through the Energy Bill Support Scheme. This money will not need to be paid back. Households liable for Council Tax in Bands A-D in England will also receive a £150 Council Tax Rebate to help with the rising cost of bills, which has already started to be paid. This support will apply directly for households in England, Scotland, and Wales. It is GB-wide and we will deliver equivalent support to people in Northern Ireland.

£650 Cost of Living payment for those on benefits

More than 8 million households on means tested benefits will receive £650. This includes all households who receive Universal Credit, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Pension Credit. Department of Work and Pensions will make the payment in two lump sums – the first from July, the second in the autumn. Payments from HMRC for those on Tax Credits only will follow shortly after each to ensure there are no duplicate payments. The Government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.

£300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment

All pensioner households will receive an extra £300 to help them cover the rising cost of energy this winter. Pensioners are disproportionately impacted by higher energy costs, and many low-income pensioner households do not claim the means tested benefits they are entitled to. This payment will go to the over 8 million pensioner households who receive the Winter Fuel Payment. The Pensioner Cost of Living Payment will come as a top-up to annual Winter Fuel Payments in November/December. For most pensioner households, this will be paid by direct debit, is not taxable and does not affect eligibility for other benefits. The Government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.

£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment

People with disabilities will receive an extra £150 to help with the extra costs they face. Six million people who receive Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance, Scottish Disability Benefits, Armed Forces Independence Payment, Constant Attendance Allowance and War Pension Mobility Supplement will receive the support as a one off payment in September. These payments will be exempt from tax, will not count towards the benefit cap, and will not have any impact on existing benefit awards. The Government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.

Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund will provide £1 billion this financial year to help households who are not eligible for other kinds of help or need further support. The

Household Support Fund helps those in most need with the cost of essentials such as food, clothing and utilities and, in England, will continue to be distributed to Local Authorities, who are best placed to direct help to those who need it most. In May 2022, The Government announced a further £500 million of support via the scheme, which will now run until March 2023. This is on top of £1 billion of support made available since October 2021.

Raising National Insurance Contribution thresholds

National Insurance starting thresholds will rise to £12,570 from July 2022, meaning hard-working people across the UK will keep more of what they earn before they start paying tax. The cut, worth over £6 billion, will benefit 30 million working people with a typical employee saving over £330 a year and, means the UK now has some of the most generous tax thresholds in the world.

Reducing NICs for lower-earning self-employed people

From April, self-employed individuals will not pay Class 2 NICs on profits between the Small Profits Threshold and Lower Profits Limit, meaning lower-earning self-employed people can keep more of what they earn while continuing to build up National Insurance credits. This change represents a tax cut for around 500,000 self-employed people worth up to £165 per year.

Universal Credit (UC) taper rate

Last autumn we reduced the UC taper rate from 63% to 55% and increased work allowances by £500 per annum. This is effectively a tax cut for the lowest paid in society worth around £1.9 billion in 2022-23. This change also means that 1.7 million households will on average keep around an extra £1,000 on an annual basis.

Cutting fuel duty

On 23 March we introduced a 12-month cut in the main rates of fuel duty for petrol and diesel of 5 pence per litre. This is the largest cash terms cut that has ever been applied to all fuel duty rates at once and represents savings for consumers worth almost £2.4 billion over the next year. This comes on top of freezes to fuel duty for 12 years in a row.

Freezing alcohol duty

As announced at Autumn Budget 2021, we are freezing alcohol duty for 2022-23, for the third year in a row. Duty rates on beer, cider, wine and spirits will be frozen in 2022-23, saving £3 billion over the next 5 years. Consumers will save 3p off a pint of beer, 2p off a pint of cider, 14p off a 75cl bottle of wine and 52p off a 70cl bottle of Scotch.

Raising the National Living Wage (NLW)

On 1 April the NLW increased by 6.6% to £9.50 per hour for workers aged 23 and over, which will benefit more than 2 million workers. This means an increase of over £1,000 to the annual earnings of a full-time worker on the NLW.

Helping people into jobs

The 'Way to Work' campaign aims to get 500,000 jobseekers into jobs by the end of June 2022. A new In Work Progression offer will also mean more low paid workers

on UC will be able to access personalised work coach support to help them increase their earnings.

Investing in skills

We are increasing skills funding by £3.8 billion over the Parliament, as announced at Spending Review 2021. Better skills help people improve their earnings prospects and support their success in the labour market.

The Warm Homes Discount

2.2 million low-income households receive a £140 rebate on their energy bills. From 2022, proposed changes will see the scheme be worth £475 million a year with nearly 3 million households receiving a £150 rebate.

Winter Fuel Payments

Providing payments of £200 for households with someone of State Pension Age, or £300 for Households with someone aged 80 or over, a significant £2 billion per year contribution to winter fuel bills.

Cold Weather Payments

£25 extra a week for poorer households when the temperature is zero or below.

Expanding the scope of VAT relief for energy saving materials

Ensuring that households installing energy saving materials such as thermal insulation or solar panels pay 0% VAT for the next five years, helping to improve energy efficiency and keep heating bills down.

Funding energy efficiency in homes and buildings

The Heat and Buildings Strategy, published in October, detailed the £3.9 billion committed over the Spending Review period to decarbonise and improve the energy efficiency of our building stock.

This included £1.8 billion targeted at low-income households to decarbonise their homes and reduce their bills through the Home Upgrade Grant and the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. This builds on more than £1.2 billion we have already invested this Parliament to support low-income households to install energy efficiency measures. Combined, this funding will improve up to 500,000 homes, saving households hundreds of pounds per year on their energy bills.

We are also taking wider action to grow the clean heat market by accelerating uptake by early adopters. This includes the £450 million Boiler Upgrade Scheme which provides £5,000 grants to support households to switch early to low-carbon heat. We are also investing £338m through the Heat Network Transformation Fund.

Separately, the Energy Company Obligation places an obligation on larger energy suppliers to provide energy efficiency and heating measures for fuel poor households across Great Britain. We are expanding this to £1 billion per year from 2022-2026, helping 133,000 low-income households annually to improve their energy efficiency.

Welfare spending

In total, the UK Government is expected to provide £243 billion of support in 22-23 through the welfare system, including £40 billion through Universal Credit and £111 billion through the State Pension. Within the welfare system, the Government is maintaining the increase to Local Housing Allowance rates for private renters on UC and Housing Benefit in cash terms in 2021- 22 and then in 2022-23. This increase was worth over an extra £600 on average in 2020-21 for more than 1.5 million households.

Help with childcare

Since 2010 the Government has doubled free childcare for eligible working parents of 3-4 year olds, from 15 to 30 hours per week, worth around £5,000 per child per year. We have also introduced tax-free childcare, providing working parents up to £2,000 of childcare support a year (£4,000 for disabled children).