

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
Development Committee held on Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 6.00pm in the  
Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**In the Chair: Cllr. W Clarke**

**In attendance: (Councillors)**

Cllr. T Andrews	Cllr. R Burgess
Cllr. D Curran	Cllr. G Donnelly
Cllr. S Doran	Cllr. G Fitzpatrick
Cllr. G Hanna	Cllr. L Kimmins
Cllr. M Larkin	Cllr. K Loughran
Cllr. D McAteer	Cllr. B O Muiri
Cllr. B Quinn	Cllr. D Taylor
Cllr. B Walker	
Cllr. H Reilly (non Committee Member)	

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive Designate  
Mr J McBride, Change Manager  
Mr J Farrell, Director of Environment, Health and Building  
Services  
Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Environmental Services  
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Technical/Leisure Services  
Mr G McGivern, Director of District Development  
Mrs C McAteer, Committee Administrator

**DC/17/2014/2014: APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor R Mulgrew, Councillor S Ennis, Mr M Lipsett, Director of Recreation and Community Services and Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance.

**DC/18/2014: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**DC/19/2014:**            **ACTION SHEET – DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 JULY 2014**

**Read:**                    Action Sheet arising from the Development Committee Meeting held on 2 July 2014. **(Copy circulated).**

**NOTED:**                Mr Hannaway confirmed that all actions had been progressed and gave an update on the following issues:-

### Review of Group Structures

- 10 out of the 11 Councils have agreed to the paper on the Review of Group Structures as approved by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon have not yet formerly endorsed it) and the recommendations in this paper will be the agreed way forward in relation to Group Structures.

### Waste Management Services in Ballyward

- Mr Hannaway will meet with Mr Wilson, CEO, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to discuss a number of issues related to waste management and a number of other services in Ballyward.

### Reconstitution of PCSPs

- Sinn Fein has now confirmed its nomination to the panel to shortlist and interview independent PCSP candidates - Councillor Ruane. The panel now consists of:-

Councillor Ruane (Sinn Fein)  
Councillor Loughran (SDLP)  
Councillor Craig (DUP)  
Councillor McKee (UUP)

**DC/20/2014:**            **NILGA TOURISM CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT EVENT – TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Read:**                    Invitation from NILGA to a Tourism Consultation Event to be held in Titanic Belfast on Tuesday 16 September 2014 at 10.00 am (free event). **(Details circulated).**

**AGREED:**                **It was AGREED that any Elected Member who would like to attend this event contact Colette McAteer with their details (up to 8 No. representatives from each Shadow Council are allowed to attend).**

## SERVICE CONVERGENCE

### DC/21/2014: UPDATE ON IRISH OPEN

**Read:** Report dated 27 August 2014 from Mr L Hannaway updating the Council on a request that the Presiding Chair of the Council sit on the Steering Group for the Irish Open 2015. A reply had been received from NITB giving details as to why they considered it would not be appropriate to include Councillor representation on the Steering Group. **(Copy circulated).**

**NOTED:** In response to queries from Members, Mr Hannaway confirmed that the European Tour representatives had agreed to meet with the Shadow Council Irish Open Sub Committee in October 2014 to update the Council on preparations for the Open. Members also said that it was essential that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council receive a similar level of funding to that which had been given to the North West for hosting the event at Royal Portrush.

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** Mr Hannaway meet with representatives from other areas which have hosted the Open in the last few years and prepare a project plan on costings and budget requirements for consideration at the first meeting of the Irish Open Sub Committee, This plan would also help the Council to authoritatively lobby Central Government for support. The opportunity for local businesses to trade and promote themselves at this event to also be considered.

**Mr Hannaway also continue to meet with the NITB regarding the promotion of this event and the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area as a tourist destination.**

### DC/22/2014: THE AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME

**Read:** Report dated 27 August 2014 from Mr J Farrell giving details of the Affordable Warmth Scheme and recommending that Newry, Mourne and Down Council formally adopt the Affordable Warmth Service Level Agreement. It was noted that the total costs of the scheme will be funded by the DSD.

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor McAteer, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hanna, to approve the above report and that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council formally adopt the Affordable Warmth Service Level Agreement with DSD.

### DC/23/2014: CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF COLOURED COLLAR IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR DOGS

**Read:** Draft Response to the Consultation on the Review of Coloured Collar Identification Tags for Dogs. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** to mark the above draft response 'noted'.

**NOTED:** In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr Farrell advised that consideration would be given to introducing an on-line application system for dog licencing but for those who did not have access to computers, the facility of paying for dog licences at Council offices would remain in place as would postal applications. Discussions were also being held with the Post Office about the possibility of providing for the payment of dog licences in post offices.

## **TRANSFERRING FUNCTIONS**

**DC/24/2014:** **TRANSFER OF OFF STREET CAR PARKING FROM TRANSPORT NI (FORMERLY DRD ROADS SERVICE)**

**Read:** Report dated 27 August 2014 from Mr L Hannaway on the transfer of off street car parking from Transport NI. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor O'Muiri, **SECONDED** by Councillor Donnelly to approve the above report and the recommendations as listed below:-

- a) The development of a **Service Level Agreement (SLA)** which would run from 1 April 2015 to 31 October 2016, with an option for extension, with DRD to continue the current operational arrangements with regard to car parks in the District.
- b) The consideration of flexible arrangements for car parking tariffs and opening hours be considered for inclusion in the SLA.
- c) Undertake a condition survey of car parks to inform future maintenance budgeting (to include in the negotiations with DRD Roads Service that a portion of the income from car parks may need to be given to the Council if the car parks require maintenance works)
- d) Members consider a policy for all car parks (town centre and at visitor attractions) post October 2016.

**AGREED:** It was further **AGREED** at the request of Councillor McAteer that the issue of an agreed Code of Conduct for traffic enforcement staff be included in contract negotiations and also clarification if the Council wanted to implement car parking charges (e.g. car park in Warrenpoint Square) who

would be responsible for installing the appropriate ticket machines.

**DC/25/2014:            TRANSFER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS FROM DETI/INVEST NI**

**Read:**                    Report dated 27 August 2014 from Mr G McGivern/Mr M Lipsett on the transfer of economic development functions from DETI/Invest NI. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED:**                It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzpatrick, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker to approve the above report and the recommendations as listed below:-

***a) Promotion of entrepreneurship and encouraging business start up:-***

- Further discussion is held with DETI/Invest NI on the need for/ content of a Memorandum of Understanding/Service Level Agreement
- Councils are asked to approve an extension to the Regional Start Initiative contract to October 2015 – by the end of September 2014.
- Chief Executives commission a review to determine the success of the current programme and agree a way forward in terms of a new programme and brand.
- Further discussion is held on the future of financial assistance to young people and residents of Neighbourhood Renewal areas who start a business through the Regional Start Initiative via the Jobs Fund initiative and is not part of the transfer of functions
- The future of the “Go for It” brand is considered as part of the review – If the RSI contract is extended to October 2015 then Invest NI will continue to use the brand to this point in time.

***b) Provision for underrepresented Groups in Entrepreneurship***

- Provision for underrepresented Groups in Entrepreneurship transfers separately to the 11 Councils and that each Council addresses this function via its Community Plan from 1 April 2015.
- The future of the “Go for It” and “Step N Zones” brands is considered separately.

***c)        Promotion of Social Enterprise.***

- The promotion of social enterprise transfers separately to the 11 Councils and that each Council addresses this function via its Community Plan from 4 July 2015.

## IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

**Dc/26/2014: FUTURE GROUP STRUCTURES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Taylor, **SECONDED** by Councillor Andrews, to discuss this item “In-Committee” due to the staffing matters to be considered.

**Read:** Report on the future Group Structures for Waste Management. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED:** It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Andrews, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker, to come “Out of Committee”.

**AGREED:** The Chairman reported that Members had been updated on the future Group Structures for Waste Management and had agreed on the timetable of reporting back to the next Committee meeting with recommendations on this issue.

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

For consideration at the Shadow Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 September 2014.

Signed: **Councillor W Clarke**  
**Chairperson**

Signed: **Mr L Hannaway**  
**Chief Executive Designate**