

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor P Byrne

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor M Carr
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahan
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes

Officials

in Attendance:

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise, Employment &
Regeneration
Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism Culture & Events
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance:

Ms C Guinness, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority
Mr K Grant, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority
Mr S McIlvenny, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority
Mr P McTernan, SLR Consulting



Warrenpoint Harbour Authority Masterplan 2018-43

April 2018



global **environmental** and **advisory** solutions

Presentation Structure

1. Introduction
2. Existing Operations
3. Economic Impact
4. Masterplan Process
 - Consultation
 - Trade Forecasts
 - Strategic Planning Issues
5. Masterplan Objectives
6. Key Deliverables & Priorities
7. Questions



Stan McIlvenny OBE, Chairman WHA
Clare Guinness, CEO, WHA
Kieran Grant, CFO, WHA
Paul McTernan, SLR Consulting

2. Existing operations

Warrenpoint Harbour is Northern Ireland's second busiest Port.

WHA is a Trust Port- operating on a commercial basis to manage maintain and improve the Harbour. The ultimate responsibility of the Board is to safeguard the asset and hand it on in the same or better condition to succeeding generations.

The Port must exercise its functions with regard to nature conservation and environmental considerations acting in its capacity as conservator of the Lough.

The largest cargo by volume is Seatruck's RO-RO traffic with a scheduled service from Heysham. The Port also handles containers and bulk and general cargo of grain, timber, steel and cement.



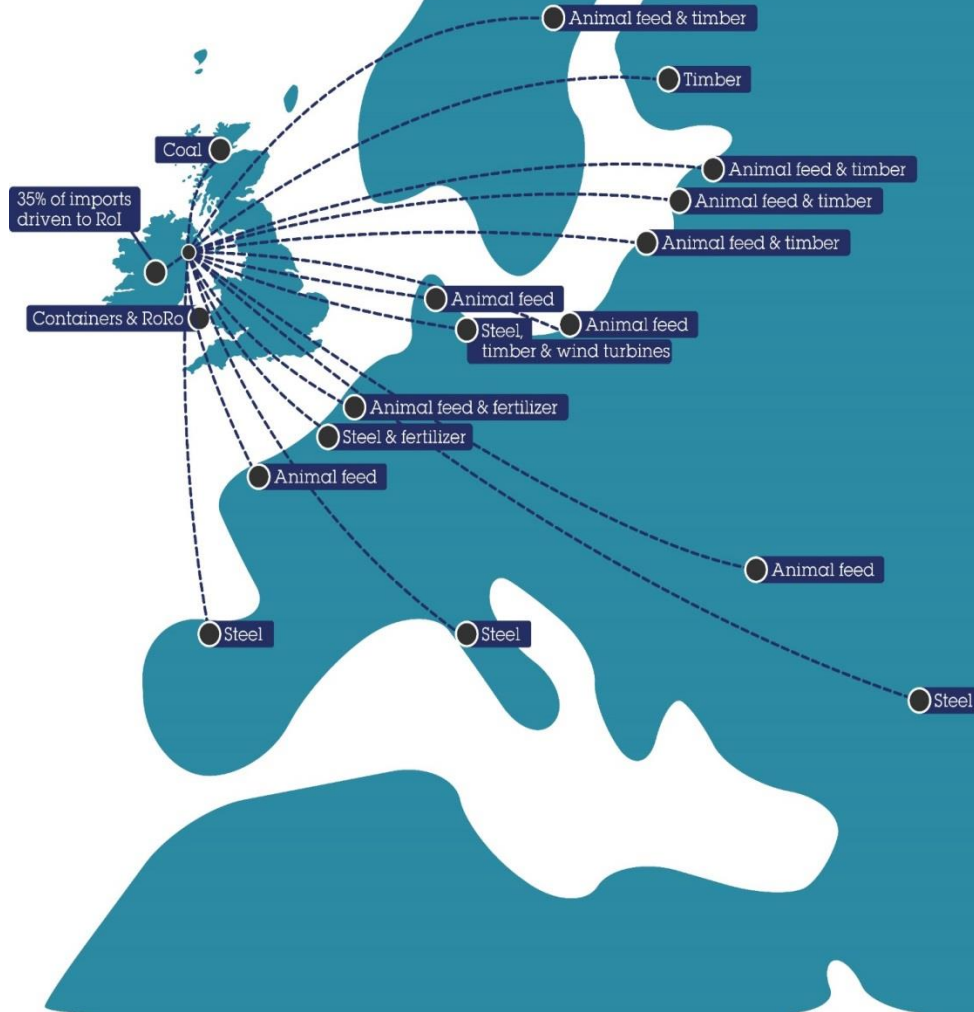
It is estimated by the Harbour Authority that up to

40%

of throughput begins or ends its journey in the Republic of Ireland.

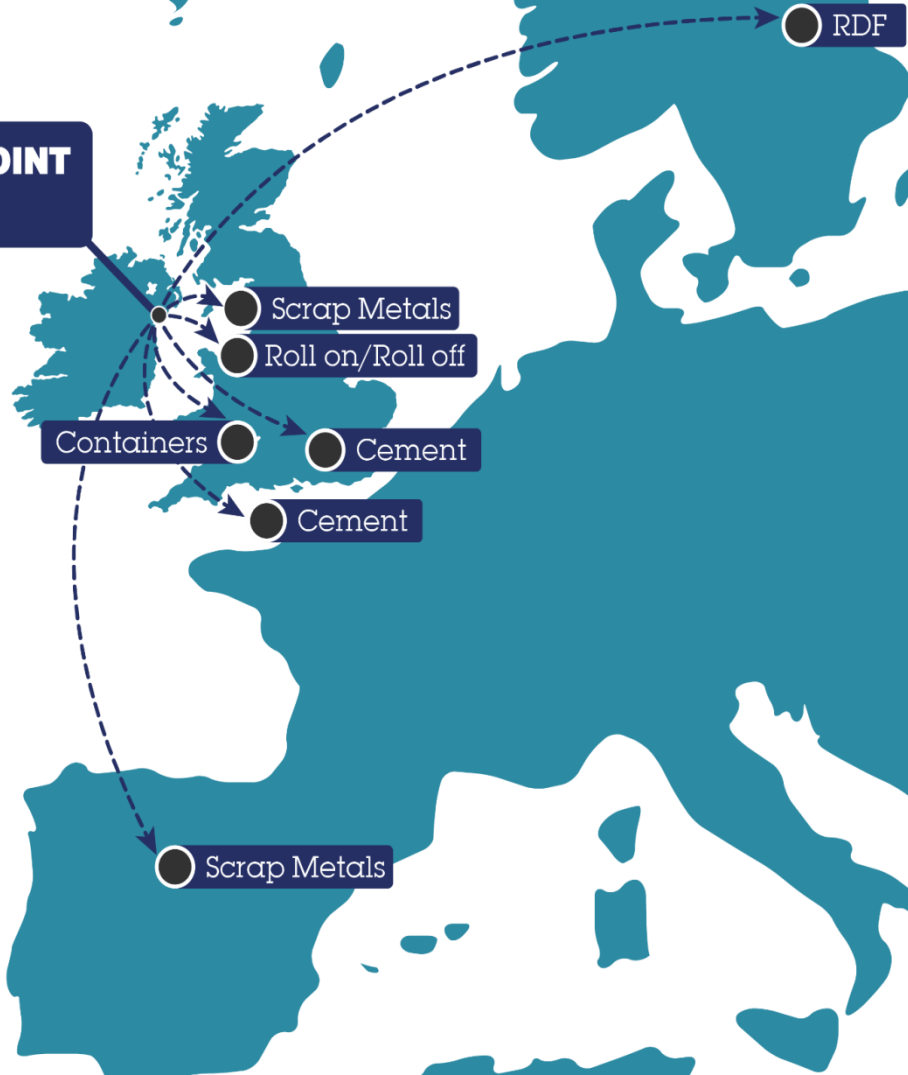


Imports





Exports



3. Regional Economic Engine

The Port handled

3.48 million

tonnes of cargo in 2016
increasing to

3.56 million

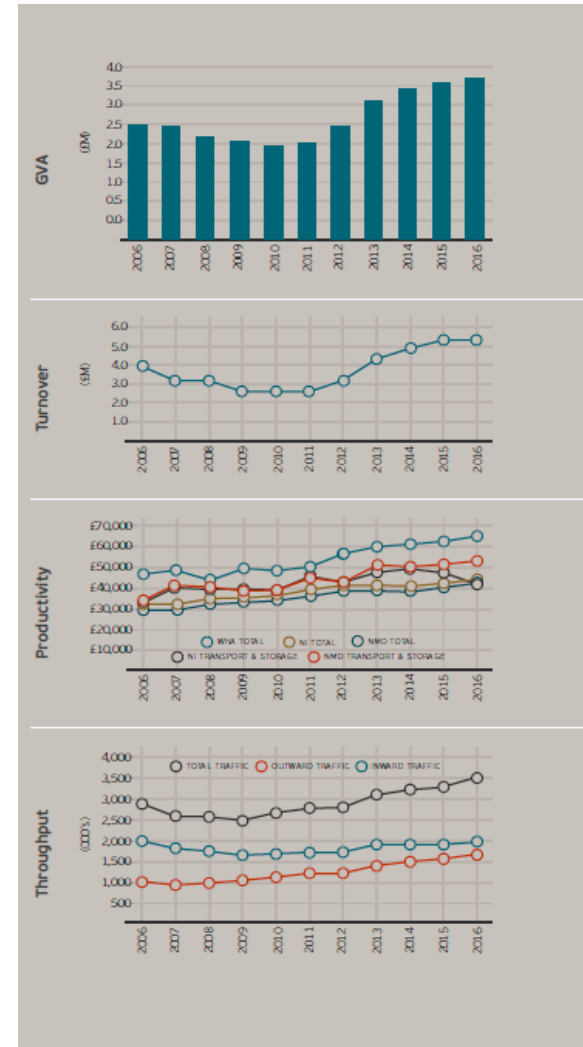
tonnes in 2017

The total throughput value
of this cargo was

£6.2 billion

Drawing economic activity to coastal and rural communities.

Each worker contributes £57,325 worth of productivity, with total earnings of £1.74million and a total company Gross Value Added (GVA) of £3.7million.



Economic Contribution

X 2.5
Jobs
Multiplier

X 2.10
Income
Multiplier

67
Number of
employees

200
Jobs
supported

994
Number of
vessels

4. The Masterplan Process

Why a masterplan?

- Sets out the Port's strategic planning for the medium to long term
- Informs stakeholders as to how the port expects to grow.
- Assists NMDDC and Dept of Infrastructure in their plans and strategies for the future

The Port Masterplan is a non statutory document. It is available for public consultation until Friday 18th May 2018.



The Consultation Process



The Port Masterplan is available for public consultation until Friday 18th May 2018.

- Adverts - Newry Democrat and Newry Reporter on the 17th and 18th April.
- Display in public libraries in Newry and Warrenpoint
- Published online on the Ports website: www.warrenpointport.com
- Exhibition at The Town Dock House in Warrenpoint on 2nd and 3rd of May 2018.

Stakeholder briefings will be ongoing in April and May

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The Existing Port

The Port of Warrenpoint offers unique access to the two largest domestic and commercial markets in Ireland.

Location Plan

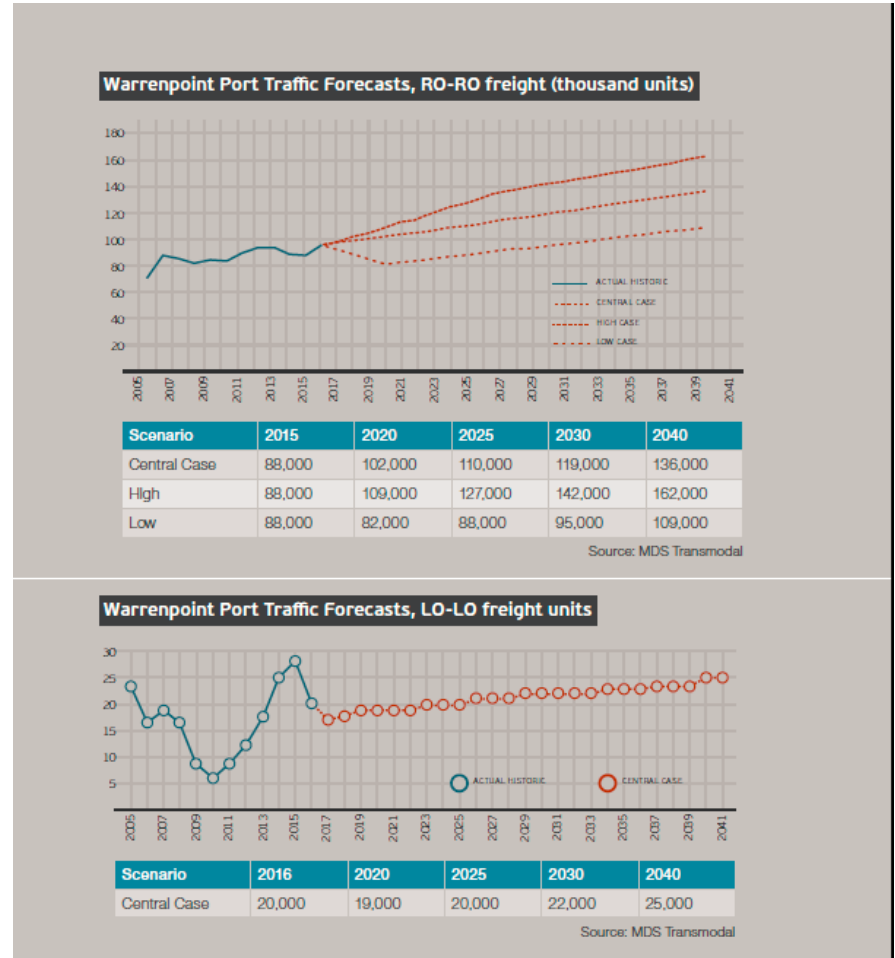


Trade Forecasts

The trade forecasts remain positive:

RO-RO (Roll on , roll off) freight. Traffic is expected to increase 55% in the Central Case and 80% in the High Case by 2040. A maximum of 8 hectares of additional storage land is required to accommodate this growth.

Lift on – Lift off (LO-LO) is restricted by channel length and the location of the turning circle at Warrenpoint. Traffic growth in this sector is forecast to increase by a lower 25% by 2040. This growth can be accommodated within the existing dockside capacity at the Port.



Trade assumptions

- Macro-economic environment in Ireland is reasonably positive:
 - Economies gradually recovering from the financial crisis, leading to port market growth
 - Economies likely to remain highly integrated with that of Great Britain
 - Main uncertainty relates to the impact of Brexit on aggregate demand after 2019
- WHA is 2nd largest port in NI & 4th largest in Ireland, but operates in a competitive market which is increasingly dominated by the deeper water ports of Dublin and Belfast
- WPA's unique selling point – its central position on the border with the Republic – may be eroded by the results of Brexit after 2019
- Port's major customer has a strong business model & is seeking a new 10 year agreement; Peel Ports investing in new berth at partner port
- Others customers requesting more storage space.
- WHA had a record year in 2017
- Key trading issues:
 - Connectivity
 - A diversified portfolio of cargoes & customers
 - Cost-effective tariff to attract customers in the port hinterland
 - Maximising the utilisation of its existing assets

Operational Review

Sea access

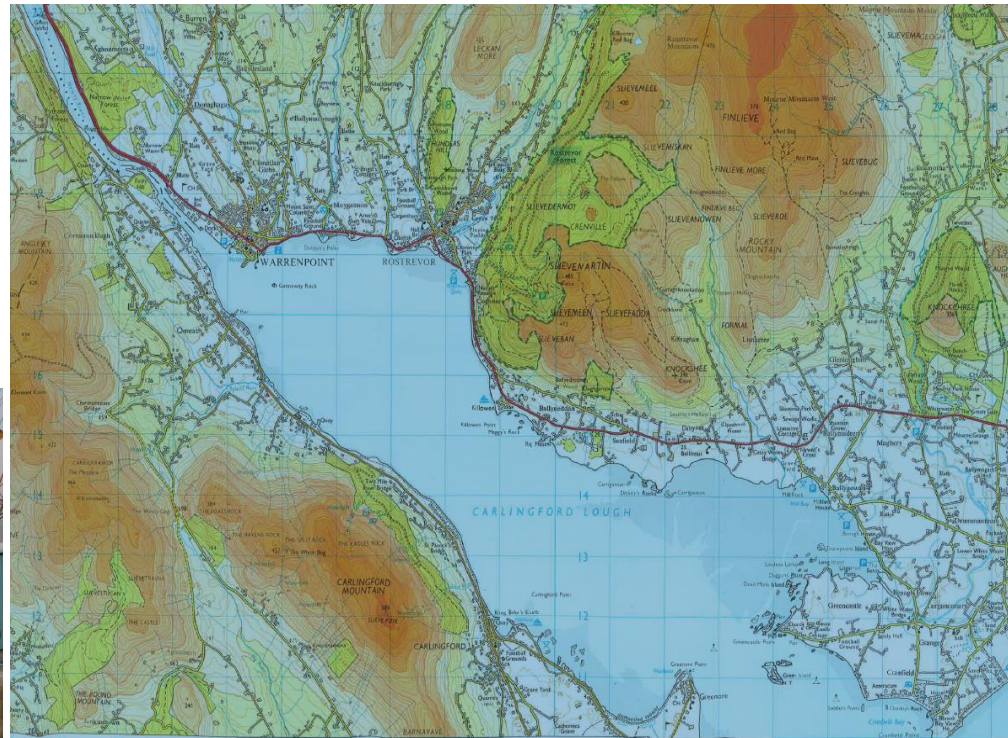
Road access

Quays

Storage areas

Cargo handling equipment

Administration and maintenance





Strategic Planning Issues...

- Resilience in the face of Brexit
- Access to the cross border hinterland- the Southern Relief Road and improved dredging regime
- Growth of a diversified portfolio of cargoes & customers
- Cost-effective tariff to attract customers
- Maximising the utilisation of existing assets within a constrained estate
- Continuous improvement, Investment and modernisation in systems and port infrastructure



5. Masterplan Objectives

1. Improve Transportation and circulation to and within the Port
2. Improve Port capacity, operations and facilities
3. Grow a diverse customer base
4. Develop and improve linkages with the town
5. Develop a long term strategy for expansion

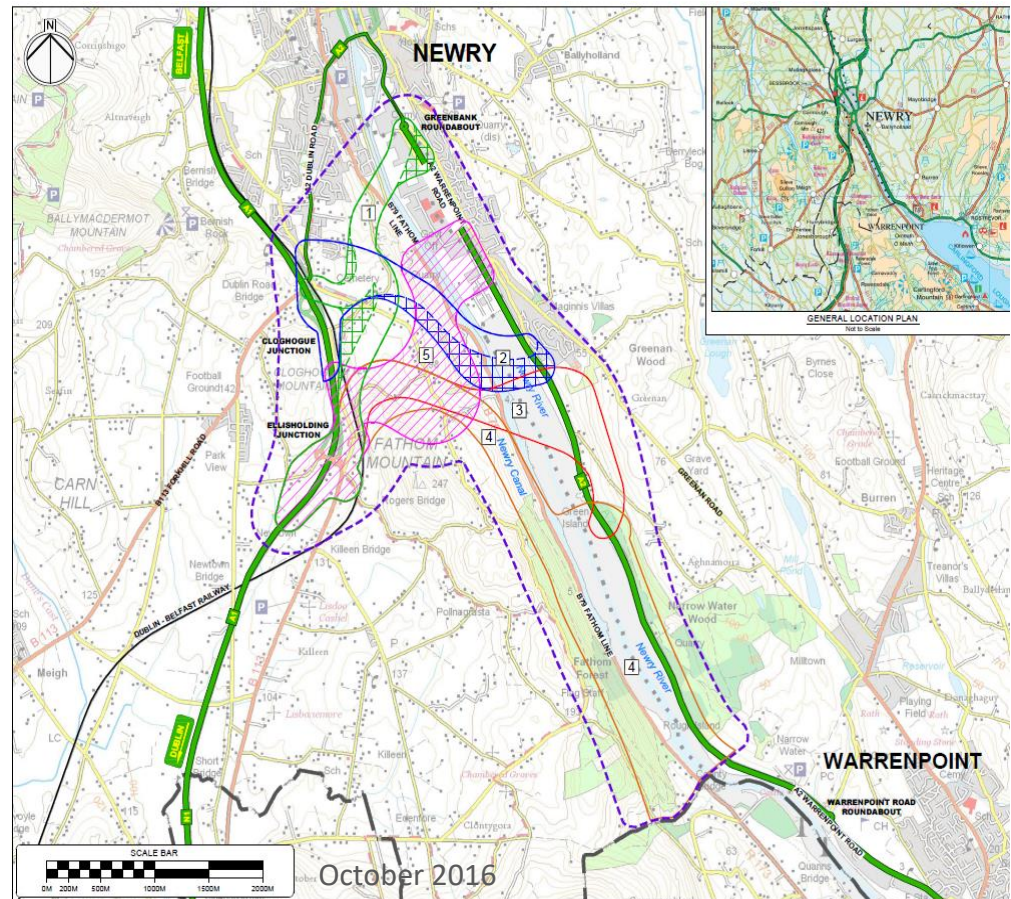
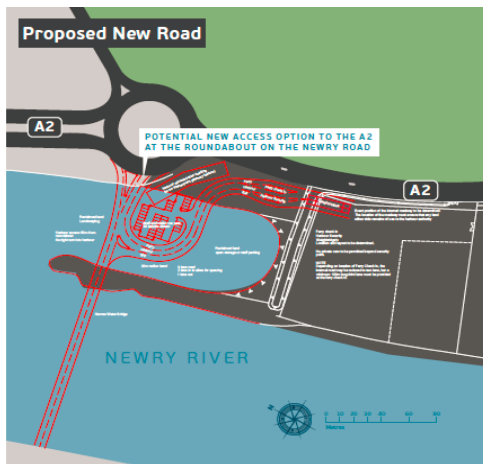
For each core objective, a series of priority projects have been identified....



Objective 1 – Improve Transportation and Circulation to and within the Port

Priority Projects

- Secure delivery of the Southern Relief Road to broaden regional strategic access
- Improve the road layout within the Port's operational area
- Traffic calming on the A2
- Develop new entrance and Port administration building



Objective 2- Improve Port Capacity, Operations and Facilities

Priority Projects

- Rationalise and increase storage within the Port's operational area, specifically addressing RO-RO storage capacity
- Increase the efficiency of the Port's operational area through land acquisition of select parcels of private land within the Port zone (this will inform revised internal road layout under Objective 1)
- Provide off-site storage, logistics and space for non-core Port activities



Objective 3- Grow a Diverse Customer Base

Priority Projects

- Enhance marine access through improved maintenance dredging regime
- Liaise with key customers to define anchor projects e.g. securing additional storage space for Seatruck
- Improve WHA management systems
- Together with staff and employees consider potential changes to existing working practices to improve customer service

One of the strengths of Warrenpoint's current business model is its diverse customer base. Maintaining diversity is key to sustaining the Port's business over the short, medium and long term allowing WHA to withstand downturns in the economic cycle as well as unanticipated economic shocks and issues arising from political decisions such as Brexit.

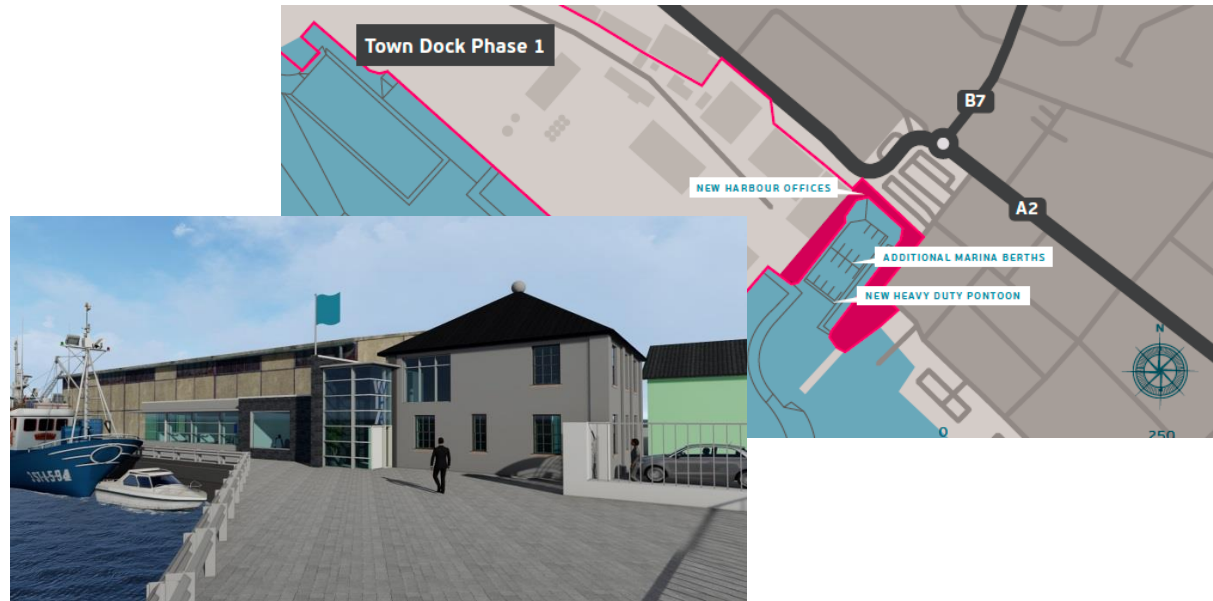


Objective 4 - Develop and Improve linkages with the Town

Priority Projects

- Relocate the Port's administration offices to the Town Dock delivering a major regeneration boost to the Town Square
- Create openings in the wall and railings to allow public access from the Town Square to the water's edge at the marina
- Provide gated security on the gangways to protect access to the pontoons
- Provide additional marina berths
- Develop the gatehouse building for offices or commercial use fronting the Town Square

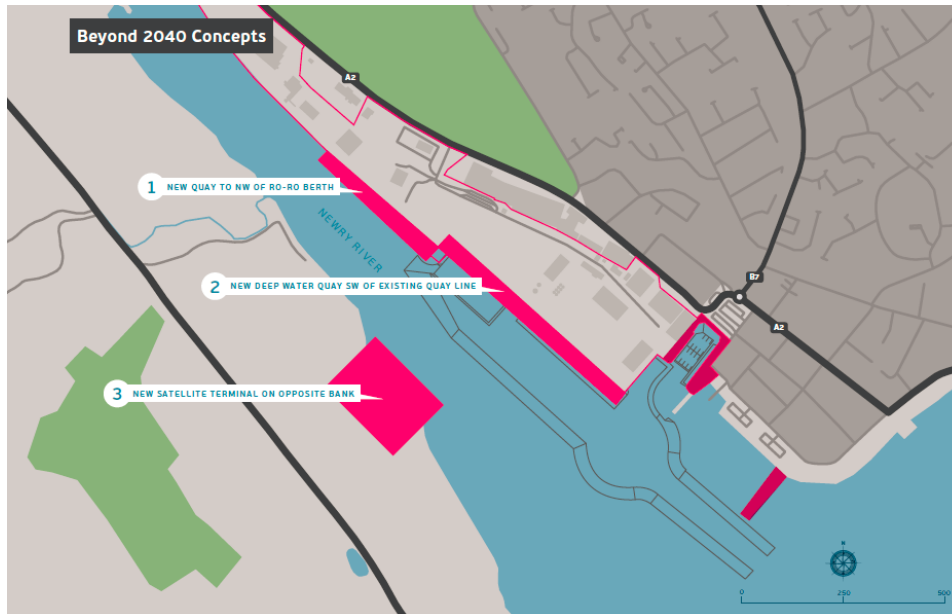
- A good neighbour -
- A responsible conservator of the Lough and environment -
- A regeneration agent working in partnership with the community to grow tourism and leisure use.



Objective 5 - Develop a long term strategy for expansion

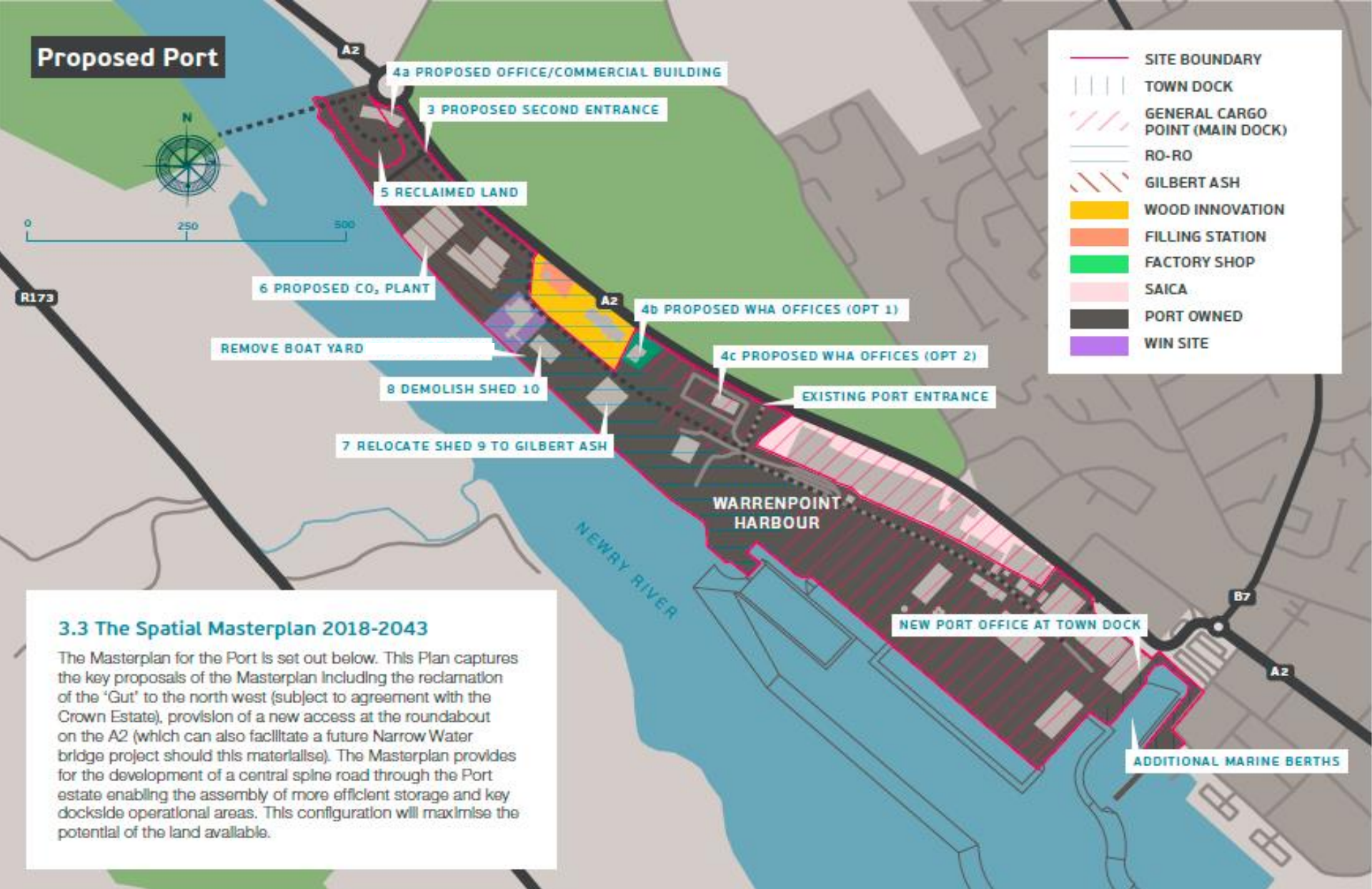
Priority Projects

- Rationalise existing operations to maximise on site storage
- Consolidate the Port Estate through acquisition of small, privately-owned, non-conforming uses with the Port operational zone
- Examine the assembly of a remote storage and distribution facility with easy access to the A1/N1 road network



1. New quay to north-west of the existing RO-RO berth
2. New deep water quay south-west of existing quay line
3. New satellite terminal on opposite bank.

Proposed Port



3.3 The Spatial Masterplan 2018-2043

The Masterplan for the Port is set out below. This Plan captures the key proposals of the Masterplan including the reclamation of the 'Gut' to the north west (subject to agreement with the Crown Estate), provision of a new access at the roundabout on the A2 (which can also facilitate a future Narrow Water bridge project should this materialise). The Masterplan provides for the development of a central spine road through the Port estate enabling the assembly of more efficient storage and key dockside operational areas. This configuration will maximise the potential of the land available.

Key Deliverables for Growth

- **Immediate assistance to fund Capex**
 - Replace aged equipment
 - Improve operational efficiency and asset quality
- **Southern Relief Road – a relief road and an economic road**
 - Elimination of a bottle neck
 - Open up Eastern side of Newry, attract investment
 - Improve supply chain & connectivity
 - Improve quality of life (less carbon, less congestion)
- **Potential revision to Dredging Licence**
 - Marine & environmental experts engaged
 - Preserve and improve marine access
 - Reduce costs
- **Support Warrenpoint Marina**
 - Pledge marine assets to facilitate Marina development





Priorities for the next 24 months

- **Capex**
- **Regenerate Town Dock**
Renovate disused building to house port offices and allow public access to town dock area.
- **Extensive site clearance**
To include demolishing redundant buildings, realigning the roadway and site preparations for new port customers.
- **Optimise port footprint & income for Growth**
Investigate potential land reclamation, prioritising port land use for port users and review / improve revenue streams.
- **Complete investigations re In-Lough Placement**
May require public consultation



Port & Brexit

Port Position

- Support “frictionless” trade
- Ensure trade continues to flow and grow
- Support improved connectivity of port to boost economic growth and help counteract potential downside
- Off site checks and clearances due to space restriction

What can we do?

- Create more space
- Obligated to provide offices for various officials
- Additional warehousing for checks
- New IT & Systems and enhanced data collation to facilitate “digital” solution such as remote checks, clearances and collection of duties

Overall Aim

Responsibility of WHA is to manage, maintain and improve the port for the future – regardless of Brexit.



Conclusions

- Masterplan implementation will have benefits regionally as port is key link in supply chain of an Island economy.
- Locally there will also be benefits such as the improvements in port/town interface post Town Dock regeneration.
- Some challenges ahead. Success of In Lough Placement is critical as is delivery of SSR.
- Appreciate the Council's support. Require ongoing support to deal with Brexit and leverage the port asset as best we can for all stakeholders.
- Build on the existing strong relationship with NMDD and continue to work collaboratively for the socio-economic development of the region.

Warrenpoint Port Masterplan 2018-43



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Questions & Discussion

In advance of official committee business, the Chairperson said he wished to recognise several local businesses which had recently secured major contracts. MJM Group had been appointed to undertake a multi-million refit of the Azamara Pursuit cruise ship and local Newry sports analytics company STATSports had secured a £1bn deal with the US Soccer Federation. Additionally, CTS Projects Ltd received the 'Plumbing and Heating Contractor of the Year' award at the 2018 NI Plumbing and Heating Awards and Kukoon Rugs received the 'Best In-house Team' award at the recent DANI Awards.

The Chairperson also wished to commend the Tourism Section and in particular Michelle Boyle for the very successful Tourism Industry Day that was held in the Canal Court on 9 April 2018.

ERT/055/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies were received.

ERT/056/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hanna declared he sat on the Board of the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

ERT/057/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018.**

PRESENTATIONS

ERT/058/2018: PRESENTATION BY WARRENPOINT HARBOUR AUTHORITY

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from Warrenpoint Harbour Authority and invited them to deliver their presentation on the Warrenpoint Port Masterplan 2018 - 2043. **(Copy attached)**

Following the presentation there was a question and answer session and the following points were raised:

- The on-going Brexit uncertainty had raised a lot of concerns for local businesses
- Ports were strategic economic assets worldwide and in the event of a hard border, WHA would compete for more trade and business.
- Although cruise ships were not mentioned in the Masterplan presentation, WHA had been involved in attempting to attract cruise businesses to Warrenpoint.
- WHA would be open to introducing Roll on / Roll off passenger ferries, however, assessments conducted didn't find any support for this from main shipping lines.
- Liaison with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was very important to ensure the visual impact of the area to tourists was not compromised.
- The proposed dredging process would need to be open and transparent
- A newly installed dust compression system would minimise potential effects on local residents
- An extensive tree planting process with indigenous trees and fencing was to be undertaken
- Modular offices to be moved to the periphery of the site thereby increasing the port's capacity and addressing any safety concerns
- Proposals had been prepared for a one way system incorporating traffic calming measures on the A2 and development of a new entrance and port administration building
- The Southern Relief Road around Newry was vital to the regions' economic success
- Sites for potential storage units had been explored locally from Newry to Rostrevor but it would be logistically better to have storage located off main motorways – A1 and N1.
- The Port Masterplan was available for public consultation until Friday 18 May 2018
- An exhibition would take place in The Dock House in Warrenpoint on 2nd and 3rd May 2018

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/059/2018: ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Business Plan 2018/19.
(Copy circulated)

Councillor Hearty raised the issue of the NISRA statistics which highlighted the deprivation in the Slieve Gullion area, Ms Ward advised this was an issue that affected other areas in the district and she said a comment could be added to the

Business Plan 2018/19 regarding general deprivation in the district.

Councillor McAteer referred to the proposed implementation of street cafes and expressed concern for partially sighted and blind people. He asked that RNIB be consulted before this would be implemented. Ms Ward advised that this section of the Business Plan would be considered by the RTS directorate but said his concern would be noted.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke the following was agreed:

- 1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to: The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19)**
- 2. To note the section of the Business plan which refers to Building Control and Regulation and Planning. This section of the Business plan will be approved at the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.**
- 3. A comment regarding the deprivation in the district to be added to the ERT Business Plan**
- 4. To note the concerns for partially sighted and blind people with regard to the proposed implementation of street cafes**

ERT/060/2018: CHAMBRE HOUSE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Slieve Gullion Forest Park '5 Star Destination'. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to:

- 1. Procure an Interpretation Consultant.**
- 2. Meet all mandatory requirements for 'Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Rural Tourism Scheme' application.**
- 3. Submit a full application to DAERA based on Option 3b.**
- 4. If successful, deliver project as set out in the application and the Letter of Offer.**

ERT/061/2018: SKILLS FORUM UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Skills

Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to:

- 1. Council adopt the report**
- 2. Officials work with Social Research Centre to develop an online survey to capture the views of a wider cross section of industry and education and complete this exercise by end May 2018**
- 3. Further meeting of the Forum be convened mid-June before school term ends to consider the combined response and agree next steps**
- 4. Council include as part of the Innovation Event in September an engagement/skill fair whereby students from across the region can learn more of the job career opportunities that exist in the District through the range of employers across Sectors.**

ERT/062/2018: RDP VILLAGE PLANS

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Village Plan: Implementation. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the following recommendations:

- 1. In order to meet pre application eligibility, to appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that are required to develop projects through design and costing stages and secure any required statutory approvals**
- 2. In order to comply with pre application eligibility requirement, to undertake procurement for the identification of preferred bidders, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works**
- 3. To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans**
- 4. To appoint Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services and contractors following acceptance of a Letter of Offer for implementation of the Village Renewal initiatives**

ERT/063/2018 BREXIT FORUM REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Brexit Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to approve a visit by the Brexit Forum members to Dublin to meet with business representatives and to approve the hosting of a "Town Hall" Brexit event in Newry in partnership with Queens University.

ERT/064/2018: DEVELOPING THE BELFAST – DUBLIN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Translink – Better Connecting Dublin and Belfast Enterprise Development Plan 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Stokes said seating availability at busy times was a problem when travelling between Newry and Dublin and suggested an improved bus service between Newry and Dublin airport be explored.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Stokes the following was agreed to

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the request by Translink for them to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service.

ERT/065/2018 WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding NI Women's Enterprise Challenge. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed that Council approve

participation in 'The NI Woman in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,162 in Year 1. Following an assessment of Year 1 outputs and impact a decision to progress in subsequent years will be brought to this Committee for further consideration.

ERT/066/2018 ESF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding European Social Fund (ESF) applications. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the payment of £10,000 for each of the four European Social Fund projects assessed (total £40,000) in the financial year 2018/19. This to be reviewed after year 1.**

ERT/067/2018: RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Clarke the following was agreed:**

- 1. Recommendation that Council approves the report which highlights potential solutions for rural broadband;**
- 2. Work with local communities and engage suppliers to ensure uptake of Gigabit Voucher Scheme regarding Community Owned Network models;**
- 3. Continue to signpost businesses and residents to future broadband initiatives and explore future funding such as Local Full Fibre Network Wave 3 (Summer 2018) to implement potential service models;**

ERT/068/2018: GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Gigabit Voucher Scheme Launch. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer the following was agreed:

- 1. That the Gigabit Voucher Scheme is promoted in areas of poor connectivity across NMD Council area as identified by the RDP Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report. Officers should engage with suppliers and rural communities to encourage multiple voucher applications to pool the value, which can then help meet the installation cost charged by the supplier.**
- 2. The following marketing campaign is recommenced in order to promote the Gigabit Voucher Scheme:**
 - **Hosting a series of community information seminars to encourage uptake;**
 - **District wide newspaper campaign consisting of advert and a press release inviting businesses & residents to explore and complete the application process;**
 - **Social Media campaign promoting scheme through NMDBusiness & NMDCouncil profiles aligning to hashtag: #GigabitVoucher;**
 - **Promotion through NMD Business e-zine;**
 - **Information to be placed on Council websites, : <http://www.newrymournedown.org> and DigitalNMD website: www.digitalnmd.org**
 - **Leaflet drop to local businesses and enterprise agencies, chambers, colleges, partner organisations etc;**
 - **Emails / Information packs sent to elected members regarding the scheme, that could be circulated to businesses.**

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS

ERT/069/2018 ARTS AND CULTURE MARKETING PLAN

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Development of a Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran the following was agreed:
Approval to tender for the services of a marketing

agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns to drive the growth of the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes, for a period of 1 year with the option of renewal for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance.

ERT/070/2018 DownTime Festival Delivery

Read: Report dated 16 April from Andy Patterson, Assistant Tourism, Culture and Events regarding DownTime Festival Delivery (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to consider and approve the recommendation to put an SLA in place with Down Community Arts to deliver key aspects of the DownTime Festival in Downpatrick (14th to 17th June 2018)**

FOR NOTING

ERT/071/2018: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding Belfast Region City Deal: Update. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note update on progress to date under the City Deal work streams, and the next steps in the development of a City Deal proposition.**

ERT/072/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Scheme of Delegation report (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation report**

ERT/073/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Castlewellan Forest Park

Task and Finish Project Board. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the contents of the report**

ERT/074/2018: SLLP UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of the report**

ERT/075/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

Read: **Action Tracker Update . (Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed the Action Tracker Update Sheet be noted.**

ERT/076/2018: MASTERPLANS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Marie Ward Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Master Plans: Progress Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

ERT/077/2018: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMMNE 2018/19

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourism Events Programme – 2018/19. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

ERT/078/2018: TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Tourism Partnership Marketing – Financial Assistance Call. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of the report

ERT/079/2018: REPORT OF JOINT LOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – NOV 2017

Read: Report of Joint Louth Committee Meeting – November 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

ERT/080/2018: LETTER FROM DfC RE SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

Read: Letter from DfC re Special Architectural or Historic Interest. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer 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/081/2018: SLIEVE GULLION COURTYARD – LEASE OF WALLED GARDEN AND SHED

Read: Report dated 16 April 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Lease of Walled Garden and Workshop. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to enter into a lease for one year subject to annual review on the basis of agreeing the terms of the lease and appropriate valuation.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

Signed: _____
Councillor P Byrne
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: _____
Ms M Ward
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee