

December 8th, 2023

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 11th December 2023** at **6:00 pm** in **Boardroom Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry.**

Committee Membership 2023 - 2024

Councillor M Ruane **Chairperson**

Councillor G Kearns **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor C Bowsie

Councillor P Campbell

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor C King

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor S Murphy

Councillor A Quinn

Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

1.0 Apologies & Chairperson's remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet : Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism - Committee Meeting Monday 13th November 2023 (Attached)

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Notices of Motion

4.0 Notice of Motion - Open Water Swimming (Attached)

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5.0 Notice of Motion - Childcare Strategy (Attached)

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6.0 Letter from Carrickmacross - Castleblaney Municipal District

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

7.0 Financial Assistance Call 3 2024-2025 (Attached)

This item is 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

📎 *ERT Report - Financial Assistance Call 3 - Sports Facility Capital Fund.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Appx. Financial Assistance Call 3 - Sports Facility Capital Fund.pdf*

Not included

8.0 File Management and Retention Contract (Attached)

This item is 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

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📄 *ERT Report - File Managment & Retenion Contract.pdf* **Not included**

📄 *Appx. File Management & Retention Business Case Dec 2023.pdf* **Not included**

FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

9.0 PEACE PLUS (Attached)

This item is 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

📄 *ERT Report - PEACE Plus.pdf* **Not included**

📄 *Appx. PEACE Plus Clarifications Memo (restricted).pdf* **Not included**

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Cllr Callum Bowsie
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Mrs Fionnuala Branagh
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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Mr Andrew Cassells
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Cllr William Clarke
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Mrs Linda Cummins
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Killian Feehan
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Cllr Doire Finn
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Ms Joanne Fleming
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Cllr Conor Galbraith
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Cllr Tierna Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Aidan Mathers
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Jonathan McGilly
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Ms Tracie McLoughlin
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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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 Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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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 Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/133/2023	(EXEMPT) DUBLIN/BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR – PROCUREMENTS	<p>1) To approve the attached business case for the procurement of a communications and engagement partner for the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.</p> <p>2) To approve that Council, appoint delivery agents to progress a research project which will seek to build intelligence and make recommendations for actions to meet needs for labour supply and demand of the corridor.</p>	A Smyth	In progress	N

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2023

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/143/2023	ACTION SHEET ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023	It was agreed to note the action sheet.		Noted.	Y
ERT/144/2023	PRESENTATION – FULL FIBRE NETWORK NORTHERN IRELAND	It was agreed to note the presentation.		Noted.	Y
ERT/145/2023	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY UPDATE	It was agreed to underwrite any spend over the approved funding envelope, subject to business case and funding approval through relevant committee.	J McGilly		

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/146/2023	NORTHERN IRELAND ENTERPRISE SUPPORT SERVICE (NIESS) SLA	It was agreed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the SLAs between Council, Belfast City Council and the delivery agents 2. To approve the collaboration agreement between Belfast City Council and Newry, Mourne and Down (subject to approval by Legal services) 	A Patterson		
ERT/147/2023	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE DOWNPATRICK 2024	It was agreed to approve that Council provide a grant offer to Downpatrick Town Committee in partnership with Down Community Arts to deliver elements of the St. Patrick's Day parades in Downpatrick in March 2024	A Patterson		
ERT/148/2023	ULSTER UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC POLICY CENTRE (UUEPC) SLA	It was agreed to approve the Service Level Agreement with the University of Ulster Economic Policy Centre as detailed in the circulated report.	A Patterson		
ERT/149/2023	ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER	It was agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee.		Noted.	Y

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 December 2023
Subject:	Notice of Motion – C/219/2023 Open Water Swimming
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson Assistant Director – Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Tourism Product Development & Visitor Experience

For decision	X	For noting only		
1.0 Purpose and Background				
1.1				<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations as set out in section 3.1 of this report on the Notice of Motion on Open Water Swimming.</p> <p><u>Background</u> At the Council meeting in September 2023 the following motion was received from Councillor Truesdale and seconded by Councillor McMurray:</p> <p>"This Council recognises the increased public interest in open water swimming and the public's strong desire for an extension of the current bathing season as documented in the DAERA 2022 review of bathing waters. Unfortunately, DAERA does not carry out water quality testing between September and May due to current regulations, leaving many swimmers unsure of the risk of bathing during these months. Council commits to testing the designated bathing sites within its district from September until DAERA testing begins again in May, and hereafter until a Minister is put in place to make the necessary amendments of the governing regulations."</p> <p>The Motion was referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.</p>
2.0 Key issues				
2.1				<p>Northern Ireland's bathing season begins on 1 June and ends on 15 September each year. The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is responsible for monitoring the quality of bathing waters. The recent review by DAERA on designating new bathing water (22/23) considered the duration of the monitoring period. The outcome of the review highlighted the public interest for extending the bathing season. Officers understand that the Department will explore with stakeholders the implications of such an extension.</p> <p>The Quality of Bathing Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 require regular testing of bathing waters. In Northern Ireland 26 sites are formally identified for water quality testing. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area has six formally identified sites and 1 candidate site. When bathing water quality fails to meet a certain standard, NIEA carries out a pollution investigation to find a possible source of the contamination.</p>

	<p>Follow-up testing is undertaken immediately after a failed test result has been confirmed. All waters are vulnerable to pollution during heavy rainfall events the likes of which were experienced in the 2023 season. A result can change within 24 hours therefore the ability to quickly access laboratory test results is important.</p> <p>Whilst open Water Swimming continues over the winter, the numbers taking part are lower with colder water temperatures, and more adverse and hazardous weather conditions experienced in the winter months. Council must consider the increased risk that may result in potentially testing bathing sites and encouraging more open water swimming outside of the designated bathing season.</p> <p>The estimated cost for testing seven locations, based on providing results within seven days of collecting a sample is estimated to be £30,000 for October to May annually. This does not include staff cost associated with displaying results, as many of the designated sites are staffed seasonally. The ability to access test-results within 24 hours will incur higher costs.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended Council engage with DAERA who have the statutory responsibility for water quality monitoring, to follow up on the 22/23 review which recommended extending the monitoring season to year-round.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The estimated cost for testing seven locations, based on providing results within seven days of collecting a sample is estimated to be £30,000 for October to May annually. This does not include staff cost associated with displaying results, as many of the designated sites are staffed seasonally. There is no allowance for this within the current budgets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> N/A</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 December 2023
Subject:	Notice Of Motion – C/220/2023 Childcare Strategy
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations in section 3.1 of this report on the following Notice of Motion.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The following motion was received from Councillor S Murphy in November:</p> <p>"This Council recognises that the costs of childcare in the North of Ireland are unaffordable for many and hard-working families are struggling every month to meet these costs; that access to childcare in this district is an issue, with providers struggling to meet demands whilst remaining sustainable and maintaining high standards of care; that parents particularly women are being forced out of the workforce leading to a negative impact on the labour market, skills and wider economic output.</p> <p>And that this Council will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to the Education Department urging them to progress a comprehensive childcare strategy without delay and call on the DUP to restore the Executive urgently so that parties can work together to make childcare a priority. • That NMD Council will commit to delivering 10 new fully registered childminders in the area through their labour market partnership scheme". <p>The motion was seconded by Councillor McEvoy.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The aim of the local Labour Market Partnership is to deliver initiatives that assist those identified as unemployed, underemployed, or economically inactive to move into employment or closer to the labour market. The Labour Market Partnership 2023-2024 is implementing a Childcare Employment Academy. The aim of the academy is to provide people living in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

	<p>area, who are currently unemployed or underemployed with a training opportunity to gain skills and the necessary requirements for entry level work in a childcare/playgroup sector. Applicants selected for training will take part in a weeklong academy to provide them with job specific training and employability skills mentoring in addition to a guaranteed interview with a local sectoral employer.</p> <p>Council is currently reviewing the strategic aims of the workforce (2024-2027) and will endeavour to include a Childcare Employment Academy in the 2024-2025 action plan. The aim will be to provide training and support for under employed or unemployed with a training opportunity to gain qualifications to enter into the workforce as registered childminders.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Council to write to the Department of Education urging them to progress a comprehensive childcare strategy.</p> <p>To note the inclusion of a Childcare Employment Academy in the NMD Labour Market Partnership Action Plan 2023-2024.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Resource implications</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Revenue budget requirements are available in the current Financial Year, and LMP budgets will be subject to approval in the 24/25FY rates process.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>5.3</p>	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><i>Rationale:</i> NA</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

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Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin
Monaghan County Council

CEANTAR BARDASACH CARRAIG
MHACHAIRE ROIS - BAILIE NA LORGAN

THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
CARRICKMACROSS - CASTLEBLAYNEY

Fáiltíonn an tÚdarás Áitiúil roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge

Ref: /JOR

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2nd November 2023

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Carrickmacross – Castleblaney Municipal District the Members unanimously agreed the following motion:

"A letter be sent to Newry & Mourne District Council in relation to coming up with funding from the Northern Ireland Executive to help complete the Ballynacarry Bridge, to benefit the area economically and also the serious safety issue with the bridge".

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

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Julieann O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer

