

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
