

At the Council Meeting held on Monday 03 October 2022 the following amendment was agreed:

ERT/151/2022: Update re: AONB and Geopark

On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Harte, it was agreed:

1. To approve the Service Level Agreement (SLA, Appendix 1) with Bluebell Lane Glamping for 2022 – 2023 at a maximum cost as outlined in the officer's report
2. To amend the SLA with ORNI for 2022 – 2023. SLA will be at a maximum cost as outlined in the officer's report for the following projects: SLA with ORNI for 2022 – 2023 for a maximum cost of as outlined in the officer's report for delivery against the below 3 projects.
 - Develop costed proposal for visitor management at Minerstown Beach.
 - Detailed visitor management survey and costed proposals for the Ring of Gullion
 - Camlough Mountain Access feasibility Study. SLA with ORNI for 2022 – 2023 for a maximum cost as contained within the officer's report for delivery against the below project, subject to funding being secured
 - Develop costed programme of upgrade, repair and maintenance for the Lecale Way

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 12 September 2022 at 6.30pm in the Mourne Room
Downshire Civic Centre Downpatrick, and remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess (Chamber)

Deputy Chairperson: Councillor D Curran (Chamber)

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

Non Members: Councillor A McMurray (Chamber)

Officials in attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration Tourism

Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration

Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture & Events

Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer

Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer

ERT/137/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor T Andrews.

Councillor R Howell

ERT/138/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

**ERT/139/2022: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 08 AUGUST 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 08 August 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 08 August 2022.

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/140/2022: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FLEXIBLE FUND (DTFF)

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the Digital Transformation Flexible Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee Surginor seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed as follows:

- 1) To note contents of Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the Digital Transformation Flexible Fund.**
- 2) To approve a contribution in the sum of £95,707 over 4 financial years from 2022 to 2026, subject to approval of business case by Invest NI.**
- 3) To approve the establishment of DTFF procedures utilising the existing FFNI delivery team resource. This is required to support the pre-development work to be undertaken and enable the first funding call to be launched in Spring 2023.**

**ERT/141/2022: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP
CHEF'S BOOTCAMP EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY**

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the Labour Market Partnership Chef's Bootcamp Employment Academy.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to establish Service Level Agreements with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College for the delivery of 2 Chef Bootcamp's against the LMP 2022-23 Action Plan at a total cost of £30,000.

**ERT/142/2022: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS VISIT
LAMORLAYE FRANCE**

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the International Relations visit to Lamorlaye North France.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to appoint the following Council representatives to attend as part of an outward trade visit to Lamorlaye North France:

- Chairperson of Council
- Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee
- 1 No. Council Officer

**ERT/143/2022: SOLACE WORKING GROUP
FUTURE BUSINESS START UP
BUSINESS GROWTH PROVISION**

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the SOLACE Working Group for Future Start Up and Business Growth. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee Surginor seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to make available a budget of £10,000 payable as required to the SOLACE Working Group for Future Start Up and Business Growth Support to enable the development of a regional programme of support focusing on prestart, start up, growth to high growth.

ERT/144/2022: WARRENPOINT BREAKWATER UPGRADE SCHEME

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Lee Surginor it was agreed to accept the following recommendations arising from the Task and Finish Steering Group:

- 1) Note the Public Consultation process that has now been completed and update the concept design as required and agreed.

- 2) Council work with Warrenpoint Burren and Rostrevor (WBR) Chamber to seek private sector feedback on the proposed Kiosks/Vendor spaces.**
- 3) Proceed to further RIBA stage 3 to complete the Economic Appraisal, undertake/update surveys and submit a Planning Application for the proposed Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme.**
- 4) Council continues to work in partnership with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority in regards the Breakwater Scheme and Lease.**

ERT/145/2022: FINNISH DELEGATION VISIT

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding a visit delegation visit to Warrenpoint on 22 September 2022.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed the Chairperson of Council host a visit and lunch for a Finnish delegation in Warrenpoint on 22 September 2022.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/146/2022: ARTISTS BURSARIES AND GRANTS

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding a series of Artist Bursaries and Individual Artist Grants to residents of the District.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee Surginor seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to establish a series of Artist Bursaries for residents in the District to attend the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, John Hewitt Summer School and an

Individual Artist Grant to further artistic practice and excellence in Newry Mourne and Down District.

ERT/147/2022: TOURISM TRADE & CONSUMER SHOWS

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding Council representation at tourism trade/consumer shows. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed Council Officers attend the tourism/trade shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry and promote the destination.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Lee Surginor 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/148/2022: DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK VISITOR FACILITIES

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Delamont Country Park Visitor Facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/149/2022: HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2022

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Event regarding Halloween and Christmas Events 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/150/2022: NARNIA EXPERIENCE – KILBRONEY PARK ROSTREVOR

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the Narnia experience at Kilbroney Park Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/151/2022: UPDATE RE: AONB AND GEOPARK

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, regarding an update on the AONB and Geopark. **(Copy circulated)**

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

When the Committee came out of closed session Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism reported on the following decisions taken:

ERT/148/2022: Delamont Country Park Visitor Facilities

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Lee Surginor it was agreed to approve the Business Case to progress development of the concept, design, outline business case, survey reports and PAD submission for the development of enhanced visitor facilities at Delamont Country Park.

ERT/149/2022: Halloween and Christmas Events

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed as follows:

- 1) To approve Service Level Agreement funding to named groups for the delivery of Halloween and Christmas Events in the District in October to December 2022.**
- 2) To issue calls for an Expression of Interest to community/development groups in Newcastle and Newry for the delivery of Halloween and Christmas Illumination Events, with Service Level Agreements to be established**

with a named group for the delivery of events utilising allocated budgets as set out in this report.

ERT/150/2022: Narnia Experience – Kilbroney Park Rostrevor

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Lee Surginor it was agreed to approve the business case to progress development of the concept, design, outline business case and PAD submission for the development of the Narnia Experience at Kilbroney.

ERT/151/2022: Update re: AONB and Geopark

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to note the Environment Fund will open for funding applications for an estimate 4 week period between September – October 2022; Officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4 year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/27, which deliver against eligible priorities identified in the AONB Management Plans developed with the AONB Partnerships during the summer of 2022.

FOR NOTING

ERT/152/2022: AONB AND GEOPARK ENVIRONMENT FUND

Read: Report dated 12 September 2022 from Mr J McGilly Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding AONB and Geopark Environment Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note the Environment Fund will open for funding applications for an estimate 4 week period between September – October 2022; Officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4 year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/27, which

deliver against eligible priorities identified in the AONB Management Plans developed with the AONB Partnerships during the summer of 2022.

ERT/153/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Sheet for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

ERT/154/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

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

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

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 October 2022.

**Signed: Councillor R Burgess
Chairperson
Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**Signed: Mr C Mallon
Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism**
