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**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.**

In the Chair: Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance: Councillor R Burgess Councillor P Byrne  
Councillor M Carr Councillor S Doran  
Councillor C Enright Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor O McMahan Councillor A McMurray  
Councillor M Murnin Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor M Savage Councillor W Walker

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in Attendance: Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy  
Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates & Project Management  
Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy  
Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration  
Ms C Murphy, Countryside Officer  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/061/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

There were no apologies.

**SPR/062/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Byrne declared an interest in item SPR/76/2018 – NMDDC V HAMILL

**SPR/063/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2018 **(Circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 12 April 2018 be noted.**

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## **CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY**

### **SPR/064/2018      “OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND” TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND. NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT**

Read:                      Report from Mrs Regina Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 17 May 2018, regarding “Out of Sight, Out of Mind” Traveller Accommodation in Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Report (copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne while welcoming the report stated the same issues were arising time and again which was very frustrating for all concerned. Councillor Byrne felt Council should consider identifying a site asset management exercise, with the NIHE, in order to resolve this issue.

Councillor Murnin queried whether the applications from travellers groups or Council would be fast-tracked through the planning process.

Mrs Carville advised special treatment was not being requested, just that any unnecessary delays would be prevented. She stated the Planning Department had been sent a copy of the report and had not raised any concerns.

**AGREED:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve the NIHRC Traveller accommodation report and recommendations, and that Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum hold a meeting with officers from Planning, Licensing, Neighbourhood Services and Corporate Policy to agree Council’s approach to addressing the recommendations identified by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.**

### **SPR/065/2018      A GUIDE TO THE RURAL NEEDS ACT (NI) 2016 FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (REVISED) APRIL 2018**

Read:                      Report from Mrs Regina Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 17 May 2018, regarding A Guide to the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 for Public Authorities (Revised) April 2018. **(Circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Hearty, Mrs Mackin advised the Corporate Policy Officer would oversee the implementation of the Act, however officers would be responsible for completing rural needs assessments.

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Councillor Byrne queried whether all committee reports would now have rural needs assessments added.

Mrs Mackin advised there would be a new reporting template in place from 11<sup>th</sup> June which would encompass a section on the consideration of rural needs.

Councillor Savage raised issues regarding the drawing of the new boundaries within the old Slieve Gullion area that now means some areas had been cut off in terms of rural funding.

**AGREED:**                               **It was agreed to note the report on the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs revised guidance document on the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.**

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

**SPR/066/2018            NAC 2018 PAYMENT**

Read:                                Report from Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive dated 17 May 2018 regarding National Association of Councillors – Annual payment.

**AGREED:**                               **It was agreed to note the contents of the report regarding National Association of Councillors annual payment.**

**SPR/067/2018            LEASE OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE TO PROBATION BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (PBNI)**

Read:                                Report from Alison Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration) dated 17 May 2018 regarding lease of office accommodation in Downshire Civic Centre to Probation Board for Northern Ireland. **(Circulated)**

**AGREED:**                               **It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Enright, that Council enter into a 5 year lease for the accommodation set out at para 1.0 with PBNI at a yearly rental of £3,250.**

### **ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

**Agreed:**                               **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to exclude the public**

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**and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

**SPR/068/2018      DEED OF CHARGE – TECONNAUGHT GAC**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – Teconnaught GAC (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:**                    **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Murnin to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para 3.1 to release the expired Deed of Charge held in respect of Teconnaught GAC lands, which was registered on 16 February 1998.**

**SPR/069/2018      DEED OF CHARGE – LOUGHINISLAND GAC**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – Loughinisland GAC (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:**                    **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 to release two Deeds of Charge held in respect of lands at Loughinisland GAC, with the charges not being released before 24 May 2018. Charges were registered on 23 June 1995 and 23 May 2008.**

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**SPR/070/2018            DEED OF CHARGE - ST PATRICK'S GAC, SAUL**

**Read:**                      Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding Deed of Charge – St Patrick's GAC, Saul (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:**                      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendations in para. 3.1 to release the Deed of Charge registered on 20 October 2010 in respect of lands at St. Patrick's GAC, Saul and also agree to the appointment of a new named Trustee.**

**SPR/071/2018:        GRANT OF LEASE TO NIE FOR SUBSTATION  
– DOWN LEISURE CENTRE**

**Read:**                      Report dated 17 May 2018 from Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration regarding grant of Lease to NIE for Substation – Down Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:**                      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Murnin, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 to lease an area of land adjacent to Down Leisure Centre to NIE to site a sub-station for the benefit of the new Down Leisure Centre, on the terms outlined in para. 2.3.**

**SPR/072/2018        REGIONAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVES' PAY  
AND CONDITIONS**

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**Read:** Memo dated 1 May 2018 from Mr Derek McCallan, Chief Executive & National Pay Local Co-ordinator regarding Regional Review of Council Chief Executives' Pay and Conditions.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to nominate Councillor Pete Byrne as the Council's nominee to participate in a regional review of Chief Executive's pay and conditions of service.

**SPR/073/2018      NEWRY DEA ASSETS**

**Read:** Report dated 17 May 2018 from Mr Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management regarding Newry DEA Assets.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Hyland, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 relating to the disposal of assets through the D1 Public Trawl process, which are those assets determined by the Strategic Projects Working Group at meetings on 24 April and 14 May 2018 as surplus.

**SPR/074/2018      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON 14 MAY 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group held on 14 May 2018

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**AGREED:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised the action sheet had been noted.

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**SPR/075/2018      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018**

**Read:**                      Action Sheet arising from Efficiency Working Group Meeting held on 8 May 2018.

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**AGREED:**                      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised the action sheet had been noted.**

**Having previously declared an interest in the next item, Councillor Byrne left the meeting at this stage – 5.55pm**

**SPR/076/2018      NMDDC V HAMILL**

**Read:**                      Report dated 17 May 2018 from Catherine Murphy, Countryside Officer regarding NMDDC V Hamill.

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**AGREED:**                      **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para. 3.1 relating to the settlement of the matter as per the Heads of Agreement provided, to include the Council bearing its own costs in the matter.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.03pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Signed:**                      **Councillor Terry Hearty**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:**                      **Dorinnia Carville**  
**Director of Corporate Services**