



February 22nd, 2023

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are invited to attend the Special Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on **Monday, 27th February 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.**

# Agenda

## 1.0 Introduction and Apologies

## 2.0 Declaration of Interests

## 3.0 Presentation from EANI

Attendees:

Esther Millar, Deputy Head of Local Youth Services

Donna Weir, Senior Youth Officer

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# Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Callum Bowsie
- Mr Caolain Boyd
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Cllr Robert Burgess
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Mr Gerard Byrne
- Mr Andrew Cassells
- Cllr William Clarke
- Mrs Linda Cummins
- Cllr Dermot Curran
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Mr Eoin Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
- Ms Joanne Fleming
- Cllr Hugh Gallagher
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Mrs Janine Hillen
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Ms Catherine Hughes
- Mr Colum Jackson
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Cathal King
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Mr Michael Lipsett
- Mrs Regina Mackin
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Gavin Malone
- Colette McAteer
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee  
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Patricia McKeever  
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Cllr Karen McKeivitt  
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Cllr Andrew McMurray  
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Catrina Miskelly  
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Cllr Declan Murphy  
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí  
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare  
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Mr Andy Patterson  
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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 Michael Savage  
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin  
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Donna Starkey  
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Cllr Gary Stokes  
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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 John Trainor  
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Central Support Unit  
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Mrs Marie Ward  
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Marie Ward  
Chief Executive



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**an Iúir, Mhúrn  
agus an Dúin**  
**Newry, Mourne  
and Down**  
District Council

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Our ref: C/027/2023

16 January 2023

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Dear Ms Long

**Re: Notice of Motion – Funding Cuts by the Education Authority**

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 9 January 2023, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

*"This Council recognises the potential for devastating funding cuts by the Education Authority on youth services;  
We accept that the impact of these cuts will be devastating for youth providers, for youth services and ultimately for young people across this council area. Youth groups are already under immense pressure and further cuts will have a detrimental impact that will be felt for years to come;  
It has been extremely disappointing in the manner in which these matters have been communicated to youth service providers and service users. The lack of clarity and effective communication has meant that Youth Groups have been left in limbo wondering what the outcome of these cuts will have on the services they can provide for our young people;  
This Council commits to writing to the Education Authority urging them to scrap any plans which cut youth services in Newry Mourne & Down and also ask the Education Authority to ensure in the absence of a set budget that maximum flexibility is shown to successful applicants regarding expenditure across budget headlines.  
This Council requests a Special Council meeting to discuss the proposed cuts by the EA, told allow us to voice our dissatisfaction and opposition to the cuts to youth services".*

There was overwhelming support from Members for the Motion and it was noted that it was an extremely serious issue which would have detrimental impact on youth services.

Council asks to meet with the Education Authority as soon as possible and would invite yourself and representatives to a Special Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2023.

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I would ask that you give this matter serious consideration and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Ward".

**Marie Ward**  
**Chief Executive**