

June 23rd, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 29th June 2026** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 NI Ambulance Service

In attendance:

Joanne Maguire - Area Manager for South

Rebecca Steele - Area Manager for South East

Attachment: NIAS Letter 25 March 26 - M Patterson - Chief Executive.pdf

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Callum Bowsie
- Mr Caolain Boyd
- Fionnuala Branagh
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Cllr Philip Campbell
- Cllr William Clarke
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Killian Feehan
- Cllr Doire Finn
- Ms Joanne Fleming
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Mrs Catherine Hanvey
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Mr Conor Haughey
- Cllr Martin Hearty
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Tierna Howie
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
- Miss Veronica Keegan
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Cathal King
- Cllr Aurla King
- Ms Elaine Kirk
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr Niall Lawlor
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Jonathan McGilly
- Mr Martin McKibbin
- Ms Tracie McLoughlin

Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Ms Patricia Murtagh
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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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Ms Maria Rogan
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Mr Conor Sage
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Mrs Amanda Smyth
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Conor Smyth
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Donna Starkey
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Mr David Telford
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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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Cllr Helena Young
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Marie Ward
Chief Executive



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**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

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25 March 2026

Maxine Patterson
Chief Executive
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)
Site 30, Knockbracken Healthcare Park
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Dear Maxine,

Health Working Groups (Newry, Mourne and Down District Council)

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held Special Health Meetings with the Health Working Group members on 5 March 2026 (Southern) and 4 March 2026 (South Eastern). At this meeting the following matters were raised, and it was agreed that they should be forwarded to yourself for consideration and response.

These matters will be tabled at the Special Council Meeting on 28 April 2026, but to allow those who may not be able to attend this meeting to be fully informed on the matters raised, I would be grateful if you forward your response in writing by 21 April 2026.

1. Provide a comprehensive update on the current position of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) across this Council area including an update on recruitment and retention of staff, particularly the Paramedic resource. Detailed information on the how NIAS are dealing with current time pressures within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area would be appreciated.
2. Having an effective ambulance service is key in the provision of health care. Have NIAS carried out a recent review of its service, including how it provides a service to hospitals in Northern Ireland? If this has been completed, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council would appreciate an update especially in relation to this Council area.

I look forward to your response on these matters.

Yours sincerely

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

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