

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/SC/

Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2015 in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In attendance:

(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor N Bailie
Councillor S Burns
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor P Clarke
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig
Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor S Doran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor K McAteer
Councillor B Ó'Muirí
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor JJ Tinnelly
Councillor W Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms C Miskelly, Head of Human Resources
Mrs C Sweeney, Assistant Director of Administration (HR)
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/16/2015 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors L Devlin, S Ennis, G Hanna, L Kimmins, C McGrath, R Mulgrew and G Stokes

C/17/2015 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

C/18/2015 **VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEME**

It was **AGREED** on the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor D Hyland, **SECONDED** by Councillor D McAteer to exclude the public and press during discussion on this matter which relates to except information by virtue of paragraph 4 of part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council.

Councillor M Larkin joined the meeting at this point – 4.30pm

When the Council came out of closed session Mr Hannaway reported that recommendations contained in report dated 19 March 2015 had been agreed on the PROPOSAL of Councillor Sharvin, SECONDED by Councillor Hyland and these related to:

- **Terminating employee contracts under the LGJRF Voluntary Severance Scheme, involving 9 members of staff with contract end date of 6 April 2015 and 4 members of staff with contract end date of 30 June 2015.**
- **The Council to take a 3 year loan to cover these costs.**
- **Approval to seek opportunities for voluntary severance to be implemented where there is a supporting business case, based on financial and managerial interests of the Council.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at **4.35pm**.

Signed:

Chairperson

Signed:

Chief Executive