

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor M Savage

**In Attendance:**

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor S Doran
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor B Ó Muíri
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance  
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, HR & Safeguarding  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/165/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor McMahon.

**SPR/166/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**SPR/167/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 15 November 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

**CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY**

**SPR/168/2018: REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINORITY COMMUNITIES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018 from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy and Ms S Rice, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer, regarding Establishment of a Minority Communities Financial Assistance Scheme **(Copy circulated)**



**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, the Improvement Audit and Assessment Report and Action Plan 2018-19 were agreed.

**SPR/170/2018:** **DRAFT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2019-20**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018 from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, regarding Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2019-20 **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, the Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2019-20 ‘supporting actions’ and ‘measures of success’, and the proposed approach and timetable for publishing the Performance Improvement Plan 2019-2020, by 30 June 2019, including authorisation to proceed with a twelve week public consultation programme between 14 January and 5 April 2019 was agreed as per Appendix 1 and 2 contained within the officer’s report.

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (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/171/2018:** **NIPSO - COMPLAINT**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman – Complaint re: Planning Permission for Dwelling **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr, to note the contents of the officer’s report and authorise a consolatory payment in the sum recommended by the NI Public Services Ombudsman relating to a complaint against the Council for maladministration.

**SPR/172/2018:** **NIPSO - COMPLAINT**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman – Complaint re: Planning Permission for Development **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Carr, to note the contents of the officer's report and authorise a consolatory payment in the sum recommended by the NI Public Services Ombudsman relating to a complaint against the Council for maladministration.

**SPR/173/2018: BUSINESS CASE – PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Business Case – Provision of Internal Audit Services **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve the Business Case for provision of internal audit services, appended to the officer's report, and choose option 2 to keep an internal audit function which is independent to the Council for the incoming 4-year period, and proceed to commence the procurement process.

**Councillors Andrews and Burgess left the meeting at this stage – 5.31pm**

**SPR/174/2018: HALF YEAR TREASURY**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19 **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed to note the Treasury Management Update Report for the Council as at 30 September 2018.

**SPR/175/2018: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT BRIDGE AT GHOST LANE, STRANGFORD**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms H Wilson, Land Management Officer, regarding proposed replacement bridge for Ghost Lane, Strangford **(Copy circulated)**

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

Councillors Ruane and Carr asked that officers investigate the footbridge at Moygallen River in Warrenpoint as although it had not collapsed it was in an extremely dangerous state and had been a state of disrepair for a number of years.

**Agreed:** Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendations at para. 3.1 that Council seek permission of Rivers Agency and relevant landowners to install a bridge, at the estimated cost detailed in the report, using finances available from Council's access budget.

Councillor Ó Muíri entered the meeting at this stage – 5.38pm

**SPR/176/2018: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed to note the contents of the action sheet of SPWG Meeting of 5 December 2018.

**SPR/177/2018: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Industrial Relations Update **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed to note the update contained within paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the officer's report.

**SPR/178/2018: REDUNDANCY**

**Read:** Report dated 13 December 2018, from Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Redundancy **(Copy circulated and collected at meeting)**

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

**Agreed:** Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to release an officer under statutory redundancy as detailed in the officer's report.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 5.50pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 7 January 2019.

**Signed:**           **Councillor Michael Savage**  
**Chairperson**

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