

August 14th, 2019

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 14th August 2019 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Civic Centre Downpatrick**

The Members of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee are:-

Chair: Councillor M Savage

Vice Chair: Councillor P Brown

Members:

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor P Byrne

Councillor S Doran

Councillor H Gallagher

Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor R Howell

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor C Mason

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor B Ó Muirí

Councillor G Sharvin

Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor W Walker

# Agenda

## 1.0 Introduction and Apologies

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from SPR Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2019

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### *Corporate Services*

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## 4.0 SPWG Action Sheet dated 20 June 2019 & 31 July 2019

 *20.6.19 Action Sheet from SPWG.pdf*

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 *Action Sheet from SPWG 31.7.19.pdf*

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## 5.0 New Civic Centre/Public Realm/Theatre and Conference Facilities. (Report to follow)

All Councillors invited to attend for this item.

1. Civic Hub - Abbey Way Site
2. BRCD Public Realm
3. RIBA 1 Theatre/Conference
4. Theatre/Conference Design Options

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### *Community Planning and Performance*

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## 6.0 Development Trust NI Public Social Partnership Project

 *DTNI report spr march 2019.pdf*

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## 7.0 Recruitment and Appointment of Independent Members to the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

📎 *Report for Aug SPR Committee -Recruitment and Appointment of PCSP Independent Members.pdf* Page 24

📎 *Letter to Council CEOs - update on recruitment and information request 2019 (002).pdf* Page 26

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### *Corporate Planning and Policy*

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## 8.0 Revised Terms of Reference for Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for period 2019 - 2023

📎 *Report on Revised Terms of Reference for Councillors Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for period 2019 - 2023.pdf* Page 29

📎 *Appendix I - DRAFT Revised Terms of Reference for Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for period 2019-2023.pdf* Page 32

## 9.0 Presentation of 2020 Annual Report/NMD Connect

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### *Corporate Services*

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## 10.0 Acquisition of Land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass

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### *For Noting*

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## 11.0 Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April - June 2019

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📎 *Appendix I - Quarterly Screening Report April - June 2019.pdf* Page 44

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### *Community Engagement*

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## 12.0 Social Media for DEA'S

Request received from Rowallane DEA

Verbal Cllr Walker

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***Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014***

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### **13.0 NI Public Services Ombudsman**

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

 ***Revised Template for report to SPR meeting 14-8-19.pdf***

***Not included***

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***FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014***

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### **14.0 Management Accounts**

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

 ***Management accounts Report to SPR 14 August.pdf***

***Not included***

 ***Income & Exp. (by Director) at 30.6.19.pdf***

***Not included***

### **15.0 Verbal Update on Chief Executive**

Verbal update from Marie Ward

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

# Invitees

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**ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 – ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.**

SPR/282/2016	Correspondence from the Department for Communities Regeneration Bill	Council to write to the Minister for Communities asking him to reconsider the decision not to progress the Regeneration Bill.	L Hannaway	To be completed once a Minister for Communities is in place.	N
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**ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018 – ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.**

SPR/060/2018	Disposal of Land where Departmental Approval is required	It was agreed to note the content of the Officer's Report relating to disposal of Council land when, under legislation, Departmental approval is required and to invite Departmental representatives to meet with Council to discuss the matter.	L Moore	This matter has concluded with a meeting with Departmental representatives having taken place at SPR in November 2018	Y
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**ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018 – ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.**

SPR/149/2018	Presentation from Department for Communities	It was agreed that officers would draw up a policy statement on submission of proposals to the Department and this to be brought back to a future Committee Meeting for Members' consideration.	F O'Connor	Following the meeting clarification was requested from DFI on any proposed changes to Departmental policy in this area. A response was received from DFI on 04/01/19 indicating that "The Department is currently considering the matter of the review of the disposal of council lands policy." This matter will be kept under review and the Committee updated when progress is indicated.	N
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**ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/066/2019	To agree starting time for SPR Committee Meetings	It was agreed that the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meetings would commence monthly at 6.00pm and that an alternative date would be sought for the August meeting.	D Services	Noted	Y
SPR/067/2019	Action Sheet of SPR Meeting held on 14 March 2019	It was agreed that the Action Sheet be noted and actions removed as marked	D Services	Noted	Y
SPR/068/2019	Participatory Budgeting: Facilitation of future Community Planning Initiatives	It was agreed that Council continue to facilitate the development of Participatory Budgeting (PB) with Community Planning partners as an innovative and effective method of community engagement and decision making. It was also agreed that vouching requirements for funded groups are risk assessed and applied in line with Council's Financial Assistance Policy, as revised in March 2019.	D Patterson	Noted	Y
SPR/069/2019	Community Planning – Governance Strictures	<p>It was agreed that Council approve the following structure for Community Plan Partnership moving forward and recommend it to the CPP in June.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thematic group for Lifelong Health and wellbeing continue to meet and progress actions around Mental Health, Transforming Health and preventing disease, Participatory budgeting, Community support partnerships and Holiday hunger</li> <li>2. Thematic group for Sustainable Environment continue to meet to progress actions around housing, asset mapping and congestion</li> <li>3. PCSP and its agreed action plan be the vehicle to deliver safer communities outcomes and CPP be updated on progress at each CPP meeting (which meets 3 times per annum)</li> <li>4. Economic/Skills Forum and Tourism Forum and their related plans be the vehicle to deliver actions on Economic regeneration and CPP be updated on progress at each CPP meeting (which meets 3 times per annum)</li> </ol>	J McGilly	In progress	N



SPR/070/2019	Chief Executive's Department and Corporate Services Directorate Business Plans	It was agreed to approve the annual review of the Chief Executive's Department and Corporate Services Business Plans 2018-19 and the Chief Executive's Department and Corporate Services Business Plans 2019-20.	J McGilly	Noted	Y
SPR/071/2019	Performance Improvement Plan 2019-20	<p>It was agreed to accept the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2019-20 Performance Improvement Plan, Consultation and Engagement Report and Objective Delivery Plans.</li> <li>The publication of the Performance Improvement Plan 2019-20 by 28 June 2019, before full Council ratification, in order to meet the statutory deadline, retaining the same objective of 'Create a cleaner greener, more attractive District'.</li> </ul>	K Bingham	Noted	Y
SPR/072/2019	Performance Audit and Assessments -Proposals for improvement Progress Report 2018-19	<p>It was agreed to note the contents of the report and accept the following Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance and Audit Assessments – Proposals for Improvement</li> </ul> <p>Progress Report 2018-19.</p> <p>The key areas for improvement over the next few years are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further embedding the Business Planning and Performance Management Framework at all levels across the organisation, particularly in relation to Service Plans and Individual Performance Appraisal.</li> <li>Developing an electronic performance management system.</li> <li>Supporting Elected Members in discharging their performance improvement responsibilities.</li> <li>Using baseline performance data to identify and deliver improvements.</li> <li>Working with other Councils and the Department for Communities to progress benchmarking arrangements.</li> </ul>	K Bingham	Noted	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/073/2019	Section 75 Policy Screening Report -Quarterly Report for period Jan – Mar 2019	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	C Moffett	Quarterly screening report and equality screenings placed on Council website and available for download	Y
SPR/074/2019	Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report for period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	C Moffett	Annual Report forwarded to DAERA on 8-July-19	Y
SPR/075/2019	NMDDC Public Authority Statutory Equality & Good Relations duties annual progress report.	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	C Moffett	Annual progress report forwarded to ECNI on 8-July-2019	Y
SPR/076/2019	Draft Access to Information Policy & Procedures	It was agreed to approve the draft Access to Information Policy and Procedure.	E Cosgrove	Agreed	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/077/2019	Request to purchase a strip of Council land at Mona View, Annalong	It was agreed that the request be refused on the following grounds: - 1. Consistency of approach. A request by the owner of another dwelling at Mullartown Park, Annalong was refused on three separate occasions. 2. The negative impact a sale would have on the value of Council's overall holding at Mona View. 3. Agreeing to the request is likely to lead to other neighbouring landowners to make a similar request, thereby reducing the size of holding.	J McMurray	Noted	Y
SPR/078/2019	NMDDC Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Return 2 Jan 2018 – 1 Jan 2019	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	A Jennings	Noted	Y
SPR/079/2019	Scheme of Delegation	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	D Carville	Noted	Y
SPR/080/2019	Delegated Authority Decision taken by CEO during Election period – Request by Kerygma	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	L Hannaway	Noted	Y

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

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/081/2019	Newry BID Debt Collection Officer	It was agreed to note the report regarding the extension of a 12-month period of the Newry BID Debt Collection.	F O'Connor	Noted	Y
SPR/082/2019	Lease of Land at Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel by Ballyvea Football Club	It was agreed that Council approve the recommendations as set out in para 3 of the officer's report to enter into a supplemental lease with the club which will change the term of the lease by including the additional 25 years which the club are entitled to under a new lease at the end of the current term; to amend the lease to remove any contractual right to a future extension of the lease beyond this time; to transfer the benefit of the lease from the trustees of the club to the newly formed limited company Ballyvea FC Ltd; and that Council's legal costs to be paid by the club.	F O'Connor	Agreed	Y
SPR/083/2019	Business case for the provision of Media Monitoring Services for Council's requirements	It was agreed that Council approve to proceed with Option 2, as per the officer's report, to appoint, through a tender process, a competent media monitoring company (supplier) which will undertake the requirements of the Council in relation to its statutory advertising. This will ensure that Council can monitor and assess the ways its policies, activities and initiatives are presented in the media and allow the Council to respond.	V Keegan	Agreed	Y
SPR/084/2019	Business Case for Valuation Services	It was agreed that Council approve the Business Case to enable the procurement for general Valuation Services to proceed.	A Robb	Agreed	Y
SPR/085/2019	Business Case to extend Legal Advisor post	It was agreed to extend the post as highlighted in the officer's report, for a 12-month period from September 2019, with the option to designate permanent subject to business need.	A Robb	Agreed	Y



SPR/086/2019	Debt Write off 31 March 2019	It was agreed that Council approve the writing-off of £1009.50 bad debt, which has been included in the Bad Debt provision on the Council's Balance Sheet as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019.	B Phillips	Agreed	Y
SPR/087/2019	Moorhill Former Refuse Site – Expression of Interest	It was agreed that Council consider the expression of interest from Mountaineering Ireland, and agree to pass same to AHC – Leisure Services for consideration, and to agree to delay the private sector sale pending the outcome of the assessment of the Expression of Interest by AHC.	C Mallon	Agreed	Y
SPR/088/2019	Dorinnia Carville to sit as Independent Member of the Audit Committee of Tourism NI in a Voluntary Capacity	It was agreed to permit Mrs Dorinnia Carville to sit as Independent Member of the Audit Committee of Tourism NI in a voluntary capacity.	D Carville	Noted	Y
SPR/089/2019	Transfer of Portion of land at Church Street Car Park, Downpatrick	It was agreed that Council approve the transfer of the site outlined in the officer's report to the bar owner at a nominal value; and to charge the Council's legal costs and outlay to the bar owner.	F O'Connor	Noted	Y
SPR/090/2019	Management Accounts	It was agreed to note the Management Accounts to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019.	K Montgomery	Noted	Y
SPR/091/2019	Action Sheet – Albert Basin Task & Finish Group 12 March 2019	It was agreed to note the contents of action sheet of Albert Basin Task & Finish Working Group Management Accounts to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019.	D Services	Noted	Y
SPR/092/2019	Rates Support Grant (RSG) Letter	It was agreed to note the contents of the letter sent to the Department for Communities from the Chief Executive regarding Rates Support Grant and to invite Land and Property Services to Special Council meeting.	D Services	Noted	Y

**STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**  
**SEAN HOLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY**

<p>In attendance: Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration &amp; Tourism                  Graeme Ogle, Hamilton Architects                  Gavin Morgan, Hamilton Architects                  Adrian Grimshaw, Project Director, Newry Civic Centre                  Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration &amp; Tourism                  Catherine Hanvey, PA</p>	<p>Councillor H Harvey                  Councillor W Clarke                  Councillor G Stokes                  Councillor R Burgess</p>
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<p>Also in Attendance:</p>	<p>Councillor V Harte                  Councillor M Ruane                  Councillor M Larkin                  Councillor D Taylor</p>
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<p>Apologies:                  Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive                  Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services                  Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Health Communities                  Roland Moore, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services</p>	<p>Councillor L Kimmins                  Councillor C Mason                  Councillor T Andrews                  All other invited Councillors</p>
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**Declarations of Interest:** None

**AGREED:** Meeting chaired by Councillor H. Harvey

**AGREED:** N/A

**ACTIONS ARISING:**

Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
Report re Newry City Centre Regeneration Project – Theatre/Conference	<p>Members asked to note the contents of the report and to consider either partial or full demolition of Sean Holywood Arts Centre.</p> <p>Presentation given by Graeme Ogle from Hamilton Architects in relation to plans for Newry Civic Centre Theatre/Conference.</p>	MW	Members agreed to the recommendation in report. Report to be brought to SP&R on 14 <sup>th</sup> August.	
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**STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2019 4.30PM**  
**THE CARROLL GALLERY, SEAN HOLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY**

In attendance: Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism	Councillor C Casey
Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities	Councillor W Clarke
Conor Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates and Capital Projects	Councillor H Harvey
Adrian Grimshaw, Project Director	Councillor C Mason
Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events	Councillor T Andrews
Martin Robinson, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration	Councillor R Burgess
Paul Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport	Councillor V Harte
Graeme Ogle, Hamilton Architects	Councillor P Byrne
Anthony McGuigan, The Paul Hogarth Company	Councillor D McAteer
Nicola Donnelly, Hamilton Architects	Councillor J Tinnelly
Mark Priestly, Hamilton Architects	Councillor M Larkin
Gavin Morgan, Edmond Shipway	
Catherine Hanvey, PA	Councillor K McKevitt
Apologies:	
Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive	
Roland Moore, Interim Director of Regulatory and Technical Services	Councillor G Stokes
Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services	Councillor L Kimmins
	Councillor M Savage
	Councillor G O'Hare
	Councillor O Magennis

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**AGREED:** Meeting chaired by Councillor C. Casey

**ACTIONS ARISING:**

Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
Albert Basin Park – Land Quality Assessment	Members asked to note the findings of the up- dated report re conclusions of the Land Quality Assessment completed for the Albert Basin site.	CM	<p>Agreed that officers would try to arrange a meeting with experts who prepared report and Councillors prior to next Albert Basin T &amp; F Group meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August to discuss findings further.</p> <p>If this is not possible a meeting as soon after 13<sup>th</sup> August will be arranged. Albert Basin T &amp; F Group to be advised, at meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August, of the planned meeting.</p>	

Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
City Centre Regeneration Progress update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Realm – Anthony McGuigan Presentation showing overview of public realm potential shown to members.</li> <li>2. Theatre/Conference Stage 1 –Nicola Donnelly Presentation showing 2 options:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Part demolition of SHAC, new build &amp; bridge structure to Town Hall;</li> <li>b. Demolition of SHAC, new build and link to Town Hall.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Civic Hub – Mark Priestly Presentation showing suggested site at Abbey Way with two options for construction of same.</li> </ol>	MW	Future work to be carried out on reports and meeting of councillors and consultants to be arranged.	
END				

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	City Centre Regeneration Project Civic Hub Abbey Way Site
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Marie Ward Director - Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Adrian Grimshaw Project Director

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 set out as one of the key actions the establishment of a new Civic Centre for Newry to help attain a number of strategic objectives.</p> <p>The City Centre Investment Strategy was concluded in August 2016, the CCR Strategic Outline Case approved in August 2019, and an Integrated Consultant (Design) Team was appointed in April 2019.</p> <p>The CCR programme of proposed works includes provision of an enhanced Theatre/ Conferencing centre, a Civic Hub, associated public realm, potential further investments related to a new hotel and/ or additional Grade A office accommodation.</p> <p>This report relates to the proposed selection of Abbey Way as the location for the Civic Hub and associated public realm works.</p> <p>The recommendation made within this report was presented to the Special Projects Working Group on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and agreed for presentation to and discussion at the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>Over the course of 2018 and 2019 Council officers have maintained an analysis of potential sites for the Civic Hub, scoring each potential site against a range of weighted factors in order to rank potential sites in order of preference. The factors considered include the sites ease of access, regulatory and sustainability considerations, the sites availability for development within targeted 2021 timetable, and critically, the sites regenerative impact on the historic city core.</p> <p>The Abbey Way site comprising the two-level car park and Lower Water Street surface car park is the highest scoring site within Councils estate.</p> <p>Council officers and the Integrated Consultant Team undertook a further soft market engagement process in June 2019, with the express intent of identifying</p>

	<p>any further suitable city core sites for the Civic Hub. Adverts were placed in five local papers inviting participation in mid-May, and following a number of expressions of interest seeking further information, no additional sites or strong leads for potential sites were identified.</p> <p>In accordance with the analysis performed, it is proposed the Abbey Way site is selected as the location for the Civic Hub due to its;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- historic city core location and anticipated regenerative impact;</li> <li>- proximity to Abbey Way as key transport linkage;</li> <li>- proximity to Newry cathedral and opportunity to place make;</li> <li>- ability to link through to Hill Street and wider Public Realm proposals;</li> <li>- availability for development.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To note the contents of this report and to approve the recommendation that Abbey Way site is selected as the location for the Civic Hub and associated public realm works.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	£20 Million allowance has been made within the Capital Budget.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	I confirm due regard to rural needs has been considered, and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	N/A
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	N/A

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	City Centre Regeneration Project BRCD Public Realm
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Marie Ward Director - Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Adrian Grimshaw Project Director

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 set out as one of the key actions the establishment of a new Civic Centre for Newry to help attain a number of strategic objectives.</p> <p>The City Centre Investment Strategy was concluded in August 2016, the CCR Strategic Outline Case approved in August 2019, and Integrated Consultant (Design) Team's were appointed in April 2019.</p> <p>The CCR programme of proposed works includes provision of an enhanced Theatre/ Conferencing centre, a Civic Hub, associated public realm, potential further investments related to a new hotel and/ or additional Grade A office accommodation.</p> <p>This report relates to the proposed public realm works to be funded through the Belfast Region City Deal and delivered as part of the CCR programme of works.</p> <p>The recommendation made within this report was presented to the Special Projects Working Group on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and agreed for presentation to and discussion at the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The CCR programme is being driven by the Councils intention to invest directly within the historic core of Newry city, to increase vibrancy and footfall, to stimulate further investment, and to facilitate the regeneration of Newry city for the benefit of it and the wider district.</p> <p>Councils direct funding of a new Theatre/ Conference and Civic Hub facilities form the bulk of investment and will be the cornerstones within Newry city core which will both attract and facilitate further private investment.</p>

	<p>Council is seeking circa £5m of Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD) funding to invest in Public Realm in support of and to capitalise on the opportunity created by the Councils investment.</p> <p>The intent to create places around the new Theatre/ Conference and Civic Hub facilities has previously been communicated, and the intent for the BRCD funded Public Realm is to reinforce the quality of the new public places, to reinforce existing links, and create new public realm links that will make the city more open and permeable, less car dependant and therefore more sustainable.</p> <p>The Civic Hub Integrated Consultant Team has considered the Councils intent and developed outline proposals for the public realm investment, which are proposed as the basis on which further design feasibility and consultation will be based.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To note the contents of this report and approve the proposals for Public Realm are further developed and tested by the Integrated Consultant Team in terms of their feasibility, including consultation through a series of stakeholder engagement sessions during Autumn 2019.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	£20 Million allowance has been made within the Capital Budget, and will cover design development costs until Belfast Region City Deal funding is secured.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	I confirm due regard to rural needs has been considered, and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	N/A
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>



<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	City Centre Regeneration Project Theatre/ Conference RIBA Stage 1
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Marie Ward Director - Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Adrian Grimshaw Project Director

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 set out as one of the key actions the establishment of a new Civic Centre for Newry to help attain a number of strategic objectives.</p> <p>The City Centre Investment Strategy was concluded in August 2016, the CCR Strategic Outline Case approved in August 2019, and an Integrated Consultant (Design) Team was appointed in April 2019.</p> <p>The CCR programme of proposed works includes provision of an enhanced Theatre/ Conferencing centre, a Civic Hub, associated public realm, potential further investments related to a new hotel and/ or additional Grade A office accommodation.</p> <p>This report relates to the RIBA Stage 1 Option appraisal for the Theatre/ Conference facility.</p> <p>The recommendation made within this report was presented to the Special Projects Working Group on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and agreed for presentation to and discussion at the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Integrated Consultant (Design) Team has completed the RIBA Stage 1 of the Theatre/ Conference project.</p> <p>As part of the RIBA Stage 1 Preparation &amp; Brief process the Design Team has been considering two redevelopment options;</p> <p>Option 1. Part demolition of SHAC, new build &amp; bridge structure to Town Hall; Option 2. Demolition of SHAC, new build &amp; link structure to Town Hall.</p> <p>In developing the design options the Design Team has been testing the options against the Theatre/ Conference logistics, the public realm desire lines (&amp; wider</p>

	<p>regenerative aims), and critically against budget and guidance received from the Historic Environment Division.</p> <p>The RIBA Stage 1 report recommends adoption of Option 2 as the basis for progressing design for the following reasons.</p> <p>Option 2 will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lessen Historic Environment Division concerns with Town Hall setting;</li> <li>• increase efficiency of design;</li> <li>• increase efficiency of set &amp; equipment deliveries;</li> <li>• encourage pedestrian movement at ground level;</li> <li>• maximise occupancy of the new build theatre.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To note the contents of this report and approve the recommendation to proceed with option 2, comprising demolition of the Sean Holywood Arts Centre and complete new build, which has been recommended by the Integrated Consultant Teams RIBA Stage 1 report as the basis for ongoing design development.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	£20 Million allowance has been made within the Capital Budget.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	I confirm due regard to rural needs has been considered, and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	N/A
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	Draft Theatre/ Conference RIBA Stage 1 Report.

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	City Centre Regeneration Project – Theatre/ Conference Sean Hollywood Arts Centre
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Marie Ward Director - Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Adrian Grimshaw Project Director

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 set out as one of the key actions the establishment of a new Civic Centre for Newry to help attain a number of strategic objectives.</p> <p>The City Centre Investment Strategy was concluded in August 2016, the CCR Strategic Outline Case approved in August 2019, and an Integrated Consultant (Design) Team was appointed in April 2019.</p> <p>The CCR programme of proposed works includes provision of an enhanced Theatre/ Conferencing centre, a Civic Hub, associated public realm, potential further investments related to a new hotel and/ or additional Grade A office accommodation.</p> <p>This report relates to the RIBA Stage 1 Option appraisal for the Theatre/ Conference facility and the existing Sean Hollywood Arts Centre.</p> <p>The recommendation made within this report was presented to the Special Projects Working Group on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and agreed for presenting to the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>Following appointment in April 2019 the Design Team has been familiarising themselves with the Theatre Conference project and the wider CCR regeneration programme aims.</p> <p>At the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 SPWG the Theatre Technical Advisor (Plann) presented their capacity study layouts, which considered part retention of the Sean Hollywood Arts Centre (SHAC) and a bridging structure between the retained SHAC auditorium and the existing Town Hall.</p> <p>As part of the RIBA Stage 1 Preparation &amp; Brief process the Design Team has been considering the Plann proposal as one of two redevelopment options;</p>

	<p>Option 1. Part demolition of SHAC, new build &amp; bridge structure to Town Hall; Option 2. Demolition of SHAC, new build &amp; link structure to Town Hall.</p> <p>In developing the design options the Design Team has been testing the options against the Theatre/ Conference logistics, the public realm desire lines (&amp; wider regenerative aims), and critically against budget and guidance received from the Historic Environment Division.</p> <p>Option 1 - The analysis performed by the Design Team to date has identified likely development and in-use constraints which would weigh against the development of this option, these constraints are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic Environment Division concerns with Town Hall setting;</li> <li>• Efficiency of design/ costs associated with a long connecting link;</li> <li>• Efficiency of set &amp; equipment deliveries to a vertical core;</li> <li>• Creating barrier to pedestrian routes at ground level;</li> <li>• Improved but still imperfect 125 seater auditorium.</li> </ul> <p>Option 2 – Analysis performed of this option has identified only the following constraints as remaining;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Historic Environment Division concerns with Town Hall setting;</li> <li>• Reduced barrier to pedestrian routes at ground level.</li> </ul> <p>All of the constraints indicated above will be considered further as the option appraisal develops.</p> <p>In relation to Option 2, this option would require the complete demolition of the SHAC facility, but in doing so would permit additional positive outcomes that could not be delivered through Option 1. A key positive outcome would be a significant increase in the capacity of a new auditorium to a circa 250 seater.</p> <p>Consideration of both Options is ongoing and will culminate in a RIBA Stage 1 Report in July. Mindful of the fondness in which the Sean Hollywood Arts Centre is held within Newry and the wider district, approval is sought to consider both of the above Options which rely on either the partial or total demolition of the existing SHAC facility.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To note the contents of this report and to approve the investigation of RIBA Stage 1 design Options are reliant on either the partial or total demolition of the existing Sean Hollywood Arts Centre.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	£20 Million allowance has been made within the Capital Budget.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
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<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	N/A
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	N/ A

<b>Report to:</b>	SP&R
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	15 August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Development Trust NI Public Social Partnership Project
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	J McGilly Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance (Acting)
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	J McGilly Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance (Acting)

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b> Purpose of this report is to approve the recommendation detailed in section 3 of this report.
1.1	Development Trust NI (DTNI) is a community led organisation. They use self-help, trading for social purposes, and ownership of buildings and land to bring about long term social, economic and environmental benefits in their community. They operate in urban and rural settings in neighbourhoods that have experienced severe economic decline, and while independent forge linkages with public and private sector. A key aim is to find solutions to local problems and helping initiatives and community organisations to succeed.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	DTNI have secured funding to develop an initiative called "creating resilient local economies through public/social partnerships The project aims to devise a new method for social and economic development which includes local communities as equal partners. The project aims to devise an enhanced role for communities in building social capital, physical infrastructure and providing services that meet local needs DTNI purpose to develop this model in partnership with NILGA, Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Antrim and Newtownabbey District Councils. The project aims to develop a framework for a collaborative for public and social partnership working to utilise expertise of each partner and build sustainable community economic resilience. It will explore best practice using the development trusts network. At the April meeting of Council agreed to be a partner in the project and DTNI have now requested that Council nominate 2no elected members to sit on the steering group that will oversee and steer this work and add the local perspective. The group will meet every quarter
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	Council nominate 2 No elected members to sit on the steering group for the 2 year term of the project
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>

4.1	none
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	All implications have been considered
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	<b>All implications considered</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	NA
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	NA



<b>Report to:</b>	Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee						
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 August 2019						
<b>Subject:</b>	Recruitment and Appointment of Independent Members to the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)						
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities						
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager						
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>						
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> To note the report and agree to - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominate a panel of up to four political Members of the PCSP to participate in the recruitment and selection of new Independent Members to the PCSP</li><li>• Nominate 1 - 2 reserve panel Members who, where possible, should also be political Members of the PCSP</li><li>• Nominate the Chair of the recruitment panel from the agreed Members</li></ul>						
1.2	<b>Background</b> Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) are local statutory bodies established under the Justice Act (NI) 2011, and are made up of Elected Members, Independent Members and representatives from designated statutory organisations.  The current Elected Members of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP are Councillors Hearty (Chairperson), Ruane, Clarke, Hanlon, Kimmins, Savage, Gallagher, Trainor, Walker and Lewis.  The Northern Ireland Policing Board is currently processing applications for Independent PCSP Members for a new term commencing on 1 April 2020.  Stage One of the recruitment process is complete and 28 applications have been received for the post of Independent PCSP Member for the Newry, Mourne & Down District Council area. Stage Two of the process is ongoing and the Policing Board is currently in the process of procuring the services of a HR Service Provider to provide support to Councils in Stage Two (shortlisting and interviewing) and hope to have this in place over the coming weeks.  Councils are asked to nominate a panel comprising of up to 4 political Members of the PCSP who will be involved in the shortlisting of potential new Independent Members and subsequent interviews. In addition, Councils should nominate 1 – 2 reserve panel Members who, where possible, should also be political Members of the PCSP and who will be able to facilitate a replacement if required.  In advance of the selection process, the Policing Board intends to provide appointment panel training for Members and specific training for panel Chairs. Therefore, the Chair of the panel should also be agreed and confirmed by Council.						
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>						
2.1	It is anticipated that the shortlisting/interviews will take place at each Council level during October/November 2019, with training scheduled to take place on a regional basis as follows (panel Members are required to attend on one date only) –						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Parkanaur Manor, Dungannon</li> <li>• Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Island Centre, Lisburn</li> <li>• Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim</li> <li>• Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly</li> </ul> <p>All sessions will commence at 9.30am and finish at 1.30pm. Panel Chairs are required to attend an additional session from 1.30pm to 2.15pm.</p> <p>Councillors may claim £100 for attendance at this training event, along with reasonable travel expenses at 45p per mile.</p> <p>Councils should give due consideration to ensuring that the panel members should have an appropriate mix of gender and community background.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the report.</li> <li>• Agree to nominate a panel of up to four political Members of the PCSP to participate in the recruitment and selection of new Independent Members of the PCSP</li> <li>• Agree to nominate 1- 2 reserve panel Members who, where possible, should also be political Members of the PCSP</li> <li>• Agree the Chair of the panel from the nominated Members</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	HR Staff time. The NI Policing Board have procured a HR Service Provider who will work closely with each Council HR department to ensure a timely and efficient shortlisting/interview stage.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	There are no negative implications identified.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	Appendix I: Letter to Council CEOs – update on recruitment and information request
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.

**Adrian McNamee**  
Director of Partnership

Date: 21 June 2019

Council Chief Executive

Dear Chief Executive

### **APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL MEMBERS TO PCSPS**

You will be aware that the process for the recruitment of Independent PCSP members is underway so I thought it would be helpful to update you on the current position.

There are three stages to this process. Stage one has been completed and the Board is in receipt of 422 applications for the post of Independent PCSP Member. These will be subject to an eligibility check. The maximum number of posts that the Board is required to fill is 119. Stage two of the process is ongoing and the Board is currently in the process of procuring the services of an HR Service Provider to provide support to Councils in Stage two (shortlisting and interviewing) and hope to have this in place over the coming weeks.

As previously discussed, the HR Service Provider will work closely with each Council HR department to ensure a timely and efficient shortlisting/interview stage and as such I would be grateful if you could confirm the name and contact details of the appropriate HR personnel for the Board and HR Service Provider to liaise with.

I appreciate that Councils are currently implementing the post-election process which includes decisions on membership of committees. As part of this process, I would be grateful if you would confirm the political members who will be serving on the PCSP and/or DPCSP.

To enable shortlisting/interviews of potential candidates, Councils are also asked to nominate a panel comprising of up to 4 political members of the PCSP. These



should be confirmed members of the PCSP following the election process and are required to carry out both the shortlisting and interview stage. In addition, Councils should nominate 1-2 reserve panel members who, where possible, should also be PCSP political members to facilitate a replacement if required.

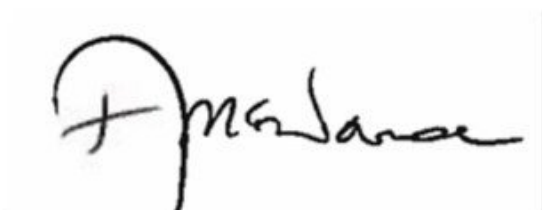
In advance of the selection process, the Board intends to provide appointment panel training and specific training for panel Chairs and therefore the Chair of the panel should also be confirmed as part of your correspondence. Council HR personnel will also be invited to attend this training. It is anticipated that the shortlisting/interviews will take place at each Council level during October/November 2019; therefore the training will take place on a regional basis during late August / early September.

Going forward, the third and final stage of the process is due to commence in Jan/Feb 2020 when Board Member panels will convene to appoint Independent Members to the 11 new PCSPs.

A summary of the information requested and where it should be sent to is included at the end of this letter.

Your co-operation with this stage of the process is greatly appreciated and will assist in ensuring the PCSP/DPCSPs are reconstituted for the target date of 1 April 2020.

Yours sincerely,



**ADRIAN MCNAMEE**  
Director of Partnership

### Summary of information requested;

- Confirmation of the name of the appropriate HR/Council personnel to work with Board officials and the appointed HR Service Provider;
- Confirmed political members of the PCSP/DPCSP;
- Details of up to four shortlisting/interview panel members (political members of the PCSPs) and 1-2 reserves (should also be political members of the PCSP if possible);
- Confirmation of the name of the Chair of the panel.

All information should be sent to Sarah Reid, Partnership Manager via:

[sarah.reid@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:sarah.reid@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Revised Terms of Reference for Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for period 2019 - 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Regina Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>Council is reviewing the Terms of Reference, including membership, of the Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for the 2019 – 2023 period, as detailed within the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group is a facilitated discussion space, serving as a 'barometer of opinion', playing a role in considering and discussing politically sensitive and contentious issues, with a view of reaching a common understanding, agreement and actions which will enhance and promote equality of opportunity and good relations.</p> <p>The current terms of reference outlines an allocation of membership which was respectful of the party-political representation on the Council, takes account of the changing positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and acknowledges majority/minority political party dynamics whilst taking account of the need to create a space for minority political voices. Within the first term of the new Council, no single political party could hold more than two membership places in any year, with the two largest political parties being entitled to hold two membership positions at all times.</p> <p>The current terms of reference outlines membership shall be composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Chairperson</li> <li>• Council Deputy Chairperson</li> <li>• One Councillor nominated from each of the following parties - Sinn Fein, SDLP, DUP, UUP, TUV (<i>formerly UKIP</i>), Alliance and 1 Independent member.</li> <li>• Further nominees, as required, from the two largest political parties in line with their entitlement to hold a maximum of two membership positions.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	Following the Local Government Elections on 2 May 2019 five Independent Councillors, reflecting a spectrum of political opinion (nationalist and unionist), were elected to Council.

	Council is required to give consideration as to how best to take account of the five Independent Councillors' representation, inclusion and participation as part of the Reference Group.
2.2	<p>With respect to the five Independent Councillors, it is proposed that two members from the Independent grouping be nominated on a cross-community basis, with the 'independent nationalist' nomination being rotated on a periodic basis e.g. every six months, annually etc.</p> <p>In addition, political parties can nominate a substitute in the event of a member not being available to attend a meeting.</p>
2.3	<p><b>The revised section on Membership will read as follows:</b></p> <p>Membership shall be respectful of the party political representation on the Council, take account of the changing positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and shall acknowledge majority/minority political party dynamics whilst taking account of the need to create a space for minority political voices.</p> <p>No single political party shall hold more than two membership places in any year, with the two largest political parties and the independent grouping being entitled to hold two membership positions at all times. The two members from the Independent grouping will be nominated on a cross-community basis, with the 'independent nationalist' nomination being rotated on a periodic basis e.g. every six months, annually etc</p> <p>Membership shall be composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Councillor nominated from each of the following parties - Sinn Fein, SDLP, DUP, UUP, Alliance and Independent group.</li> <li>• Further nominees, as required, from the two largest political parties and independent group in line with their entitlement to hold a maximum of two membership positions.</li> <li>• Political parties can nominate a substitute in the event of a member not being available to attend a meeting.</li> </ul>
2.4	<p>In addition, it is also proposed to amend the terms of reference to reflect current structures and Officer roles and responsibilities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meetings section will be amended to read that, "Recommendations arising will be tabled at the Council's Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee."</li> <li>• The Officers section be amended to read, "Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Corporate Policy, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer".</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To agree to the revised Terms of Reference for the Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group with specific reference to the membership.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	No resources implications are anticipated.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	The proposals and revised terms of reference takes of the Council's statutory duties to have due regard towards the promotion of equality of opportunity and regard towards the promotion of good relations.



	<p>Membership shall be respectful of the party political representation on the Council, take account of the changing positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and shall acknowledge majority/minority political party dynamics whilst taking account of the need to create a space for minority political voices.</p> <p>No single political party shall hold more than two membership places in any year, with the two largest political parties and the independent grouping being entitled to hold two membership positions at all times. The two members from the Independent grouping will nominated on a cross-community basis, with the 'independent nationalist' nomination being rotated on a periodic basis e.g. every six months, annually etc</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	It is determined that the proposal does not fall within the scope of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix I: Draft Revised Terms of Reference for Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	N/A

## **COUNCILLORS' EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS REFERENCE GROUP**

### **- Terms of Reference -**

#### **Scope:**

The Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group will primarily be a facilitated discussion space. It will serve as a 'barometer of opinion', playing a role in considering and discussing politically sensitive and contentious issues, including those relating to events, centenaries, policy and procedure, single issues requiring specific consideration for advice, and guidance on the establishment of wider good relations fora etc with a view of reaching a common understanding, agreement and actions which will enhance and promote equality of opportunity and good relations.

#### **Membership:**

Membership shall be respectful of the party political representation on the Council, take account of the changing positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and shall acknowledge majority/minority political party dynamics whilst taking account of the need to create a space for minority political voices.

No single political party shall hold more than two membership places in any year, with the two largest political parties and the independent grouping being entitled to hold two membership positions at all times. The two members from the Independent grouping will be nominated on a cross-community basis, with the 'independent nationalist' nomination being rotated on a periodic basis e.g. every six months, annually etc

Membership shall be composed of:

- One Councillor nominated from each of the following parties - Sinn Fein, SDLP, DUP, UUP, Alliance and Independent group.
- Further nominees, as required, from the two largest political parties and independent group in line with their entitlement to hold a maximum of two membership positions.
- Political parties can nominate a substitute in the event of a member not being available to attend a meeting.

#### **Chairperson:**

The meeting will select a Chair from those present.

#### **Meetings:**

The Equality and Good Relations Reference Group does not have decision making powers, it makes recommendations only. Recommendations arising will be tabled at the Council's Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

It does not operate to any quorum and meetings proceed regardless of numbers in attendance.

Meetings will be convened by the Chief Executive.

**Officers:**

Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Corporate Policy, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer.

**Press:**

Not open to the press.

**Public:**

Not open to the public.

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Presentation of 2020 Annual Report/NMD Connect
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Regina Mackin Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Veronica Keegan Head of Communications and Marketing

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Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree the presentation of the 2020 Annual Report/NMD Connect to be published in February 2020.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	To seek agreement for the presentation of the 2020 Annual Report/NMD Connect publication.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	For the last two years, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has published the Annual Report/NMD Connect as a single corporate document promoted on the Council website and supported by a limited print run. The document is published, in Irish and English.
2.2	The document includes a review looking back at the previous year's achievements; highlights activities, initiatives and funding and looks forward to the strategic initiatives for the 2019-20 year. It also includes a comprehensive section on the Council's performance, how the Council spends monies collected, Councillors details and contact details for the Council.
2.3	The publication on the website and the limited print run is supported by a marketing campaign signposting local residents and the public to the website.
2.4	The printed document is distributed to Council and community buildings/centres to ensure that residents have access to it. In addition, the Irish version is distributed to schools, health centres and Council buildings.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	It is recommended that the Council continues to publish the Annual Report/NMD Connect as one document, with versions in Irish and English published on the website and supported by a limited print run. This strategy has the advantage of ensuring the widest distribution across the district as well as ensuring value for money. The strategy will be supported by a marketing campaign.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Monies to support this strategy are included within the 2019/20 budget.

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality and good relations implications are anticipated with regards to the proposed recommendations.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	No rural proofing implications are anticipated with regards to the proposed recommendations as printed copies, both Irish and English will be available and distributed.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Acquisition of Land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>	
1.1	At the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 15 November 2018 members agreed to express an interest in the acquisition of land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass declared surplus by Transport NI.	
1.2	A copy of the original report is attached at Appendix 1 for members information.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>	
2.1	Land and Property Services ("LPS") have now valued the market value of the land at £6,250 for the 0.46-acre site.	
2.2	The current rental for the site is £1,500 per annum.	
2.3	The Department have advised that an area of the side slope at this site will be subject to a stability clause. Following clarification sought from LPS this is a standard clause in transactions involving land close to a road which restricts works being undertaken which may impact on a public road.	
2.4	Council's Active and Healthy Communities Directorate has confirmed that it is agreeable to the valuation and standard form stability clause. Expenditure is not within the current budget, but it is anticipated that it will be covered by underspend elsewhere in the Directorate's budget.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	
3.1	It is recommended that Council proceed based on the recommended valuation and complete the necessary legal formalities in relation to this acquisition.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>	
4.1	Land acquisition cost of £6,250.	
4.2	Reasonable legal costs of transfer.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>	
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.	

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix 1 – Original Report.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None.



**Appendix 1 – Original Report**

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	15/11/18
<b>Subject:</b>	Surplus land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)

<b>For decision</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>			
1.1	<p>Transport NI has declared land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass, as surplus to its requirements and asked for expressions of interest from a restricted pool of organisations, including Council, who may be interested in acquiring the land.</p> <p>A general call-out to public sector organisations has not been made at this stage as the land in question is currently leased by Council.</p> <p>The land is shown in red on the attached map. This land and additionally the land denoted car park is the subject of a 25-year lease between Council and DRD dated 10 August 2011. The car park portion of the site subsequently transferred to Council under RPA. The lease remains valid in respect of the remainder lands.</p>			
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>			
2.1	Land is currently leased by Council and accommodates a playground.			
2.2	Acquisition of the land shown in red will give Council outright ownership of the entire site and free it from the restrictions contained within the lease referred to above which include those relating to use, sub-letting etc should it wish to develop or dispose of the site or part of same in the future. Council's Directorate for Active and Healthy Communities has confirmed it would wish to acquire full ownership of the site to secure it for current use and potential development in line with Council's future requirements.			

2.3	Given the land is currently subject to a lease to Council and the play area and adjoining car park are already in situ it is anticipated that a nominal valuation will apply in this instance.
2.4	An Expression of Interest in acquiring this land does not bind Council in any way. Expressing an Interest allows Council to explore the option of acquisition in more detail and in particular examine the potential costs of same. Given this is a restricted process Council will have the opportunity to take priority over other public sector organisations should the acquisition be financially viable. A further report on the potential acquisition will be brought back to Committee in due course.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
3.1	Council express an interest in the acquisition of land at Greenfield Steps, Ardglass, declared surplus by Transport NI.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None at this time.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	Land shown in red.



# Land and Property Services

## ACE MAP



### GREENFIELD STEPS ARDGLASS

Ref No: LACP/18/1/EM

Date: SEPT 2015

Map Ref: 242-10 SE

Scale: 1:1250

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<b>Report to:</b>	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 August 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April - June 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Regina Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>In line with Council's Section 75 statutory duties and commitments within our approved Equality Scheme, policy screening reports are published quarterly.</p> <p>The Quarterly Report for the period April to June 2019, including screening reports, is available on Council's website <a href="http://www.newrymournedown.org">www.newrymournedown.org</a>. This information has also been forwarded to all equality consultees.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>As per the Council's approved Equality Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All policies Council proposes to adopt must be equality screened, prior to implementation, to assess the likely impact of the policy on the promotion of equality of opportunity and/or good relations.</li> <li>• Council must publish quarterly reports on equality screening which are available on Council's website and forwarded to equality scheme consultees.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To note the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April - June 2019.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	No financial or resources implications are anticipated.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	<p>No equality and good relations implications are anticipated.</p> <p>Publishing quarterly reports, including screening reports, making them available on Council's website <a href="http://www.newrymournedown.org">www.newrymournedown.org</a>, and forwarding this information to all equality consultees is in accordance with the commitments contained within the Council's approved Equality Scheme.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	The Section 75 Policy Screening Report details policies screened within the designated period and does not fall within the scope of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix I: Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April - June 2019.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Equality Scheme (approved by ECNI 25 March 2015)

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Section 75 Policy Screening Report  
Quarterly Report April – June 2019**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Details of policy</b>	<b>Screening Outcome</b>
Development of Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy	The aim is to ensure an inclusive approach is taken to the development of the new strategy	No EQIA considered necessary
Access to Information	The aim of the Access to Information Policy is to ensure Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's compliance with and consistent application of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004, Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.	No EQIA considered necessary
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2019-20	<p>Council has drafted the following five performance improvement objectives, all of which are clearly linked to the Community and Corporate Plans for the District.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage healthy lifestyles through increased participation in leisure, sport and recreational activities</li> <li>2. Improve economic growth by creating new business starts, supporting the growth of existing businesses and promoting Newry, Mourne and Down as a premier tourist destination</li> <li>3. Deliver urban and rural regeneration initiatives that will create a District where people want to live, work and invest in</li> <li>4. Increase the rate of recycling, reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and improve the level of cleanliness across the District</li> </ol>	No EQIA considered necessary



	5. Encourage and empower local communities to participate in Council engagement structures and initiatives	
Sports Facility Strategy	<p>The vision is the 'Development of an evidence-based assessment of facility need, which will inform and prioritise future investment in and development of, a network of high quality sports facilities, addressing the needs for increased community participation in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council'</p> <p>The Strategy's aim is to develop a strategic framework for the future provision of sports facilities in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. This identifies the need for provision and the priorities for investment into sports facilities, informed by evidence of need, consultation with key stakeholders and a supply and demand analysis.</p> <p>The Strategy's objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify the existing range of facilities provided at local level in Newry, Mourne and Down.</li> <li>• To undertake consultation with strategic stakeholders to identify current and future facility needs and locations.</li> <li>• To undertake a supply and demand assessment to identify gaps in current provision, plus future needs.</li> <li>• To develop a facility framework reflecting identified current and future community needs.</li> <li>• To link this strategic framework where relevant to the network of local sports facilities.</li> <li>• To develop a set of strategic principles underpinning all future investment in sports facilities.</li> <li>• To link the identified sports facility needs in Newry, Mourne and Down into the priorities identified at national level, where appropriate.</li> <li>• To recommend priority investment(s) in sports facility provision in Newry, Mourne and Down.</li> </ul>	No EQIA considered necessary