

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 2.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair : Councillor G Craig

In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews Councillor P Brown
Councillor M Carr Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly Councillor B Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning & Performance
Mr C O'Rourke, Director, Regulatory and Technical Services
Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy
Ms A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration)
Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager
Mr P Green, Legal Advisor
Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer
Mr J McBride, Change Manager
Ms S Burns, Programme Manager
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/53/2016:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Burns, Burgess, Kimmins, Ó'Muirí, Ruane and Ms H McKee, Assistant Director of Community Planning.

As an apology had been received from Councillor R Burgess and the Vice Chair, Councillor H Reilly, was not present at commencement of the meeting. A nomination to chair the meeting was therefore sought from the floor.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Councillor Craig chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committee.

Councillor Craig assumed the Chair.

SPR/54/2016:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/55/2016:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2016 (circulated).

SPR/48/2016 – Land for Sale at Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint

Mr Curtis advised that Council officials had been asked to investigate the acquisition of land for sale at Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint and a valuation had been obtained. However as a substantially higher bid than the valuation obtained by Council had been submitted from the private sector, the offer of this land to Council had not been progressed further.

Councillor Carr thanked Mr Curtis for his efforts regarding the land, but said that for the development of sports in Warrenpoint, this piece of land was crucial to the overall bigger plan.

Councillor Carr requested all options be explored regarding acquiring the land at Upper Dromore Street.

AGREED: It was agreed that a meeting of Crotlieve DEA Councillors would be organised by Council officers which would include a full briefing and Council's options, in relation to acquiring the land.

SPR/49/2016 – Review of Agency Workers

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr Curtis said as this item had been taken as an exempt item at the February meeting, an update would be given when the Committee was considering other exempt items, and an update would be given at the same time regarding the Severance Application.

Agreed: The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 11 February 2016, was agreed.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015

SPR/56/2016 FUNDAMENTAL SERVICE REVIEW OF GRAPHIC DESIGN (INCORPORATING ADVERTISING SERVICES)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Read: Report from Ms V Keegan, Marketing Manager, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Fundamental Service Review of Graphic Design Services (incorporating Advertising Services).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, that recommendations 7.2 – 7.13 and 8.6 – 8.10 within the report be accepted relating to the Fundamental Service Review of Graphic Design Services (incorporating Advertising Services), with voting being as detailed below and Councillor Carr expressing concerns about the recommendations of the Officer's report.

FOR: 4
AGAINST: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 1

SPR/57/2016 REPORT ON PROVISION OF COUNCIL'S LEGAL SERVICES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland)

2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 15 March 2016, regarding Provision of Council's Legal Services, recommending the Council retain the SLA with Belfast City Council and second a Solicitor from Belfast City Council for a period of 12 months, subject to review in March 2017.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the recommendations within the report be accepted relating to the provision of Council's Legal Services.

SPR/58/2016 **ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2016**

SPR/49/2016 – Review of Agency Workers

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

In response to Councillor Andrews' earlier query, Ms Miskelly provided an update on the Review of Agency Workers.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session and the Chairperson reported that an update had been provided by Ms Miskelly on the review of agency workers.

SPR/51/2016 – Severance Application

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to any individual.

Mr Curtis provided an update on the Severance Application tabled at previous SPR Committee Meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed when the Committee come out of closed session and the Chairperson reported an update had been provided by Mr Curtis in relation to a severance application.

CORPORATE SERVICES – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

SPR/59/2016:- REPORT ON PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 15 March 2016 regarding Presentations to Council and Committee Meetings.

Ms McParland advised that the timetable of presentations was for noting as Party Representatives Forum had authority to agree the timetabling of presentation arrangements. She added the Pensioners Parliament would be directed to Active and Healthy Communities Committee and all Members invited to attend and the request from Pensionwise would be progressed through Council's HR department. She said the request from Mr Scott Moore to make a presentation to Council had been refused with regret by Party Representatives Forum.

In response to Councillor Andrews query, Ms McParland advised that a proforma would be devised which Councillors could complete with their concerns prior to presentations from Transport NI, with the aim that more strategic matters would be dealt with at the Council meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed that a proforma would be sent to Councillors to enable them to detail their concerns prior to the presentations from Transport NI.

In response to Councillor Brown's concerns regarding the refusal of Mr Scott Moore's request to present to Council, Mr Hannaway advised that Council had no decision making powers regarding schools and education. He confirmed that a cross party political view had been sought at Party Representatives Forum, which was to refuse with regret. The matter had been referred back to Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee which had responsibility for policy.

Councillor Walker referred to the Downpatrick traffic congestion scheme, the Ballynahinch Bypass and Doran's Rock, saying these 3 schemes could be discussed with Transport NI at DEA meetings.

Councillors Andrews, W Clarke and Quinn all agreed that the statutory agencies should make presentations to Council on strategic projects and be held to account.

Agreed: It was agreed that the timetable of presentations to Council/Committee meetings as agreed at Party Representatives Forum held on Wednesday 2 March 2016, be noted. Details attached at Appendix 1.

SPR/60/2016 **COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING ELECTION WEEK**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 15 March 2016, regarding Meeting arrangements during election week (week commencing Monday 2 May 2016).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, the arrangements for meetings during the week of Assembly elections – Monday 2 – Friday 6 May 2016, be agreed as detailed in recommendations 1 – 3 as set out below:

1. Council meeting proceed as planned on Tuesday 3 May at 6pm, with the agenda being kept as brief as possible and Members aiming not to include Notices of Motion, if they can be directed to an alternative meeting date.
2. Chief Executive Appraisal Meeting also take place on Tuesday 3 May at 3pm, as it would be difficult to reschedule the Independent Assessor who attends.
3. No other meetings to be organised during Election week.

CORPORATE SERVICES - FINANCE

SPR/61/2016 **INSURANCE**

Read: Report from Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, regarding Insurance premiums.

Councillor Carr expressed concerns regarding the high amount of excess on each claim and said that the NI Fire Service were self-insuring.

Agreed: After discussion, it was agreed that a report would be brought back by the Director of Corporate Services through the Efficiencies Working Group prior to the 2017/18 rates, regarding the possibility of Council self-insuring.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the recommendations 1–6 as detailed in Mr Dowey’s report be approved.

SPR/62/2016 **CORPORATE CREDIT CARD**

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding Corporate Credit Card.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, that contents of the report be agreed and that the Council increase the credit limit of the Purchasing Officer, David Barter’s credit card from £4000-£8000 for an interim period of 3 months with the card being used for the purchase of all and conferences.

CORPORATE SERVICES

SPR/63/2016 **PILOT OF NICS IDENTITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration) dated 15 March 2016, regarding Pilot of NICS Identity Verification Solution.

In response to concerns from Councillor Quinn, Mr Curtis advised that this pilot would offer the NICS Identity Verification System to residents in the area and there was no additional cost to Council.

Councillor Quinn expressed concerns regarding the lack of free and easily accessible car parking at Newry Town Hall and suggested centres be identified which were easy to access.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council runs a pilot of a NICS Identification Verification Solution in conjunction with DFPNI for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2016, with a report to be brought back to Council after an initial 6 months period on usage and service satisfaction.

ESTATE

SPR/64/2016 LEASE OF AMENITY AREA AT SPELGA DAM

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration) dated 15 March 2016, regarding Lease of Amenity Area at Spelga Dam.

Councillor Quinn expressed concerns regarding the locked barriers at Cranfield caravan car park.

Agreed: The issue of the locked barriers at Cranfield caravan car park be referred to Active and Healthy Communities Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Quinn, that agreement be given for the renewal of Council's existing lease with DRD in respect of the Amenity Area at Spelga Dam.

SPR/65/2016 REQUEST TO USE FORMER COUNCIL BUILDING, STRANGFORD ROAD, DOWNPATRICK

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding Licence for Former Building Control Offices at Strangford Road, Downpatrick to Social Enterprise Projects.

Mr Curtis advised that if Members agreed, Downpatrick Social Enterprise Projects could be considered for a short term licence as this site was currently in the process of sale to the Department of Education for the development of the new Down High School. Therefore a discussion would be necessary with the Department of Education to ensure the proposed licence had no impact on the development of the school.

Councillor Walker raised concerns about such an arrangement, saying CAPP, a group working with children with Autism, had previously asked to use the former offices, and been refused.

In response, Mr Curtis advised that the costs involved had been high and CAPPa had not wished to meet those costs. Mr Curtis offered to speak to CAPPa and Downpatrick Social Enterprise Projects to come to a solution, but stressed that it would be short term due to the sale to the Department of Education. He added that he wished to speak to the Department of Education to ascertain deadlines for the sale. He said the building may also need to be considered for use for Council staff.

Councillor Andrews welcomed Mr Curtis's commitment to speak with CAPPa and Downpatrick Social Enterprise Projects.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brown, that :

- **Consideration be given for Downpatrick Social Enterprise Projects and/or CAPPa to take a licence at the former Down District Council offices for a period of 2 years, subject to the building not being required for Council staff use and to such an arrangement being acceptable to the purchaser, Department of Education.**
- **Council officials to liaise with Downpatrick Social Enterprise Projects and CAPPa to see if a joint solution for interim use of the former offices could be reached.**

SPR/66/2016 **HEAD FORESHORE LEASE – ISSUE ON FORESHORE AT BALLYEDMOND, CARLINGFORD LOUGH**

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Head Foreshore Lease – Issue on the Foreshore at Ballyedmond, Carlingford Lough

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Curran, the following recommendations be approved:

- **Mr Hannaway to endeavour to convene a meeting between Council Officials and representatives from Ballyedmond Estate with a view to discussing the possibility of obtaining a permissible path agreement around the Harbour area and to progress the High Court Settlement Agreement of 2014.**

- **Subject to a positive outcome regarding the above, the Council to accept the decision of the Crown Estate, to extract the 3 further areas marked red on map (dated 22/8/2003) from the new Head Lease.**

SPR/67/2016

HEAD FORESHORE LEASE – ISSUE AT ROSTREVOR FORESHORE

Read:

Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Head Foreshore Lease – Issue at Rostrevor Foreshore.

Councillor Carr referred to the issue over the access to the shoreline on the Rostrevor foreshore, saying it was crucial Council remained aware of the right of people to walk along the District's shorelines. He queried if areas were extracted and built upon, would access still be retained.

Mr Curtis advised that the requirement for public access to the shoreline could be included as a caveat in the legal agreement.

Councillor Carr requested consultation with the residents of Rostrevor be undertaken to ascertain their views.

Councillor Quinn said a number of groups had been denied access to the shoreline for swimming.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Curran, that, subject to the approval of the Crown Estate, and when the Head Regulating Lease was in place, the Council sub-lease to Mr McGinn an area of foreshore under discussion, to allow the reclamation to proceed, on terms to be agreed, and subject to Mr McGinn obtaining all necessary statutory approvals.

It was further agreed that the following conditions be included in the legal agreement:

- **Access to the shoreline by the public should be ensured.**
- **Consultation of the views of Rostrevor residents be undertaken.**
- **Access to the shoreline by swimming groups would be ensured.**

SPR/68/2016

RESURFACING WORKS AT NEWCASTLE HARBOUR'S NORTH PIER

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Newcastle Harbour Project.

Councillor W Clarke said the resurfacing works at Newcastle Harbour's North Pier was a health & safety issue. He went on to say that this was an historical area of Newcastle where in 1843, seventy-three people had lost their lives. He said the built heritage at this location had fallen into dereliction.

Councillor Quinn requested an update paper on the matter be tabled at the Mournes DEA meeting.

Councillor W Clarke asked Council officials to design a scheme for the resurfacing works and to look into carrying out maintenance within the buildings maintenance programme, with a report being brought back to Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council officials design a scheme for the resurfacing works at Newcastle Harbour and investigate carrying out maintenance within the buildings maintenance programme, with a report being brought back to Committee.

Agreed: It was further agreed that an update paper (including photographs) on the issue be tabled at the Mournes DEA meeting.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND WELL-BEING

SPR/69/2016 RESPONSE TO SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES: CONSULTATION INFORMATION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE'S RURAL HOUSING POLICY

Read: Report from Ms H McKee, Assistant Director, Community Planning, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Sustainable Rural Communities – full policy framework: Consultation information for Review of the Housing Executive's Rural Housing Policy.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Curran, that the report from Heather McKee on Sustainable Rural Communities – full policy framework: Consultation information for Review of the Housing Executives Rural Housing Policy be approved.

SPR/70/2016 **DRAFT COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Read: Report from Ms H McKee, Assistant Director, Community Planning, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Draft Community Planning Engagement Framework.

Councillor Quinn referred to the DEA meetings, saying an agenda was required for public DEA meetings.

Councillor W Clarke concurred with Councillor Quinn, saying the framework would ensure people clearly knew why they were being consulted.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Quinn, that the Draft Community Planning Engagement Framework, as presented to Committee, be approved.**

FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

SPR/71/2016 **REPORT OF MEETING WITH DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER RE NARROW WATER BRIDGE PROJECT**

Read: Report of Meeting with Deputy First Minister held on 24 February 2016 regarding the Narrow Water Bridge Project.

Agreed: **It was agreed that the report of the meeting with the Deputy First Minister held on 24 February 2016 regarding the Narrow Water Bridge Project, be noted.**

SPR/72/2016 **PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS**

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the potential for Solar Photovoltaic Panels at Community Centres in the District.

Councillor Quinn requested the cost of changing the flood lighting at Council's leisure facilities to low energy lighting systems be investigated.

Councillor W Clarke requested the Community Centre in Castlewellan also be considered for the photovoltaic panels.

Councillor Carr said Warrenpoint had missed out on energy saving devices as it did not have a community centre, and he requested another site in the area be considered for the installation of the panels.

Mr Curtis said a report would be brought to the April 2016 meeting of Strategy, Policy and Resources regarding developing a community centre in Warrenpoint.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that approval be given, in principle, to proceed with the photovoltaic panels at the Community Facilities in the Newry, Mourne and Down Area, as detailed in the report, subject to prioritisation of the list to ensure selection of those with the greatest savings as it was noted it would not be possible to complete all projects due to financial constraints. Mr Curtis said a report be brought back to Council 6 months after the work has been completed.

EQUALITY AND POLICY

SPR/73/2016 **REPORT ON NAMING COUNCIL FACILITIES – POLICY, GUIDELINES AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURE**

Read: Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Policy on naming Council facilities.

Councillor Walker welcomed this policy, saying it would provide a safeguard for the future where parties sought to name a Council facility after an individual.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that agreement be given to:

- The Policy on Naming Council Facilities as outlined in Mr Moffetts report dated 15 March 2016.
- The Guidelines and associated procedure in relation to (re)naming of facilities.

SPR/74/2016 **REPORT ON DECADE OF CENTENARIES PROGRAMME 2016 – CIVIC INITIATIVES**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Council's Decade of Centenaries 2016 Working Group.

Councillor W Clarke thanked officers for their work on the programme of initiatives.

Councillor Reilly, on behalf of Councillor Hanna, asked that his concerns be noted regarding the Somme Service.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the exploration of the following initiatives be approved:

- Commemorative service to recognise the Battle of the Somme.
- Commemorative artwork to recognise Patrick Rankin.

SPR/75/2016

ALL IRELAND – US, SISTER CITIES MAYOR’S SUMMIT, DUBLIN 21-24 APRIL 2016

Read: Report from Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the All Ireland – US, Sister Cities Mayor’s Summit, Dublin 21-24 April 2016.

Councillor Carr paid tribute to Mike Heaney, former Mayor of Southern Pines in California, who had recently passed away, and requested a wreath be sent on behalf of the Sister City Committee.

Councillor W Clarke suggested a press conference be organised with the visitors from Southern Pines.

In response to a query from Councillor Quinn regarding a display table, Mr Curtis undertook to investigate opportunities for Council to promote itself during the summit.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Curran, that Council is represented by the Council Chairperson, Chair of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Councillor R Burgess), Elected Members nominated to attend the summit (Councillors Burns, W Clarke, Carr and Curran), along with the Chief Executive, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, Officer from Enterprise Tourism and Regeneration Department involved in the Sister Cities project and 2 Officers from the Strategic Planning and Performance Department with responsibility for overseeing the development and implementation of the Sister Cities/Twinning functionary area.

GRANT AIDED PROGRAMMES

SPR/76/2016 PEACE IV - UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the PEACE IV Programme.

Councillors paid tribute to the Programmes Manager and her team for their hard work with the Peace IV Programme.

Agreed: **It was agreed that the update report on Peace IV be noted.**

SPR/77/2016 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 15 March 2016, regarding Financial Assistance.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Brown, that approval be given to the upper thresholds for each theme and the timeframe for call 2.**

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

SPR/78/2016 PARTICIPATION IN LIBERATE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROJECT

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Strategic Proposal received from University of Ulster re Strategic Sustainable re Naturalisation of Urban River Scopes and Waterways.

In response to Councillor Reilly's concerns, Mr Curtis explained that a copy of Council's application had been forwarded to the European Union and outside of Belfast, Newry had been the only city asked to join.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Curran, that:**

- **Approval be given to participate in the Liberate proposal which aims to demonstrate the transferability and socio-technical sustainability of a wide and extensive community implication in nature-based restoration and strategic revitalisation projects for water systems and**

river landscapes in urban environments, ie. Albert Basin, Newry, Carlingford Greenway.

- A detailed report be brought back to Committee.

SPR/79/2016

PROGRESS REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Policy and Performance, dated 15 March 2016, regarding the Progress Report on Capital Projects.

In response to a query from Councillor Brown, Mr Curtis advised the dates for the future sub-committee to work on capital projects would be emailed to members of the group.

In response to Councillor Carr's query, Mr Curtis provided an update on the status of Victoria Lock.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Reilly, that the content of the report be noted, and further details awaited on the compensation events/draft final accounts for Victoria Lock Refurbishment Scheme with officers being granted authority to approve interim payments for compensation events pending agreement on total amounts due.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SPR/80/2016

SPEAKING SYSTEM IN THE CHAMBER

Councillor Andrews requested a consecutive order speaking system for the Mourne Room be investigated.

The meeting concluded at 4.25pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 4 April 2016.

Signed: **Councillor Garth Craig**
Chairperson

Signed: **Liam Hannaway**
Chief Executive