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NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair : Councillor R Burgess

In Attendance:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor S Burns	Councillor M Carr
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor B Ó'Muirí
Councillor M Ruane	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 D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Ms C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Ms R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy
Mr A McKay, Head of Planning
Mr A Hay, Development Plan Manager
Mr P Rooney, Principal Planning Officer
Mr P Green, Legal Advisor
Mr E McManus, Capital Projects
Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer
Mr J McBride, Change Manager
Mrs C McKenna, Assistant Director, Administration
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/81/2016:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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Apologies were received from Councillors Loughran, D McAteer and Harte.

SPR/82/2016:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W Clarke declared an interest in SPR/90/2016 – OFMDFM – Social Investment Fund – Community Operated Sports – as he had been on the SIF Steering Group.

Councillor Curran declared an interest in SPR/98/2016 – Peace IV – being a member of the Peace IV Monitoring Committee.

SPR/83/2016:- ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2016 (circulated).

SPR/55/2016 – Action Sheet of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee – 11 February 2016.

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

Mr Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance provided an update on this item of business, saying the land had been sold subject to formal confirmation. He advised if the sale did not complete, a meeting would be set up with Crotlieve Councillors, as had been previously agreed.

Councillor Ruane requested Council officials would meet with Warrenpoint Town Football Club regarding health and safety issues on the Council owned grounds.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that a meeting be organised with Warrenpoint Town Football Club regarding health and safety issues at the grounds.

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Agreed: The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 March 2016, was agreed.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND WELL-BEING

SPR/84/2016 PRESENTATION – PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND THE THEMATIC DELIVERY GROUPS

Read: Report from Ms H McKee, Assistant Director of Community Planning, dated 14 April 2016, regarding the Elected Member Representation on the Community Planning Partnership Board and Thematic Groups (circulated).

Councillor Burns raised concerns regarding the d'Hondt process used as the 2 larger parties would have 4 Members on each Thematic Delivery Group. He suggested flexibility so that Members could interchange between the groups dependent upon specific interest.

Mr Hannaway confirmed if Members had a specific interest in a particular Thematic Delivery Group then they could, with agreement, swap with another Councillor to the preferred group.

Councillor Burns raised concerns over the deadline of the publishing of the Strategic Community Plan, saying it was too soon, being in late June/early July and he suggested waiting until the autumn and producing a more robust plan.

In response, Ms McKee, advised that a detailed plan would not be available by late June/early July, but a detailed strategic framework would be available for publication. She advised the Community Plan must be submitted to the DoE by 2017.

Mr Hannaway advised that the Council had a statutory duty to consult on the Strategic Community Plan. He said he appreciated Councillor Burns' concerns and suggested the governance body

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and statutory agencies could look into other ways of publicising the Plan, for example, via social media.

In response to a query from Councillor Burgess, Ms McKee advised the Community Planning Partnership Board would meet on a quarterly basis. The decision on the frequency of meetings of the Thematic Delivery Groups would be discussed at the first meetings of these groupings.

Councillor Craig referred to Councillor Burns point about Members interchanging between the Thematic Delivery Groups depending on specific interest, saying it was good to see the mature attitude being taken by Members and that it would be good to see the Thematic Delivery Groups being populated and the Community Plan being built up.

Councillor W Clarke thanked Ms McKee for her hard work on this item of business and concurred with Councillor Craig's remarks. He said there was still confusion as to what the DEA Fora entailed and plain language and policy needed to be used along with social media and the website. He said it was vitally important to engage with youth and schools and set up pop up events. He said there had been good attendance at the DEA public events, but it needed to be widened out.

In response to a question from Councillor W Clarke, Ms McKee advised the Department of Justice had written to Council as they were keen that the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) become involved in Community Planning.

In response to question from Members, Ms McKee advised it would be beneficial to receive the nominations prior to the Council AGM. Mr Hannaway suggested a discussion at the next Party Representatives Forum about which meeting would be best to receive the nominations.

In response to a query from Councillor Burns regarding the three Councillors who were no longer in the party they had stood for at election, Mr Hannaway suggested an amendment could be agreed

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to allocate the last 3 remaining places (after all other Members had been placed) by using d'Hondt with order of pick for these last 3 places being based on the respective voting strength of Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly, at stage 1 of the Local Government election.

Councillor Burns said this would be acceptable as those Councillors who had remained loyal to their parties and electorate, would already have had their picks.

In response to a concern from Councillor Ruane, Ms McKee advised she had met with the Senior Citizens Consortium, but would include the Pensioners Parliament in the consultation. She further advised schools would be included in the consultation.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig, that:**

- **7 No. Elected Members plus the Chairman of the Council would participate on the Community Planning Partnership Board.**
- **10 No. Elected Members would be appointed to each Thematic Delivery Group using the d'Hondt system.**
- **To meet the deadline set by the DoE for publishing the Strategic Community Plan, the first draft of the Community Plan would be produced by late June/early July with Thematic workshops being undertaken in May and June to achieve this.**
- **Elected Member appointments would be made in advance of the workshops.**

AGREED: **It was further agreed that**

- **The Party Representatives Forum would discuss which meeting would be best to receive the nominations.**

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- **That an amendment be agreed to allocate the last 3 remaining places (after all other Members had been placed) by using d'Hondt, with order of pick for these last 3 places being based on the respective voting strength of Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly, at stage 1 of the Local Government election.**

SPR/85/2016

PROPOSED NEW PLANNING SCHEME OF DELEGATION AND OPERATING PROTOCOL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Read:

Report from Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services, dated 14 April 2016, regarding the proposed new Planning Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol for Planning Committee (circulated).

Mr O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services explained that the proposed new Planning Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol for the Planning Committee had been reviewed by Belfast City Council's legal services and had been presented to the Planning Committee earlier in the week.

Concerns by Members were raised as follows:

- The proposed filter system for refusals whereby any additional information could be submitted 5 days before the meeting, was not long enough. If it was a busy month or there were a number of refusals, the applications could be held over.
- Within the first 25 days of an application, constituents may not be aware of the application, until a decision has been made
- Could Planning Committee Members who had withdrawn from the meeting due to a conflict of interest speak?
- The length of time for DEA Councillors to speak was 2 minutes, which divided by 5 Councillors would not be long enough.
- Could the Planning Committee question the person who had spoken on an application?
- If legal advice was taken and an application was referred back to the Committee for decision, did this mean that the Committee decision was not final?

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- Elected Members had not had enough time to consider the new procedures.

Concerns were responded to as follows:

- 5 working days was the deadline by which anyone could submit to the Committee or Democratic Services that they were unhappy with an application, including Elected Members. As discussed at the Planning Committee Workshop, officers would only have to prepare presentations for those applications that had been brought to their attention during that 5 day period, which was ample time.
- Applications could be adjourned to the following Planning Committee.
- It had been a Council decision to bring all refusals to Planning Committee.
- It had been agreed to trial the new procedures for 6 months.
- There could be 150-200 potential refusals over the period of one year, which when spread across the Planning Committee meetings, would be manageable.
- The proposed new procedures would not put any additional significant pressure on Planning staff in the run up to a Committee meeting.
- The proposed new procedures provided a series of opportunities for applications to be brought before the Committee. There were numerous checks to ensure if an Elected Member or a resident became aware of something late in the day, it could still be raised.
- Speaking rights would be 5 minutes for objectors, 5 minutes for supporters and 2 minutes for DEA Councillors representation, but there would be ample opportunity for Elected Members to speak with Planners before the meeting and hence the reduced speaking rights to 2 minutes.
- It would be down to the Chair of Committee to control how the objectors were questioned.
- The new procedures had been discussed at great length since January 2016 through Committees and Workshops and the points were now detailed in the Scheme of Delegation.

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In response to Councillor W Clarke requesting clarification that the new procedures would be revisited in 6 months, Mr O'Rourke confirmed this was the case.

Councillor Carr abstained from the decision.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Craig, seconded by W Clarke, that:

- Approval be given to the new Scheme of Delegation and new Planning Committee Operating Protocol.
- Approval be given to the new procedures for efficiently dealing with a significantly increasing number of refusals during Planning Committee Meetings.
- Approval be given to the method of communication with agents/developers in relation to the new Planning Procedures.

FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

SPR/86/2016:- PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Performance Improvement Plan 2016/17 (copy circulated).

Mr McBride advised that he was also seeking authority to go out to public consultation following this Committee meeting and prior to Council approval due to timetable constraints.

Councillor Craig expressed concerns over the lack of detail within the Plan, saying areas such as economic development, employment levels within the District, tourism and visitor numbers, had not been addressed.

Mr McBride clarified that the decision required was on the draft performance objectives, which would then go out for full

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consultation and further detail would be included in the Plan once the objectives had been agreed.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor W Clarke, that

- **The recommended approach and timetable for the publication of a Performance Improvement Plan for 2016-17, be approved.**
- **The selection of the performance improvement objectives within the report (paragraph 2.2), be approved as the Council's in-scope performance improvement areas for 2016/17, be approved.**
- **Authority be given to go to public consultation prior to Council approval due to timetable constraints.**

SPR/87/2016 **REPORT OF EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016**

Read: Report of Efficiency Working Group held on 21 March 2016 (copy circulated)

Councillor W Clarke referred to the Inaugural Meeting of the Efficiency Working Group, and made the following points:

- The Efficiency Working Group brought together a network of officers and Councillors to engage in constructive dialogue in a free space for creative thinking.
- It was designed to deliver efficiencies and sharing of best practices from right across the executives.
- Streams of work and budget challenges were discussed in major detail.
- ICT and digital transformation were key points for front line delivery.
- Procurement, income generation and how to grow the rates base had been discussed in detail along with improving planning structures.

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- The consensus had been to focus on quick wins initially.
- Members had expressed concerns over moving too quickly, but the Efficiency Working Group would provide the confidence to move forward in a collaborative way.
- It was important that no matter how savings were approached, the citizen had to be at the centre and delivery of services.
- Options papers would be brought back to Elected Members on how Council delivered its services and a SWOT analysis on the options presented.
- Challenges faced by Councils in the south and in England and how they delivered on services would be looked at.

Councillor W Clarke said the group was open to all Members of Council and he would like to see continuity of attendance to build up the relationship between Members and officers.

Councillor Enright gave his support to Efficiency Working Group as outlined by Councillor W Clarke, saying the group needed to focus on strategic issues.

Councillor Clarke pointed out that any projects that went against party policy should be pointed out to officers at an early stage.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, the Report of the Efficiency Working Group held on 21 March 2016, be approved.

SPR/88/2016 **DRAFT NMD RESPONSE TO NILGA CONSULTATION ON TRANSFER OF NEW POWERS**

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Change Manager, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Draft NMD Response to Transfer of New Powers and Responsibilities in the new NI Executive Mandate (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Craig, the issues raised within the report be submitted as the basis of a Council response to the NILGA "New Burdens Doctrine" report.

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SPR/89/2016 NILGA ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2016-17

Read: Correspondence from Derek McCallan, Chief Executive of NILGA, dated 1 April 2016, regarding the NILGA Annual Subscription 2016/17.

Mr Curtis advised that the cost of this subscription had been provided for in the 2016/17 rate estimates.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the NILGA Annual Subscription 2016-17 of £58,116 incl VAT, be approved.

SPR/90/2016 OFMDFM – SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – COMMUNITY OPERATED SPORTS – SIF – C10 – SE – LETTER OF OFFER 14 MARCH 2016

Read: Correspondence from OFMDFM dated 14 March 2016, regarding the Social Investment – Community Operated Sports – Letter of Offer (SIF-C10-SE) (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the Letter of Offer in the amount of £1,681,218 from OFMDFM regarding the Social Investment Fund – Community Operated Sports (SIF-C10-SE), be accepted.

SPR/91/2016 CCTV CAMERAS

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Town Centre CCTV System Upgrade (copy circulated).

Councillor Craig stressed the need for the right technology to be installed.

Mr Curtis confirmed the latest technology was being explored and a report would be brought back to the June SPR Committee

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regarding free BT internet being put into the towns along with the cameras.

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews regarding Council owned facilities with old CCTV installed, Mr Curtis advised a report would be brought back to September SPR Committee once an audit of the CCTV had been completed on Council owned facilities.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that:**

- **Officers explore options for renewal and upgrade of current town centre CCTV Systems to Digital IP with full camera replacement.**
- **Agreement be given to extend current CCTV maintenance and warranty arrangements for a further period of 3 to 6 months to allow continuity of current service in order for legal framework or tendering process to be completed for Digital IP and camera replacement.**

SPR/92/2016 **DEED OF RELEASE OF COVENANT AND CHARGE – ARDGLASS GOLF CLUB**

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Legal Advisor dated 14 April 2016 regarding the Deed of Release of Covenant and Charge – Ardglass Golf Club (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council enter into a Deed of Release of a Deed of Covenant and Charge between Ardglass Golf Club and Legacy Down District Council dated 14 November 2000.**

SPR/93/2016 **LEASE OF LAND AT BARCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE, DORANS HILL, NEWRY TO NEWRY FELONS ASSOCIATION AND BARCROFT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration) dated 14 April 2016 regarding the lease of land at Barcroft Community Association, Dorans Hill, Newry, to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association (copy circulated).

Mr Curtis advised it was also proposed to allow surplus railway sleepers to be used for the development of allotments in the Derrybeg area.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí, that:

- The proposed 15 year lease of a portion of land at Barcroft Community Centre to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association for a community allotment/garden at a peppercorn rent, be approved, subject to DOE approval.
- That surplus railway sleepers would be used for the development of allotments in the Derrybeg area.

SPR/94/2016 **SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 listing the decision taken under the Scheme of Delegation (copy circulated).

Noted: It was noted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Schedule of Decisions and Authorisations delegated to Mr Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, be approved.

GRANT AIDED PROGRAMMES

SPR/95/2016 **EUROPEAN RURAL NETWORK FOR JOB MOBILITY – ERN4MOB PROJECT**

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Read: Report from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding the European Rural Network for Job Mobility – ERN4mob Project (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that :**

- **A project stakeholder group be established comprising Council, local organisations in the area of immigration/emigration, employment and social inclusion and target group representatives.**
- **The next project meeting will be in May 2016 in Poland with the following attending: Chair of SPR Committee, Director of SPP, Project Co-ordinator and Ethnic Minority Support Officer (all costs covered by the project).**

SPR/96/2016 **SISTER CITIES/TWINNING**

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager and Mr C Moffett, Equality Officer, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Sister Cities/Twinning (copy circulated).

Mr Moffett, Equality Officer, provided Members with an update on Sister Cities/Twinning, saying the proposed planning morning scheduled for 19 April 2016, would not now take place due to diary commitments.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Carr, that Council develop and organise an appropriate programme for hosting the Southern Pines delegates visiting the Council Area on 21 and 22 April 2016.**

SPR/97/2016 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 14 April 2016, regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

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SPR/84/2016 - amendment proposed by Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Burns that the order of picks under d'Hondt be reworked in accordance with the SPR Committee's request that the last 3 places be allocated to Councillors P Clarke, K McAteer and H Reilly based on their respective voting strengths at Stage 1 of the Local Government Election i.e. Councillor Reilly - 1964, Councillor P Clarke - 690, Councillor K McAteer - 629. Based on the above strengths, pick 38 has been allocated to Councillor H Reilly, pick 39 to Councillor P Clarke and pick 40 to Councillor K McAteer.

SPR/99/2016 - The Chief Executive asked that the matter be deferred to a future Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

Mr Curtis provided Members with an update on the Financial Assistance Scheme, saying a total of 316 applications had been received on 11 March 2016 across 5 themes. Mr Curtis advised Members of the recommendations per theme and said there had been an overall improvement in the applications received with the pass rate going from 43% last year, to 54% in this call.

Councillors Kimmins and Andrews congratulated officials for the Financial Assistance Scheme, saying it had been a great success, groups had felt better informed regarding form filling and the 50% advance was excellent.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that approval be given to the following:**

- **Approval to fund applications in one call for the 2016-2017 period as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- **Approval of the provision of up to 50% advances on a needs led basis.**

SPR/98/2016 **PEACE IV**

Read: Report from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, dated 14 April 2016, regarding Peace IV (copy circulated).

Mr Curtis advised there was one issue to be resolved with SEUPB in relation to the management cost for the delivery of the programme which was set at 12%. He said officials had reviewed this proposal and it would not be possible to put the relevant structure in place to ensure effective management of the plan. Discussions would be entered into with SEUPB to increase this and a report would be brought back to the May meeting of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the following be approved:**

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SPR/99/2016 - The Chief Executive asked that the matter be deferred to a future Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

- **The interim Partnership arrangements with representation from the Equality and Good Relations Reference group and Independent Members from the PCSP along with the Statutory representatives.**
- **Final Partnership structure as a working group of the SPR Committee.**
- **The draft action plan for the PEACE IV programme as per the appendix.**
- **Permission to proceed with the appointment of the Partner Delivery Agents in line with action plan requirements.**

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

SPR/99/2016 REQUEST TO PURCHASE 0.24 ACRES OF LAND TO REAR OF SHANDON PARK, NEWRY

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, 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 E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Land at Shandon Park, Newry (copy circulated).**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, 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 Curran, to**

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SPR/99/2016 - The Chief Executive asked that the matter be deferred to a future Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

accede to the request to purchase 0.24 acres of land to the rear of Shandon Park, Newry subject to the sum agreed by Council's Valuer, the conditions contained within the Report and the inclusion of a restrictive covenant giving Council first option to buy back the land in the event of a re-sale, and subject to the completion of all other legal formalities.

SPR/100/2016 REQUEST FOR PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY AT GLASSDRUMMAN ROAD, ANNALONG

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, 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 E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding Private Right of Way Lease at Glassdrumman Road, Annalong (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, 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 Curran, to accede to the request to grant a Private Right of Way at Annalong Marine Park subject to the sum agreed by Council's Valuer, the conditions recommended within the Report and the completion of all other legal formalities.

SPR/101/2016 PROPOSED SALE OF PORTION OF RECREATION LAND AT CARLINGFORD PARK, NEWRY

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SPR/99/2016 - The Chief Executive asked that the matter be deferred to a future Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns, 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 E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 14 April 2016 regarding proposed sale of portion of recreation land at Carlingford Park, Newry (copy circulated).

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Carr, 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 Carr, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that the matter be referred to the Newry DEA Councillors for a site meeting prior to a decision being made on this matter.**

The meeting concluded at 6.53pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 May 2016.

Signed: **Councillor Robert Burgess**
Chairperson

Signed: **Eddie Curtis**
Director of Strategic Planning and Performance