

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance: Councillor R Burgess
Councillor S Doran
Councillor D Hyland
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor J Rice
Councillor J Trainor

Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Enright
Councillor O McMahon
Councillor B Ó Muíri
Councillor M Ruane

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor M Larkin

Councillor C Casey
Councillor R Mulgrew

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration)
Mr A Grimshaw, Project Director
Mr F O'Connor, (Acting) Head of Legal Administration
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/001/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Byrne, Sharvin and Walker.

SPR/002/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/003/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 13 December 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/004/2019 REPORT ON SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period October-December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period October-December 2018.**

CORPORATE SERVICES

SPR/005/2019: SUB LEASE OF “THE BOAT-HOUSE”, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr F O’Connor, (Acting) Head of Legal Administration, regarding Sub Lease of “The Boat House”, Warrenpoint **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to grant a sub-lease of “The Boat House” premises to Carlingford Lough Curragh Club at a peppercorn rental for a term due to expire on 31st March 2021.**

SPR/006/2019: IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESILIENCE RESOURCING MODEL

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Implementation of Local Government Resilience Resourcing Model **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, the SLA was agreed to progress the implementation of the Local Government Resilience Resourcing Model and enable the adoption of a regional approach.**

SPR/007/2019: BYE-LAWS TYRELLA BEACH

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Bye-Laws Tyrella Beach **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to have the agreed Bye-Laws for the Regulation of the Seashore at Tyrella, County Down, formally made to enable the legislative procedural requirements outlined in the officer’s report to be completed.**

SPR/008/2019: CIRCULAR 11/2018 – CONSULTATION ON RECTIFICATION OF THE COST CAP FLOOR BREACH

Read: Correspondence dated 19 December 2018 from NILGOSC, regarding Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) – Consultation on Rectification of the Cost Cap Floor Breach (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the correspondence received from NILGOSC and any Member who wished to add to the consultation response to contact the Director.**

SPR/009/2019: RENEWAL OF LEASE WITH MOURNE STIMULUS

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Renewal of Lease with Mourne Stimulus – Premises at Council Road, Kilkeel (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, it was agreed to approve the renewal of the Lease with Mourne Stimulus of its existing premises at Council Road, Kilkeel, for the term of 25 years from the end of the existing Lease on the same terms and conditions, save for the Clause permitting an option to renew.**

SPR/010/2019: RESIDENTS SURVEY REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr A Beggs, Head of Evidence & Research, regarding Residents Survey and Elected Members Survey (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the results and findings detailed within the circulated reports.**

SPR/011/2019: CIVIC CENTRE REGENERATION (CCR) PROGRAMME THEATRE/CONFERENCE PROJECT

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr A Grimshaw, Project Director, regarding Civic Centre Regeneration (CCR) Programme Theatre/Conference Project (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the enhancement and extension of the existing Town Hall and Sean Hollywood Arts Centre to include:**

- a) a highly-specified, flexible Studio Theatre of the standard required to place Newry on the professional, studio-scale touring circuit;**
- b) in the main Town Hall a high quality, multi-use room equipped to accommodate occasional music performances, conferences, banquets, local community, amateur and semi-professional performing arts groups;**

- c) a greatly improved ancillary offer comprising canal-side/riverside café/bar facilities; visual arts display areas; informal internal and external pop-up performance areas;
- d) to adapt the existing accommodation and develop the new so that they can also support conferencing facilities for up to 300 attendees, comprising primary meeting space, plenary space, breakout, exhibition and catering;
- e) to include a number of syndicate rooms for accommodating smaller meetings.

It was also agreed to approve the procurement of external resource to provide conference operational expertise.

FOR DISCUSSION

SPR/012/2019: DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer, regarding Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly and Northern & Western Regional Assembly **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Council response to the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Eastern & Midland and Northern & Western Regional Assembly.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/013/2019: BREXIT PLANNING

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Brexit Planning (including Day 1 preparedness) **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed to note the update on Brexit Planning.

SPR/014/2019: REPORT ON SURPLUS ASSETS

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Disposal of Surplus Assets**(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor to approve the disposal of the assets listed in para.3.1 of the officer's report through the D1 public trawl process, namely lands at:**

- **Meadowlands Recreation Area**
- **Ballyvange**
- **17 Square, Ballynahinch – Steel Frame**
- **Grove Gardens Recreation Area – Killyleagh**
- **Windmill Hollow – Saintfield**
- **Linkside Park, Newcastle**
- **Boghill Amenity Area, Forkhill**
- **Rear of Jonnesborough Market**
- **Kilkeel Town Hall**
- **Lands adjacent to Derryleckagh Playing Fields**

And to consider further the remaining assets listed in the officer's report at a further meeting of the Strategic Projects Working Group.

SPR/015/2019: NMDDC ASSET VALUATION

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Revaluation of Assets for Balance Sheet Purposes **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran, to engage LPS to undertake valuations of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Land and Buildings for the 2018-19 Annual Accounts under a Direct Award Contract.**

SPR/016/2019: SUB-LEASE TO DRUMNAKELLY POWER LIMITED

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mr F O'Connor, (Acting) Head of Legal Administration, regarding Sub-Lease to Drumnakelly Power Limited **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor to consent to a sub-lease from Drumnakelly Power Limited to Granville Energy Supply**

Limited of the site currently held by Drumnakelly Power under lease of the Council dated 29th July 2013.

SPR/017/2019: BUSINESS CASE FOR PROCUREMENT OF VALUATION SERVICES

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mr F O'Connor, (Acting) Head of Legal Administration, regarding Business Case for Procurement of Valuation Services **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor to approve the Business Case to enable the procurement of Valuation Services to proceed.

SPR/018/2019: UPDATE ON D1 PROCESS

Read: Report dated 17 January 2019, from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Update on D1 Process **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor to note the contents of the officer's report and:

- to proceed to dispose of the Hospital Road site via the D1 Process to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, with Council noting their commitment to provide a portion of Daisy Hill Nurseries site to the Southern Health and Social Care Trust for the identified carparking required by the Trust;
- to progress to private sector sale of Market McAlevey Store and Coreagh Office;
- to dispose of the Metal Portal Frame Store (Kearns and Murtagh) site via the D1 Process to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
- that officers carry out further investigations and planning considerations in respect of Abbey Heights Amenity Area;
- and to delay private sector sale of Moorhill Former Refuse Site for a 2 month period.

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

SPR/019/2019: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ALBERT BASIN WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising from Albert Basin Task and Finish Working Group Meeting held on 6 December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed to note the contents of the action sheet of Albert Basin Task and Finish Working Group Meeting of 6 December 2018.

SPR/020/2019: **ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group Meeting held on 14 January 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: Agreed to note the contents of the action sheet of SPWG Meeting of 14 January 2019.

FOR NOTING

SPR/021/2019: **NILGA SUBSCRIPTION AND WORK PLAN 2019/20**

Read: Correspondence dated 11 January 2019 received from Mr D McCallan, Chief Executive NILGA, regarding NILGA Subscription and Work Plan 2019/20 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: Agreed to note the NILGA Subscription and Work Plan 2019/20.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.31pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 4 February 2019.

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

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