

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair: Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance: Councillor P Byrne Councillor R Burgess
Councillor M Carr Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright Councillor D Hyland
Councillor O McMahon Councillor B O'Múiri
Councillor A McMurray Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes Councillor W Walker

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews Councillor P Brown
Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor D McAteer
Councillor H Reilly Councillor J J Tinnelly

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning & Performance
Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates and Project Management
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Finance)
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration)
Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning & Policy
Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer
Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy
Ms U Mhic An tSaoir, Irish Language Development Officer
Ms L Moore, Head of Legal Administration
Mr P Green, Head of Compliance
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
Ms C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/183/2017

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Mr A Wilkinson, Director of Regulatory & Technical Services (Interim).

SPR/184/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Savage declared an interest in SPR/195/2017 – Murphy’s Trust.

Mr Hannaway declared an interest in SPR/199/2017 – Forkhill GAC – Waive of Deed of Charge.

SPR/185/2017 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2017 (circulated).

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 12 October 2017 be noted and the actions identified in the right hand column as completed be removed.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/186/2017 PRESENTATION OF 2018 ANNUAL REPORT/NMD CONNECT

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Presentation of 2018 Annual Report/NMD Connect (circulated).

In response to Councillor Byrne’s concerns about distribution of the current year’s publication, Mrs Mackin advised the distribution company had guaranteed to send out the NMD Connect Newsletter to as many households as possible ie. to each household in the District and to BT34 and BT35 postcodes.

Councillor Hyland suggested a larger number of hard copies ie. 5,000 should be printed for the 2018 edition.

Councillor Savage expressed concerns, saying the proposal for the 2018 NMD Connect Newsletter was heavily dependent upon people being able to access it online which would disadvantage the elderly, people who were not computer literate, the visually impaired and broadband black spots, and suggested targeting these areas with an increased print run.

Councillor Walker advised he had received a complaint that Ulster Scots was not promoted within the current year newsletter.

Councillor Hyland asked for a progress report on the NMD Connect Newsletter.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained in the Officer's report:

The Annual Report and NMD Connect be combined into one document for production in February 2018, and posted on the Council's website with a limited print run of 1,000. The printed copies to be distributed in Council buildings and areas of high footfall throughout the district, with the document being available in Irish as a pdf on the website.

Also agreed that the initial print run be extended if required, with an updated report being presented to Committee for information.

SPR/187/2017 **MOLTAÍ LE HAGHAIDH BHUNÚ SCÉIM SPARÁNACHTA NA GAEILGE AGUS SCÉIM CHÚNAMH AIRGEADAIS/PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IRISH LANGUAGE BURSARY SCHEME AND A FINANCIAL SCHEME**

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Proposals for the establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme and a Financial Scheme (copy circulated).

Councillor O'Múiri in proposing the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report, said the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group had devised a plan to establish the provision of the Irish language in the community by way of an Irish Language Bursary scheme and a financial assistance scheme with 2 themes: Irish language community renewal and development and positively engaging the Irish language.

Councillor O'Múiri said minority languages including Ulster Scots had been discussed at the working group and referred to the Good Relations Forum for further discussion.

Councillor Walker advised the DUP could not support the proposal, saying it could have included a minority languages bursary which would have included everyone, but that it was a stand-alone Irish language bursary.

Councillor Savage seconded Councillor O' Múiri's proposal. He emphasised the bursary element, saying it was essential for children living in deprived areas and he stressed the need to look at increasing the celebration of the language within the wider community.

Councillor Sharvin expressed concerns regarding the equality screening of the financial call scheme, saying the public could perceive that a minority was being successful.

Councillors Reilly and Burgess said they were opposed to the recommendation.

Councillor Byrne said the bursary scheme was to be welcomed. However he had not been aware that it was possible to break down open calls for financial assistance into various groups and he would welcome consideration of targeting financial calls at minority groups such as the rainbow community.

Councillor McMurray also gave support to the motion, asking that officers look into the provision of Irish language courses in predominantly unionist areas.

The Chair called for a vote on the proposal, voting was as follows:

FOR: 12
AGAINST: 2

The motion was declared CARRIED.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Múiri, seconded by Councillor Savage, that the following be established for the 2018/19 financial year:

- **An Irish Language Bursary Scheme.**
- **A Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes:**
 - **Irish language community renewal and development;**
 - **Positively engaging the Irish Language.**

SPR/188/2017 REPORT ON RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DRAFT AUDIT OF INEQUALITIES AND ACTION PLAN

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Response to consultation on Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022) (copy circulated).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to approve the draft response prepared by Council Officers to the Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022) for submission by 5 January 2018.

CORPORATE SERVICES – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

SPR/189/2017 OPERATING PROTOCOL FOR AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Operating Protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee Meetings (copy circulated).

In response to a query from Councillor Byrne, Mr Hannaway provided clarification, saying it was independent parties presenting to Council that did not have to be recorded

if they did not wish to be. He added that if these potential public speakers wrote to Council in advance requesting not to be recorded, Council would respect their rights and this would be made clearer in the operating protocol.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to approve the recommended operating protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee meetings.

PERFORMANCE

SPR/190/2017 MID YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-18

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director: Community Planning and Performance, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Mid-Year Progress Report – Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 (copy circulated).

In response to Councillor Sharvin’s concerns regarding the delay in carrying out the review of outdoor leisure facilities, Mr McBride advised he would consult with the Assistant Director of Outdoor Leisure and speak to Councillor Sharvin after the meeting.

In response to queries from Councillor Savage, Mr McBride advised with regard to the processing time of major planning applications, that problems had been inherited with legacy planning applications, although Council had put extensive effort into reducing these times, and this was on-going.

In response to Councillor Stokes’ query relating to complaints, Mrs Carville said that the corporate complaints policy was internally managed and reported to SMT on a regular basis.

Councillor Stokes proposed that the complaints figures were provided to SPR Committee on a quarterly basis going forward. This was seconded by Councillor Savage.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Savage, the Mid Year Progress Report – Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 was agreed.

It was further agreed that the complaints figures would be provided to SPR Committee on a quarterly basis going forward.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SPR/191/2017 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Read: Report from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan: Steering Group (copy circulated).

Councillor Savage praised the work of the Steering Group, saying social housing need, and how it was tackled going forward, was a key issue which should be a central theme of development planning going forward.

NOTED: **The content of the report and the minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group meeting held on 26 October 2017 were noted.**

SPR/192/2017 **NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN COUNCIL SEAL**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director: Corporate Services, dated 8 November 2017, regarding Council Seals (copy circulated).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed for Council to purchase two new text only seals in the name of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.**

SPR/193/2017 **THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (REGULATION (EU) 2016/679)**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding The General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (copy circulated).

In response to a question from Councillor Carr, Mr Green advised Councillors' email accounts for the purpose of conducting council business would be subject to disclosure under a Freedom of Information request.

Mrs Carville added that it was contained with Council's IT policy that Council retained the right to monitor all email transmitted over Council's network.

NOTED: **The incoming changes to data protection law and the key issues to be addressed by Council to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation were noted.**

SPR/194/2017 **ESTATES ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Read: Report from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, dated 16 November 2017, regarding the Estates Asset Management Policy for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (copy circulated).

In response to Members' queries, Mr Mallon advised a list of assets for the Newry DEA area had been provided at the Strategic Projects Working Group, and he would

circulate this information to Councillors. He confirmed that a list of assets for each DEA was held in Council and work was on-going to complete the lists in respect of all the necessary information required on each asset for the purposes of the Estates Asset Management Policy. He advised there were a significant number of assets in Council and it would take time to complete the lists, as required.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve the Estates Asset Management Policy for the management of Property Assets under the Council ownership and to approve the phasing of the information gathering and estates needs by DEA, with the Newry DEA being completed first.

Councillor Savage, having previously declared an interest in the next item of business, departed from the meeting – 6.16pm.

SPR/195/2017 **PROPERTIES OF MURPHY'S TRUST, HILL STREET, NEWRY**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 8 November 2017, regarding the properties of Murphy's Trust, Hill Street, Newry (copy circulated).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed that Council proceed to obtain a full condition survey of properties in Newry, being offered to Council as a gift by the Murphy Trust, before taking any further decision on acceptance.

Councillor Savage returned to the meeting – 6.18pm

SPR/196/2017 **MOTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 15 ACRE PARK AT ALBERT BASIN, NEWRY (referred from Strategic Projects Working Group)**

Councillor Walker voiced his support for the motion, saying when it was first presented to Council, he could not support the motion due to protocol and there being a number of past motions sent to committee for discussion. He added that he was disappointed that the item had been used as a political football, but that the park would enhance Newry.

Councillor Stokes welcomed the support of the DUP for the park, saying the people of Newry had asked for the park for years. He said this facility would allow the best use of the canal and the Clanrye River and it would build on the work Council was undertaking on the waterways. He said tourism was a top priority for Council and there would also be economic benefits as people wanted to invest and work in nice places and he called on all Councillors to back the motion.

Councillor Brown thanked the members of the public who had travelled to Downpatrick to the meeting, from the Newry area. He stated that the motion had always been a

cross party, cross community motion whereby several parties and independent Councillors had worked together to bring the motion forward.

Councillor Brown said he would not support a park that would put anyone at risk or was unsafe and the issues of contamination were to be expected, but this could be easily addressed.

Councillors Tinnelly, Reilly, Savage, McAteer and Sharvin all provided their support to the motion highlighting the benefits of the park.

Councillor Ruane said his Party was clear in their support for the park and work needed to get underway for its delivery.

Councillor Hyland proposed the motion, saying in 2001 Newry was granted City status, which posed difficulties and opportunities and it had taken time to gain these rewards, but he was now delighted to see the new Leisure Centre and the proposed Civic centre and how good these would be for Newry.

Councillor Sharvin seconded Councillor Hyland's proposal.

Mrs Carville drew the Committee's attention to the minute of the Strategic Projects Working Group, whereby it had been agreed that Councillor Craig had asked for further work to be commissioned on the site relating to technical issues.

Councillor Sharvin advised the working group set up to discuss the park could address Councillor Craig's issues.

Councillor Hearty thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that this Council confirms its commitment to a full, 15-acre community park project on the Albert Basin site in Newry. The Council recognises that the Albert Basin site was given to the people of Newry in 1986 and that a commitment was given at that time to develop it as a recreation and amenity area for the generations of the future. It also recognises the work of community activists in presenting their plans for the park through a petition with over 10,000 signatures.

Council commits to delivering a park in parallel with other capital works projects in Newry within the next Council term. The Council shall within 3 months establish a task and finish group reporting to the Capital Projects Working Group, consisting of elected members, community representatives and a dedicated Council officer to establish plans to move the Albert Basin park project forward and investigate funding options.

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

SPR/197/2017

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding the Management Accounts to 30 September 2017 (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the Management Accounts for the first six months of the 2017-18 financial year; the six months ending 30 September 2017.

SPR/198/2017

HALF YEAR TREASURY REPORT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, dated 16 November 2017, regarding the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2017/18 (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the Treasury Management mid-year Report 2017/18.

Mr Hannaway, having previously declared an interest in the next item of business departed from the meeting – 7.05pm.

SPR/199/2017 FORKHILL GAC – WAIVE OF DEED OF CHARGE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding the Release of Charge, Peadar O'Doirmín GAC, Forkhill (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Múiri, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to note the content of the Officer's Report and agree to the Council releasing a first ranking charge and accepting a second-ranking charge on the lands of Peadar O'Doirmín GAC, Forkill.

SPR/200/2017 LAND AT CARNBANE ROAD, NEWRY

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding the potential acquisition of land at Carnbane Road, Newry (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Stokes, to note the content of the Officer's Report and agree to withdraw the Council's registered interest in the land offered as surplus at Carnbane, Newry by the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr Hannaway re-entered the meeting at 7.18pm

SPR/201/2017 **PUBLIC SPACE AND FACILITIES CCTV**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director: Community Planning & Performance, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Public Space and Facilities CCTV (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been unanimously agreed to note the contents of the Officer's report and convene a Special Meeting of the Strategic Projects Working Group, to which all Councillors will be invited, and any additional available information on options for a way forward be provided to the Working Group, with a focus on Option 3.

SPR/202/2017 **NOTE TAKING IN CLOSED SESSION**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Council and Committee in closed session – note taking (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the content of the Officer’s Report outlining procedures for record keeping of Council and Committee proceedings when matters of a confidential nature were being discussed.**

SPR/203/2017 PROPOSED LEASE – SITE AT THE FORMER OLD GASWORKS SITE, NEWRY – TO TRUSTEES OF BUNSCOIL AN IUIR

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding proposed lease – site at the former Old Gasworks site, Newry – to Trustees of Bunscoil an Iuir (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor O’Múiri, seconded by Councillor Stokes, to note the content of the Officer’s Report and proceed to enter into a further five year lease agreement with Bunscoil an Iuir for property at former Old Gasworks site, Newry, subject to rental valuation from Land and Property Services and completion of all legal formalities.**

SPR/204/2017 REVALUATION OF ASSETS FOR BALANCE SHEET PURPOSES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding revaluation of Assets for Balance Sheet purposes (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Stokes, to approve the recommendations outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the Officers report that:

- The Council engage Land and Property Services (LPS) to undertake valuations of its land and buildings for the 2017/18 year under a Direct Award Contract.
- Officers work collaboratively with other Councils, via ALGFO to enter into a formal contract with LPS for valuation services commencing 2018.

SPR/205/2017 **CAR PARKING AT THE CLOSED NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services, dated 16 November 2017, regarding car parking at the closed Newry Sports Centre and other potential Council controlled sites (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve the recommendations outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's report relating to car parking arrangements at the former Newry Sports Centre, Patrick Street, Newry and other potential parking facilities under the control of the Council in the area of the Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry, and that the Southern Area Health Trust be included in the list of parties to be approached in relation to all of the car parks referred to in the report.

SPR/206/2017 **PROGRESS REPORT ON DOWN LEISURE CENTRE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Report from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, dated 16 November 2017, regarding Progress Report on Down Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that having considered the updated contract information with respect to the programme and construction costs in respect of Down Leisure Centre, to approve the costs and budget recommendations outlined in paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 of the Officer's report.

SPR/207/2017 **STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET AND MINUTE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.

Read: Strategic Projects Working Group Action Sheet of 17 October 2017 (copy circulated).

Councillor Savage requested the minute be amended to reflect his comments.

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed to note the content of the action sheet of the Strategic Projects Working Group meeting held on 17 October 2017, including the approval of the detail listed in the actions taken/progress to date column and recommendations relating to the removal/retention of matters on the action sheet.

Also agreed that the minute relating to the motion on development of a park on Albert Basin lands be amended to read: “Councillor Savage stated that Council needed to set strategic direction; however this could only be done when dealt with at the proper Committee. Following this, the scoping work required would be undertaken

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 4 December 2017

Signed: Councillor Terry Hearty
Chairperson

Signed: Dorinnia Carville
Director of Corporate Services