



July 26th, 2022

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 1st August 2022** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies: Councillor Curran and Councillor Stokes

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 4 July 2022

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### *Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing*

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## 4.0 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4 July 2022

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## 5.0 Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2022

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### *Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption*

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## 6.0 Planning Section

Local Development Plan - Revised Timetable

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### *Correspondence and Conferences*

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## 7.0 National Energy Action (NEA) Annual Conference & Exhibition

Monday 19th September to Wednesday 21st September 2022 - Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, Holiday Inn, Birmingham Hill Street.

Delegate Fees - £280+VAT

Flights & accommodation extra

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## **8.0 NILGA Regional Programme**

If Members wish to attend - please contact Democratic Services

 **NILGA Regional Programme 2022-23 Brochure.pdf**

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### ***Notices of Motion***

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## **9.0 Notice of Motion - Crisis within Private Rented Sector**

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Devlin:

“This Council calls on the Communities Minister to immediately act and assist with the crisis within the Private rented sector, which is particularly affecting our tourist towns and villages. That consideration be given to the reintroduction of the “Living Over the Shops Scheme” or other such initiatives that would allow for vacant properties to be brought back to life for private rental.”

## **10.0 Notice of Motion - Amenity Site Height Restrictions**

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna:

“Council has installed height restriction on entry into amenity sites which prevents higher vehicles/vans exceeding amenity sites. Height restrictions should be removed immediately as they prevent a lot of rate payers disposing of domestic waste at the sites”.

**ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/178/2019	Notice of Motion – C/131/2019: Live Animals in Circuses	At the request of Councillor McAteer it was agreed the motion remain on the action sheet.	Democratic Services		N
C/084/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28.03.22 – with NIAS & SHSCT	It was agreed to bring forth problem solving solutions to the NIAS in all facets of their work and for this action to be retained on the Action Sheet to keep track of progress	Democratic Services		N

**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 4 JULY 2022**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/116/2022	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 06.06.22	The Action Sheet was agreed.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/117/2022	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 06.06.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	

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C/118/2022	Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on 06.06.2022	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/119/2022	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13.06.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/120/2022	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16.06.22	<p>The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, with the exception of SPR/098/2022 – Draft Publication Scheme V2.3.</p> <p>SPR/098/2022 – Draft Publication Scheme V2.3 It was agreed to defer approval of the report and bring a further paper to the next Strategy Policy and Resources Committee meeting in August, to include reasons why Council had deviated from the ICO recommendations and if any other Councils had deviated from the model publication the ICO had produced.</p> <p>SPR/099/2022: NMDDC Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Return: 2 January 2021-1 January 2022 It was agreed to refer the matter to the Equality and Good Relations Forum for further discussion.</p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>D Carville/ E Cosgrove</p> <p>D Carville/ C Moffett</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/121/2022	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20.06.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/122/2022	Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 22.06.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.  Director to update Members on expected arrival date of new refuse vehicles.	Democratic Services  A Cassells	<b>Noted</b>	
C/123/2022	Planning Minutes	The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 22 June 2022 was noted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/124/2022	Letter dated 9 June 2022 from Department of Justice regarding Indep. Members to Northern Ireland Policing Board	It was agreed to note the correspondence.  Mrs Ward confirmed she would refer the matter of the 2 unfilled Indep. seats onto the PCSP Committee for consideration and refer back to Councillor Lewis outside of the meeting.	Democratic Services  Chief Executive M Flynn	<b>Noted</b>  <b>Noted</b>	
C/125/2022	Circular Translink – Better Connected	It was agreed to note the Circular.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/126/2022	Response from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Re:Free School Meals	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Officer	<b>Noted</b>	
C/127/2022	Response from HM Treasury Re: NOM Increased Energy Costs	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Officer	<b>Noted</b>	
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## **NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 July 2022 at 6.00pm in Downshire Chamber**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor M Savage (via Teams)

**In attendance in Chamber:**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor J Brennan
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor D Curran
Councillor A Finnegan	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor D Lee-Surginor	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor O Magennis	Councillor D Murphy
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor D Taylor	

**In attendance via Teams**

Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor C Enright	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor G Malone
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor H McKee	Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor K Owen
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Rice
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor W Walker	

**Officials in attendance in Chamber:**

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities  
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
 Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**C/114/2022**

### **APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Devlin, Howell, McMurray, Trainor, Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, and Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism.

The Chairperson encouraged Members and all citizens to reach out to family and friends across the globe on social media to play their part to register and promote the



'Do it for Daniel Campaign' as a potential stem cell donor through DKNS.ORG.UK website to help save lives on behalf of a young man from Newry, Daniel Greer.

The Chairperson offered huge congratulations to Dundrum Coastal Rowing Club on winning the Skiffy World Championships in the Netherlands for a third time and also Strangford, Ardglass and Killyleagh Coastal Rowing Clubs who finished in the top 10 of the world championships. He congratulated them on representing the District and hoped to recognize the success of Dundrum and other the local clubs in the near future. Councillors Lee-Surginor and Andrews took the opportunity to congratulate all the local Rowing Clubs especially the teams within the Rowallane area for the huge achievement.

The Chairperson congratulated Megan McIlherron from Bessbrook and Rebecca Devlin from Hilltown who were both medal winners at the Special Olympics Equestrian World Games in Berlin and advised he would be recognising their fantastic achievements in the coming weeks.

The Chairperson acknowledged Downpatrick's Tennis Club 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations had commenced this week and wished the club well in the future.

The Chairperson formally acknowledged that it would have been Mrs Dorinnia Carville's last Council meeting and thanked her for her huge contribution in a key strategic role in Council and for her attention to detail, comprehensive awareness of governance and compliance issues and professionalism over the years and wished her well in her new role and for the future. He also advised that Mrs Josephine Kelly had been appointed as the new Director of Corporate Services and would commence the post after the summer break.

The Chairperson also thanked Mr Johnny McBride for his efforts in acting Director of Neighbourhood Services and previous roles within Council, wishing him well in his new post. He also advised members that Mr Andrew Cassells would be taking up the post as the new Sustainable and Environment Director in the coming weeks.

At the request of Councillor Casey, the Chairperson acknowledged the feat of Cleary Celtic Football club Newry, who made a clean sweep of all competitions entered for and for their outstanding achievements.

Councillors Owen & Andrews paid tribute to Mr Davy Morgan from Saintfield who sadly lost his life at the Isle of Man TT races on 7 June 2022. Mr Morgan had a great reputation as a superb motorsport icon and would be greatly missed.

## **C/115/2022**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Enright declared an interest in Item 8 - Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2022, as a member of Strangford Rowing Club.

**C/116/2022      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

**C/117/2022      MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews.**

**C/118/2022      MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/119/2022      MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**                      **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**C/120/2022****MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2022**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2022 (copy circulated).

*SPR/098/2022: Draft Publication Scheme V2.3*

Following requests for clarification from Councillors Taylor & Byrne it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Owen, to defer approval of the report and to bring a further paper to the next Strategy Policy and Resources Committee meeting in August, to include reasons why Council deviated from the ICO recommendations and whether other Councils had also deviated from the recommendations.

*SPR/106/2022: BRCD and Complementary Fund Resources (in closed session)*

Following a query from Councillor Lee-Surginor, the Chief Executive advised discussions had taken place on the matter of the Levelling-Up Fund at the Strategic Finance Working Group and ERT. She stated that officers were working with consultants to identify applications that were appropriate and could be considered achievable through the Levelling-Up fund, however these applications had not as yet been made as the portal had not opened.

As a follow-up, Councillor Lee-Surginor stated these discussions should be held in public and if officers were applying for funding, Councillors should be made aware. The Chief Executive advised that Members were continually made aware of what funding applications were being made and a report would be presented at a future ERT Committee Meeting.

*SPR/099/2022: NMDDC Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Return: 2 January 2021-1 January 2022*

Following a query from Councillor Reilly and further discussions from members, the Chief Executive provided a comprehensive response stating that Newry Mourne and Down District Council was an Equal Opportunities Employer and that the Council particularly welcomes applications from members of the protestant community who are currently underrepresented in parts of our workforce. She advised that due to the level of detail contained within the figures presented, it was important not to look at any figures in isolation.

Following further discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to refer the matter to the Equality and Good Relations Forum for further discussion.

Councillor Casey requested that a comparison of all Councils be included as part of the process.

**Councillor Brennan left during the above discussions – 6.25pm**

**Agreed: The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources  
Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2022 were**

**agreed as an accurate record and adopted, with the exception of SPR/098/2022 – Draft Publication Scheme V2.3, on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor O Muirí.**

**SPR/098/2022 – Draft Publication Scheme V2.3**

**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Owen to defer approval of the report and bring a further paper to the next Strategy Policy and Resources Committee meeting in August, to include reasons why Council had deviated from the ICO recommendations and if any other Councils had deviated from the model publication the ICO had produced.**

**SPR/099/2022: NMDDC Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Return: 2 January 2021-1 January 2022**  
**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hanna to refer the matter to the Equality and Good Relations Forum for further discussion.**

**Councillor Enright left the meeting at this stage having previously declared an interest – 6.19pm**

**C/121/2022      MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2022 (copy circulated).

*AHC/107/2022: Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) Service Level Agreement.*  
 In response to a query from Councillor O'Hare regarding Hilltown pump track development, Mr Lipsett advised he would follow up and bring a report back to the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting and update Councillor O'Hare separately.

*AHC/124/2022: Letter from TEO Permanent Secretary Re: Ukraine Assistance Centres.*  
 The Chairperson confirmed if a response was received it would be circulated to all members before the next Active and Healthy Communities meeting, regarding Councillor Lewis proposal to write a letter to the Executive Office regarding request for payment of £350 for those assisting with the Ukrainian Refugees.

**Agreed:**                      **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lewis.**

**C/122/2022**

**MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 22 June 2022 (copy circulated).

In response to queries raised by Councillors Andrews and McAteer regarding an update on the expected arrival date of the new refuse vehicles and in particular the Macpac vehicle, Mrs Ward confirmed that the new vehicle bin lorry fleet was on order and she would get Mr Cassells to update Councillors.

**Agreed:** **The Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 22 June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor Stokes.**

**C/123/2022**

**PLANNING MINUTES**

**Read:** Extract from Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 1 June 2022. (Copy circulated)

**Noted:** **The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 1 June 2022 was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor O'Hare.**

**FOR NOTING**

**C/124/2022**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RE:  
INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO NORTHERN IRELAND  
POLICING BOARD**

**Read:** Letter dated 9 June 2022 from Department for Justice regarding Independent Members to Northern Ireland Policing Board. (copy circulated)

Councillor Lewis asked if a special case could be considered to fill the two Independent empty seats on the PCSP Committee as there was no one in the reserve pool, as the next selection process was not until 2023.

Mrs Ward confirmed she would refer the matter onto the PCSP Committee for consideration and refer back to Councillor Lewis outside of the meeting.

Councillor Owen advised that she would be happy to take forward a query from Councillor Reilly regarding the process to purchase speed indicators, to the PCSP Committee if he wanted to contact her outside of the meeting with the details.

**Agreed:** **The correspondence dated 9 June 2022 from Department for Justice regarding Independent Members to Northern Ireland Policing Board was**

**noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer,  
seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

**C/125/2022      TRANSLINK – BETTER CONNECTED**

**Read:**                      Circular received from Translink – Better Connected. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:**                      **The circular from Translink – Better Connected was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

**C/126/2022      RESPONSE FROM FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL RE:FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Read:**                      Letter dated 28 June 2022 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council regarding Free School Meals. (copy circulated)

**Agreed:**                      **The correspondence dated 28 June 2022 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council regarding – Free School Meals was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

**C/127/2022      RESPONSE FROM HM TREASURY RE: NOM INCREASED ENERGY COSTS**

**Read:**                      Letter dated 29 June 2022 from HM Treasury regarding NOM Increased Energy Costs. (copy circulated)

**Agreed:**                      **The correspondence dated 29 June 2022 from HM Treasury regarding – NOM Increased Energy Costs was noted on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

For confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 August 2022.

**Signed:**                      \_\_\_\_\_  
   **Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

## NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 via Microsoft Teams.**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	Ms B Slevin Independent Chairperson
<b>In attendance: (via Teams)</b>	<b>(Committee Members)</b> Councillor P Byrne Councillor D McAteer Councillor D Murphy
<b>Officials in attendance:</b>	Ms D Carville Deputy Chief Executive (In Chamber) Mr A Cassells Director Environment & Sustainability Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance & Performance Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer Ms S Taggart Democratic ServicesManager
<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Ms C Hagan ASM Ms D McKimm NIAO

### **AC/054/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C Casey  
Councillor L Devlin  
Councillor C Enright  
Councillor M Gibbons  
Councillor A Lewis  
Councillor O Hanlon  
Councillor K Owen

**Noted:** It was noted that due to insufficient attendance by Members the meeting was not in quorate therefore items requiring decision (Items 3, 4, 6 and 14) would be deferred to the Audit Committee Meeting on Thursday 22 September 2022.

**AC/055/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest.

**AC/056/2022: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM:  
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING: 28 APRIL 2022**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2022.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to defer the Action Sheet for Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2022, to the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2022.

**AC/057/2022: AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

**Read:** Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22 from Ms B Slevin Independent Chair of Audit Committee.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to defer the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22 to the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2022.

**AC/058/2022: MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

**Read:** Report dated 05 July 2021 from Ms D Carville Director Corporate Services regarding Members' Register of Interests. **(Copy circulated)**

**Noted:** Reminders have been issued to Members asking them to review and update their Register of Interest forms via Democratic Services.

Members Register of Interest forms are publicly available on the Councils website therefore it is incumbent on Members to ensure forms are up to date.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the 6 month review report regarding Members' Register of Interests.

It was also agreed to note that a 'no response' from a Member indicated no change required.



## **CORPORATE SERVICES (OPEN SESSION)**

### **AC/059/2022: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Ms D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding the Corporate Risk Register. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to defer the Corporate Risk Register to the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2022.

### **AC/060/2022: PROMPT PAYMENT STATISTICS**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding Prompt Payment Statistics – Quarter 4. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to note the Quarter 4 2021-22 Prompt Payment statistics.

### **AC/061/2022: NMDDC ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND CODE OF GOVERNANCE**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding NMDDC Assurance Framework and Annual Governance Statement. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Byrne presented the above report stating there were no significant changes.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Council's Assurance Framework and the Code of Governance.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION)**

***Items restricted in accordance with Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014***

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Byrne 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 these items of business.

**AC/062/2022: PRESENTATION**  
**RE: UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding unaudited Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AC/063/2022: UPDATE**  
**RE: AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding an update on Audit Recommendations. **(Copy circulated)**

**AC/064/2022: DIRECT AWARD CONTRACTS**

Read: Report dated 19 July 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding the Quarter 1 update on Direct Award Contracts (DACs) / Single Tender Actions (STAs). **(Copy circulated)**

**AC/065/2022: FRAUD & WHISTLEBLOWING**

Read: Report dated 28 April 2022 from Mr G Byrne Assistant Director of Finance (Acting) regarding an update on Fraud and Raising Concerns. **(Copy circulated)**

**INTERNAL AUDIT (CLOSED SESSION)**

**AC/066/2022: ASM INTERNAL AUDIT**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**

Read: ASM Internal Audit Summary Report dated 19 July 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AC/067/2022: ASM INTERNAL AUDIT**  
**STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

Read: ASM Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan.

(Copy circulated)

**On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.**

When the Committee came out of Closed Session the Chairperson reported the following decisions had been taken on the items discussed:

**AC/062/2022: Presentation re: Unaudited Statement of Accounts**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the unaudited Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022.

It was also agreed the unaudited Statement of Accounts would be revisited at the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2022.

**AC/063/2022: Update re: Audit Recommendations**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to note the update in relation to legacy audit recommendations.

**AC/064/2022: Direct Award Contracts**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to note the Quarter 1 Update in relation to Single Tender Actions.

**AC/065/2022: Update re: Fraud & Whistleblowing**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed:

- a) To note the update in relation to Fraud and Raising Concerns cases which have been detailed at Appendix 1.
- b) To note progress on actions arising from the NIAO Internal Fraud Self-Assessment.

**AC/066/2022: ASM Internal Audit - Summary Report**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the ASM

**AC/067/2022:** **Internal Audit Summary Report.  
ASM Internal Audit – Strategy and Annual Plan**

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to defer the Internal Audit Strategy and Action Plan 2022-23 to the Audit Committee Meeting in September 2022.**

**PERFORMANCE (OPEN SESSION)**

**AC/068/2022:** **2022/23 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Read:** Report dated 19 July 2022 from Ms D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding 2022/23 Performance Improvement Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

**Noted:** The Performance Improvement Plan 2022/23 has undergone public consultation and been approved by the Strategy Policy & Resources Committee and is published on the Council website in accordance with statutory requirement.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Performance Improvement Plan 2022-23 (including the five performance improvement objectives), Consultation and Engagement Report 2022-23 and Objective Delivery Plans 2022-23.**

Ms Slevin congratulated Gerard Byrne on his recent appointment as Assistant Director Finance & Performance and wished him well in his role and she extended best wishes to Dorinnia Carville who was leaving the Council.

She extended best wishes to Josephine Kelly on her appointment as a new Director for the Council.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.40pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 01 August 2022.

**Signed:** **Ms D Carville  
Deputy Chief Executive**

**Signed:** **Ms B Slevin  
Independent Chairperson**

## NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Extract from Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 10.00am in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry and via Microsoft Teams**

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### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION)**

**P/068/2022:            LDP: Revised Timetable**

**Read:**                      Report dated 29 June 2022 by Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding progress on the preparation of the Local Development Plan and to agree a revised timetable.

**AGREED:**                **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Larkin the following was agreed:**

- **To note the content of the above report**
- **To approve the draft revised Timetable**
- **Following Council approval, the Planning Department liaises with the PAC and other key stakeholders prior to submitting the revised Timetable to Department for Infrastructure for its agreement.**
- **Following agreement of the revised Timetable by the Department for Infrastructure, that it be made available and published in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.**

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# Tackling the Energy Crisis Together

## Draft Programme

*Last updated: 28 June*

### Monday 19 September

**From 6pm**

**Conference and exhibition opening**

Networking opportunity. Refreshments and buffet available for delegates

### Tuesday 20 September

**How to support the most vulnerable during the energy crisis**



9.55

**Short film on the energy crisis**

10.05-10.20

## Opening Address and Keynote Address

- **Adam Scorer**, Chief Executive, NEA
- **Lord Callanan**, Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility

10.20-11.15

## The challenge and the consequences of inaction

This session will focus on giving a voice to those with lived experience of fuel poverty. It will explore the challenges people currently experience and will face this winter, as well as underlining the risks of not responding effectively.

11.15-11.45

## Exhibition viewing. *Refreshments available*

11.45-1.00

## Choice of three breakout sessions

### Proving effective energy advice

- **Dr Elizabeth Blakelock**, Principal Policy Manager, Citizens Advice
- **Rachel Jones**, Chief Executive, Act on Energy
- **Ian Preston**, Director of Household Energy Services, CSE
- *Other panellists to be announced*

### Preventing self-disconnection and supporting vulnerable consumers in utility markets

- **John French**, Northern Ireland Energy Regulator
- *Other panellists to be announced*

### Building effective local responses

- *Panellists to be announced*

1.00-2.15

## Lunch and exhibition viewing

2.15-3.30

## Lower incomes and higher prices: Addressing a debt time bomb

- **Peter Tutton**, Head of Policy Research and Public Affairs, Stepchange
- **Gareth McNab**, Director of External Affairs, Christians Against Poverty
- **Craig Harrison**, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Carers Northern Ireland
- *Other panellists to be announced*

3.30-4.00

## Exhibition viewing. *Refreshments available*

4.00-5.00

## A plan for this winter?

- *Panellists to be announced*

5.00-5.15

## First day round-up

7.00-10.00

## Networking dinner at Jimmy Spices, Broad Street (*pre-booking required*)

*Join us for an informal get-together with colleagues. Jimmy Spices is an innovative buffet restaurant with live kitchens that celebrate the diversity of cuisines from all over the globe.*

## Wednesday 21 September

### Kick-starting a fair and affordable transition to net zero

#### 9.45-11.00 **Increasing levels of funding to help fuel poor householders decarbonise across the nations**

- **Pat Austin**, Director Northern Ireland, National Energy Action
- **Ben Saltmarsh**, Head of Wales, National Energy Action
- *Other panellists to be announced*

#### 11.00-11.45 **Exhibition viewing**

*Refreshments available.*

#### 11.45-1.00 **Providing good outcomes through partnerships**

*Best practice overview videos and examples across all area incomes, health, housing, nutrition etc.*

- **Matthew Cole**, Head of Fuel Bank Foundation
- **Filipe Amarante**, Community Retrofit Project Manager, National Energy Action
- *Other panellists to be announced*

#### 1.15 **Conference review followed by lunch**

*Conference ends*

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## August 2022–January 2023



Local Government Training Group

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Date	Time	Event	Venue	Approach	Facilitation
24th August 2022	10am — 3pm	Condensed Planning Programme	Online	Workshop	Multi-facilitation Team of Planning Professionals
21st September 2022	2pm—5pm	Scrutiny and Challenge	Online	Masterclass	APSE
30th September 2022	10-11.30am	Money Guiders Programme for Councillors (Pilot)	E-Learning	Competency Framework	City & Guilds
September — November 2022	4 Half Day Programme	Democratic Services Administration Programme	Online	Programme	Multi-facilitation Team
19th October 2022	6.30pm — 8pm	Code of Conduct	Online	Compliance	Local Government Commissioner for Standards
16th November 2022	10am —1pm	Civil Contingencies / Emergency Planning	Craigavon Civic Centre	Workshop	Civil Contingencies Resilience
14th December 2022	10.30am — 1.30pm	Shared Leadership and Co-Productions	TBC	Masterclass	Governance International
11th January 2023	6-30pm—8.30pm	Mental Health and Wellbeing for Councillors	TBC	Workshop	Multi-facilitation Team