



April 27th, 2022

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 3rd May 2022 at 6:00 pm** in **Hybrid - Downshire Chamber and Online via Microsoft Teams**.

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

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

*For Approval*

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### *Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing*

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

*For Approval*

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## 5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 March 2022 re. Ballykinlar

*For Approval*

 *Minutes of Special Council re Ballykinlar 28-03-2022.pdf*

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## 6.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 March 2022 - NIAS & SHSCT

*For Approval*

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### *Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption*

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## 7.0 Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 April 2022

*For Approval*

 *ERT Minutes 11 April 2022.pdf*

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## 8.0 Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2022

*For Approval*

 *SPR Committee Minutes 14 April 2022.pdf*

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## **9.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2022**

*For Approval*

 *AHC Committee Minutes 20 April 2022.pdf*

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## **10.0 Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 21 April 2022**

*For Approval*

 *NS Committee Minutes 21 April 2022.pdf*

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## **11.0 Planning Section**

*For Information*

There were no issues referred from the Planning Committee Meeting

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### ***Correspondence and Conferences***

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## **12.0 Response from Department of Justice re. NOM C/055/2022 - Charlotte's Law**

*For Information*

Letter dated 7 April 2022 attached.

 *Response from Minister Long re NOM C.055 .2022 - Charlotte's Law.pdf*

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## **13.0 Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. Domestic Violence**

*For Information*

Letter dated 12 April 2022 attached.

 *Correspondence from F O D.Council re -Domestic Violence.pdf*

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## **14.0 Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. Continuing Healthcare Provision**

*For Information*

Letter dated 12 April 2022 attached.

## **15.0 Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. Recruiting staff within hospitality & tourism sector**

*For Information*

Letter dated 12 April attached.

📎 *Correspondence from F O D. Council re. recruiting staff within hospitality & tourism sectors.pdf*

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## **16.0 Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. St Brigid's Day**

*For Information*

Letter dated 21 April 2022 attached

📎 *Correspondence from F O D Council re. St Brigid's Day.pdf*

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## **17.0 Correspondence from Ards & North Down re. Lighting up for Ukraine**

*For Information*

Letter dated 25 April 2022 attached

📎 *Correspondence from Ards & N. Down BC re Lighting up for Ukraine.pdf*

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## **18.0 Response from Department of Education re. NOM C.073.2022 - Free School Meals**

Letter dated 26 April 2022 attached

📎 *Response from Dept of Education re. C.073.2022 - Free School Meals.pdf*

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

## **19.0 Notice of Motion - Irish Language Rights and Legislation**

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanlon:

"This council supports the campaign for Irish language rights and the implementation of Irish language legislation.

"It is long overdue that our Irish language citizens and communities are recognised in law, as promised in



many of our peace agreements.

“On Saturday, May 21, thousands will travel to Belfast City Hall to support the Dream Dearg campaign, including many from our own council area.

“We call on the council to support their campaign and also extend a huge ádh mór oraibh to the thousands who will travel to Belfast to represent local Irish language communities and schools at An Lá Dearg 2022.

“As an act of solidarity and support from the council, we will, on Friday, May 20, illuminate Newry Town Hall in red, symbolising the campaign for language rights.”

**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

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

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/060/2022	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 07.03.22	The Action Sheet was agreed.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/061/2022	Call in from Council on February 2022	It was agreed by Qualified Majority Vote (copy attached) that the notice of motion from the Council Meeting held on 7 February 2022 proceed with Equality Screening.	D Carville C Moffett	<b>Completed</b>  <b>Equality Screening completed</b>	
C/062/2022	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 07.03.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/063/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 18.03.2022	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/064/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 24.03.22 – South Eastern Trust	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/065/2022	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 24.03.22 – SACIA, Warrenpoint	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/066/2022	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 14.03.22	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/067/2022	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16.03.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/068/2022	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 21.03.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/069/2022	Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 23.03.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/070/2022	Planning Minutes	The Extract from the Planning Minutes dated 9 March 2022 was noted.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/071/2022	Northern Ireland Housing Minutes 10 February 2022	It was agreed to note the Minutes.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/072/2022	Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin – March 2022	It was agreed to note the Bulletin.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/073/2022	Correspondence received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re: Free School Meals	<p>It was agreed correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re: Free School Meals was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed to write to the current Education Minister, Ms McIlveen to request the School Meals Payment Scheme that was in use throughout Covid lockdown be reactivated.</p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Letter sent</b></p>	
C/074/2022	Correspondence received from Department of Justice re: NOM C/039/2022 – Online Accounts	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/075/2022	Correspondence received from Department of Health re: Emergency NOM C/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill Hospital	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/076/2022	Correspondence received from N Ireland Ambulance Serie re: Emergency NOM C/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	at Daisy Hill Hospital				
C/077/2022	Correspondence received from Department for Communities re: Consolidated Councillor Allowances	It was agreed to note the correspondence.	Democratic Services	<b>Noted</b>	
C/078/2022	NOM – Child Poverty	<p>The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.</p> <p>"This Council notes the recent report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research which draws the conclusion - in its most recent UK Economic Outlook - that the economy is 'Powering Down, Not Levelling up' and commits this Council to raising awareness of the reality of child poverty within our District. Furthermore, in order to best utilise key learnings and networks established from council's COVID-19 response, this Council will seek to; identify improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision, agrees to make this issue a standalone and component part of our next Corporate Plan, and agrees to write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working."</p>	M Lipsett	<b>Included on AHC agenda for meeting on 20/04/22</b>	

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# **NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**NMD/C/**

## **Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022 at 6.00pm via Hybrid in Downshire Chamber and Microsoft Teams**

**In the Chair:** Councillor C Mason (Chamber)

**In attendance in Chamber:**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor A Finnegan	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor McMurray
Councillor D Murphy	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor M Rice

**In attendance via Teams:**

Councillor P Brown	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor H Gallagher	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor O Magennis	Councillor G Malone
Councillor H McKee	Councillor K McKevitt
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor

**Officials in attendance  
in Chamber:**

Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive  
Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration &  
Tourism  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer  
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in Attendance  
Via Teams:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Ms K Coyle, Legal Services  
Ms N Largey, Legal Service  
Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration

**C/058/2022**

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Devlin, Hanna, Harte, Owen and Stokes and Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive and Mr J McBride, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting).

The Chairperson spoke of her theme for the year being mental health and how now more than ever as elected representatives Members were out and about speaking with constituents and hearing issues. She highlighted that no one could dispute the cost of living was causing major

stress and pressure on all generations and that it was having a major impact on mental health and wellbeing.

As Chairperson she asked Members to keep that in mind as they encountered friends, families and even strangers and make an extra effort to help where possible, whether it be to support or signpost to local services where needed and to also keep an eye on each other.

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from Belfast Legal Services to the meeting.

# **C/059/2022                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

# **C/060/2022                      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2022**

Read:                      Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:                      The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 7 March 2022 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Gallagher.**

Councillor Enright left the meeting at this point – 6.07pm.

# **C/061/2022                      CALL-IN FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2022**

Read:                      Report dated 4 April 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration regarding a Call in Request from Council Meeting held on 7 February 2022. (copy circulated)

Mrs Carville referred Members to the report and legal opinion and advised that it was exempt under paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and any discussion on same would have to be held in closed session.

Councillor Reilly questioned why discussion had to be held in closed session commenting that it was in the public's interest to know what was contained within the legal advice.

Mrs Carville clarified the legal advice was exempt under paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 which was information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings, and it was under that section that officers were recommending compliance with the Local Government Act and hold discussion in closed session.

Councillor Ó Muirí stated it was not a controversial issue and the motion had been clear at the time in that Council join Belfast City Council as a notice party in legal action against the Minister for action he had taken. He added the decision to pass the motion had been called in and the legal advice clearly stated there were no grounds for the call in. Councillor Ó Muirí proposed Council proceed with the motion as worded, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

Councillor Taylor commented that it wasn't clear from the recommendations within the report to proceed with the decision taken on the motion at that time and that there were other matters that needed to be discussed and considered other than going ahead with the legal decision.



- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McAteer, 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. 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings, and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.
- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed:** It was agreed by Qualified Majority Vote (copy attached) that the notice of motion from the Council Meeting held on 7 February 2022 proceed with Equality Screening.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

#### **C/062/2022                      MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

#### **C/063/2022                      MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 18 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 18 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Curran.

#### **C/064/2022                      MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2022 – S.E. TRUST**

**Read:** Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 24 March 2022 with S.E. Trust (copy circulated).

Councillor Sharvin commented the meeting had been really useful however attendance had been disappointing and suggested that there may have been confusion around MS Teams and Zoom. He added that this was not good enough given the health issues within the District.

**Agreed:** The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 24 March 2022 with S.E. Trust were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

**C/065/2022**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2022 – SACIA, WARRENPOINT**

**Read:** Minutes of Special Council Meeting re. SACIA, Warrenpoint held on 24 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 24 March 2022 re. SACIA, Warrenpoint were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Savage.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/066/2022**

**MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Ruane.**

**C/067/2022**

**MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2022**

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

*SPR/039/2022: Notice of Motion regarding Irish Unity Working Group*

Councillor McAteer wished to speak publicly at his disappointment at unionist colleagues not joining the formation of Irish Unity Working Group, in particular the Alliance Party stance to abstain from the notice of motion while awaiting an invitation to attend said working group. He queried whether they were intending to cooperate with the formation of the group.

Councillor Ó Muirí pointed out the matter had been played out in the Equality and Good Relations Forum and by the Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee with different views on it and that should be respected.

Councillors Lewis, Taylor and Reilly spoke in opposition to comments made by Councillor McAteer.

Councillor McMurray expressed his disappointment in the comments raised by Councillor McAteer, in particular, Councillor McAteer's misrepresentation that he had quoted Andrew Trimble, when in fact he had said if one were to read the article, one would get a semblance for the failing of a certain brand of people within this corner of a landmass that we are on. He advised he would be quite happy to avail of any invitation to sit on the working group.

**Agreed:** **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

**C/068/2022**

**MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.

**C/069/2022**

**MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** The Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

**C/070/2022**

**PLANNING MINUTES**

**Read:** Extract from Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2022 (copy circulated)

**Noted:** The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 9 March 2022 was noted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Larkin.

**FOR NOTING**

**C/071/2022**

**NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES 10 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Read:** Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 10 February 2022. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** The Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 10 February 2022 were noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.

**C/072/2022**

**NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Bulletin dated March 2022 from Northern Ireland Housing Council. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** The Northern Ireland Housing Council Bulletin was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.

**C/073/2022**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL RE. FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Read:** Letter dated 11 March 2022 re. Free School Meals. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne proposed Council write to the current Education Minister, Ms McIlveen to request the School Meals Payment Scheme that had been in use throughout Covid lockdown be reactivated. This was seconded by Councillor Andrews.

Councillor Byrne spoke of how well the scheme had worked during the Covid lockdown in identifying and targeting those in need, and how with the cost of living crisis now causing mid to low income families to fall into poverty it was needed.

Councillor Ó Muirí supported the proposal and spoke of how in times of cost of living crisis there was a real need to focus on families in most need.

**Agreed:** The correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re: Free School Meals was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Andrews to write to the current Education Minister, Ms McIlveen to request the School Meals Payment Scheme that was in use throughout Covid lockdown be reactivated.

**C/074/2022**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RE. NOM C/039/2022 – ONLINE ACCOUNTS**

**Read:** Letter dated 18 March 2022 re. NOM C/039/2022 – Online Accounts. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** The correspondence from Department of Justice re: NOM C/039/2022, Online Accounts was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.

**C/075/2022**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE. EMERGENCY NOM C/042/2022 – EMERGENCY SURGERY PROVISION AT DAISY HILL HOSPITAL**

**Read:** Letter dated 16 March 2022 re. Emergency NOM C/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill Hospital. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Savage encouraged everyone within the District including elected representatives to respond to the consultation on Urgent and Emergency Care Review which had been tabled from 16 March 2022.

Councillor Savage spoke at length about the importance of sustaining the type 1 categorisation of emergency service at Daisy Hill Hospital as well as the long term potential for cross border co operation. He spoke of the importance of working collaboratively to ensure the future of the Health Service and that Daisy Hill Hospital was part of that and encouraged everyone to follow up on the points laid out by the Minister as outlined within the correspondence received.

Councillor Murphy welcomed the response and commented that more reviews and consultations were not needed to tell what was already known and that rather the Southern Trust needed to

be held to account as they had responsibility to recruit and retain specialist clinicians.

**Agreed:** **The correspondence from Department of Health re: Emergency NOM C/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill Hospital was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

**C/076/2022** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NORTHERN IRELAND  
AMBULANCE SERVICE RE. EMERGENCY NOM C/042/2022 -  
EMERGENCY SURGERY PROVISION AT DAISY HILL HOSPITAL**

**Read:** Letter dated 3 March 2022 re. Emergency NOM c/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill Hospital. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Mulgrew expressed disappointment at not receiving documentation from NIAS sent to Council prior to the Special Council Meeting on 24 March 2022 with the Trust and asked that consideration be given to dates and times of future meetings.

Councillor Mulgrew welcomed that the Trust and NIAS had stressed the critical role Daisy Hill Hospital would serve in the Health Service in a post covid world and that NIAS had been engaged prior to the removal of emergency service and that other systems were put in place to mitigate negative impact. Councillor Mulgrew also spoke of how NIAS was under severe pressure and continued to raise ongoing issues.

In referring to the correspondence Councillor McAteer welcomed the Trust was making arrangements for transfer of patients by other means where possible to limit impact on NIAS.

**Agreed:** **The correspondence from Northern Ireland Ambulance Service re: Emergency NOM C/042/2022 – Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill Hospital was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

**C/077/2022** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR  
COMMUNITIES RE. CONSOLIDATED COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES**

**Read:** Letter dated 28 March re. Consolidated Councillor Allowances. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **The correspondence from Department for Communities re: Consolidated Councillor Allowances was noted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

Councillor Gallagher left the meeting at this point – 19.15pm.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**C/078/2022** **NOTICE OF MOTION – CHILD POVERTY**

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor McMurray:

"This Council notes the recent report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research which draws the conclusion - in its most recent UK Economic Outlook - that the economy is 'Powering Down, Not Levelling up' and commits this Council to raising awareness of the reality of child poverty within our District. Furthermore, in order to best utilise key learnings and networks established from council's COVID-19 response, this Council will seek to; identify improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision, agrees to make this issue a standalone and component part of our next Corporate Plan, and agrees to write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working."

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Howell.

**Agreed:** **The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 19.17pm.

For confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

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**DATE:** 4 April 2022 **VENUE:** Hybrid Meeting **MEETING:** Council Meeting

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** Qualified Majority Vote to approve Notice of Motion from Council 07/02/2022

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	1			
P Brown				1
R Burgess		1		
P Byrne	2			
C Casey	3			
W Clarke	4			
D Curran	5			
L Devlin				2
C Enright				3
A Finnegan	6			
H Gallagher	7			
M Gibbons	8			
O Hanlon	9			
G Hanna				4
V Harte				5
R Howell	10			
M Larkin	11			
A Lewis		2		
O Magennis	12			
G Malone	13			
C Mason	14			
D McAteer	15			
L McEvoy	16			
H McKee		3		
K McKevitt	17			
A McMurray	18			
R Mulgrew	19			
D Murphy	20			
G O'Hare	21			
B Ó Muirí	22			
K Owen				6
H Reilly		4		
M Rice	23			
M Ruane	24			
M Savage	25			
G Sharvin	26			
G Stokes				7
D Taylor		5		
J Tinnelly	27			
J Trainor	28			
B Walker				8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

## **NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022 at 1.00pm, remotely via Microsoft Teams, regarding Down GAA Centre of Excellence at Ballykinlar**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor C Mason

**In attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor R Burgess  
Councillor D Curran  
Councillor O Hanlon  
Councillor R Howell  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor G O Hare  
Councillor D Murphy  
Councillor M Rice  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials in** Ms D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive  
Mr M Lipsett, Director Active & Healthy Communities  
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager  
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr F McCormick, Down GAA Advisory Board  
Mr J McGrillen, Down GAA Advisory Board  
Mr S O McAteer, Secretary, Down GAA County Board  
Mr A McNeill, Faithful & Gould Consultants

### **SP/013/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were recorded for:  
Councillor H Gallagher

### **SP/014/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest.



**SP/015/2022: PRESENTATION BY DOWN GAA  
BALLYKINLAR ADVISORY BOARD**

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The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from Down GAA Ballykinlar Advisory Board to the meeting.

On behalf of the Down GAA Advisory Board, Mr McCormick expressed sincere appreciation to the Chairperson, Council and senior Council Officials for meeting today and referred to core documents in relation to the project which had now been circulated to Members.

Read: Background briefing paper re: Down GAA Ballykinlar Centre of Participation Project and Project Advisory Board. (Copy circulated)

Read: Biographies re: Down GAA Ballykinlar Advisory Board Members.  
(Copy circulated)

Read: Presentation to Project Board re: Down GAA Centre of Participation.  
(Copy circulated)

Mr McCormick explained the key objective of the Advisory Board was to provide Members with background detail relating to the project and to secure Council support for the project with particular reference to the Levelling Up Fund the perspective for which has now been launched with a closing date for submissions of 12noon on 06 July 2022.

In providing background on the project, he explained Down GAA have not had their own training facility but in 2018 when the Ministry of Defence and the GAA commenced discussions on the potential use of the Ballykinlar site the concept of a new training facility evolved into a reconciliation project providing an opportunity for both the GAA and the Ministry of Defence to reach out to the community in terms of reconciliation.

Mr McAteer said the concept of Down GAA developing facilities at Ballykinlar was initially discussed in 1994 however whilst it had not been pursued any further at that time, negotiations did start again in 2017-2018 to establish if the necessary land could be acquired, whilst acknowledging the historical significance of any arrangement between the Ministry of Defence and the GAA which has now been fully endorsed by GAA at both national and provincial level and develop a project which reflects the shared history of the area.

Mr McCormick pointed out the importance of noting this was not only a Down GAA project but was significant in terms of reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Mr McNeill gave a detailed presentation by Faithful & Gould, on the project plan:

- In December 2018 Faithful & Gould were appointed as project managers to oversee planning application – planning approval granted August 2021.
- Site size approximately 32 acres.
- Project proposal is to refurbish existing pitch
- Move entrance to a more central position
- Development of 4 pitches
- Refurbish existing changing rooms
- Refurbish existing club rooms, with inclusion of second storey for community gym facility
- Provision of fully enclosed community use MUGA
- Stadium pitch with spectator stand for 850 people, including 4 changing rooms and associated parking for cars and buses plus supporting accommodation: museum/educational facility/administration space/kitchen/physio rehabilitation room/referees room/multi purpose hall/equipment stores/walking trail.
- Note: most of the built accommodation will be positioned centrally within the site.

Mr McCormick gave further detail as follows:

- Cost of project estimated at approximately £10m plus vat – the Levelling Up Fund has been identified as a key funding source.
- A Project Advisory Board has been established with cross community representation.
- Use of the facility to be maximised during the day time for schools, educational partnerships, learning programmes, etc.
- Discussions are ongoing with regard to road infrastructure

Councillors raised the following issues:

- Further information regarding road infrastructure.
- Communication to update local community regarding project.
- Funding sources.
- Timeline for commencement and completion of project
- Investigate provision of a Service Level Agreement with Council in terms of community usage of the floodlit pitches at night.
- Provision of handball facility within the project.
- Rise in material costs.

The representatives from the Advisory Board gave the following responses on the issues raised by Councillors:

- A sub group of the Advisory Board has been formed which will conduct outreach to the local community regarding the project and will engage on an ongoing basis with

the wider community within the Ballykinlar area.

- Meetings have been held with Department for Infrastructure; Department for Communities; Department for Rural Development regarding the road Infrastructure – issues have been resolved to address footpath provision from town; traffic calming measures at Commons Rd, upgrade works to improve safety at Commons Road/Tyrella road junction.
- The Levelling Up Fund (round two) will be central to the project going ahead in one phase and the Advisory Board are confident the project will meet the required criteria for this funding avenue and thus allow for other funding sources to come on board.
- Subject to funding availability, the project could progress to procurement and appointment of contractor within a 6-7 month timeline, with construction timeline of approximately 14-16 months. It is reasonable to say the project could be operational within 3 years.
- Indoor and outdoor handball will be accommodated within the project.
- It is accepted costings will have to be revised given the current climate.

The Chairperson thanked the Advisory Board for the presentation and extended congratulations to the Board for and pledged the Council's support for the project.

Mr McCormick thanked the Council for it's ongoing support. He said they were now entering a very important phase of the project in terms of the Levelling Up Fund and it was hoped the Council could set up a working group that would consider a joint bid with the Down GAA Advisory Board for round two Levelling Up Funding.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 03 May 2022.

**Signed:**      **Councillor C Mason**  
**Chairperson of Council**

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**Signed:**      **Mr M Lipsett**  
**Director Active & Healthy Communities**

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**NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on  
Monday 28 March 2022 at 2.00pm in Downshire Chamber and via Zoom**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	Councillor R Mulgrew (via Zoom)	
<b>In attendance via Zoom:</b>	Councillor P Byrne Councillor D McAteer	Councillor G Malone Councillor J Tinnelly
<b>Officials in attendance via Zoom:</b>	Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities	
<b>Officials in attendance In Chamber:</b>	Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting) Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer	
<b>Also in attendance: Via Zoom:</b>	<b>Northern Ireland Ambulance Service</b> Mr M Bloomfield, Chief Executive Mrs R Byrne, Director of Operations  <b>Southern Health &amp; Social Care Trust</b> Dr M O’Kane, Medical Director Mrs M Mc Clements, Director of Acute Services	

**SC/016/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS**

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Councillor Mulgrew assumed the Chair.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mason and Magennis.

The Chairperson welcomed the delegation to the meeting and opened the floor to Councillors with any queries they may have for the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust.

**SC/017/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**SC/018/2022: RESPONSE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Mr Bloomfield apologised for the late response which had been sent late on Friday which highlighted the pressures the service was under, what was being done to address those issues, the impact on the Ambulance Service in relation to the temporary changes at Daisy Hill and the transfer of patients between the Downe and Ulster hospitals.

Councillor Byrne advised that members had not yet had sight of the correspondence and asked for a brief update on the impact on the Ambulance Service when transferring patients with the temporary measures introduced.

Mrs Byrne updated members on current suspension of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill hospital and NIAS plans to accommodate potential increase in travel time demands.

Members asked the following questions:

- Was NIAS receiving extra resources to make up the shortfall of ambulances being effectively removed from covering other incidents in the Southern area?
- Clarity was sought if there was an issue around funding for ambulances or was the issue around staffing these?
- Were the additional journeys made via ambulance from Daisy Hill to Craigavon and vice versa putting pressure on the service?
- Had a costing ever been completed on estimated cost per ambulance trip between Daisy Hill and Craigavon?
- Members asked for an update on the recruitment process within the NIAS.
- What was the intake annually for the degree course for NIAS and could member's help to address the issue?

The delegation responded to queries as follows:

- NIAS were not getting any additional resources but had agreed patients who needed to go to Craigavon hospital would not join the ambulance queue at the emergency department, they would go straight to a ward to minimise any impact.
- Southern Trust had secured additional resources outside of NIAS, through voluntary and private ambulance providers.
- Money had not been a constraint this year only, the number of staff to provide cover was the issue. Substantial additional recurrent funding was still required and a business case had been submitted to the department in December for an additional 320 staff to be able to respond to changes such as this.
- There were normally 11 or 12 ambulances available that work across divisions depending on the flow, none of these were ever sitting waiting on a call, when ambulances were on longer journeys or queuing for extended times outside emergency departments they were not available to respond to calls. The approach by the Southern Trust turning these ambulances around quickly was very helpful.
- It would be difficult to get an average cost of trip of ambulance as a number of factors affect the outcome however officials would be happy to take a look at and revert to members.
- The biggest factor on responding to calls in a timely manner was the time lost sitting outside emergency departments. Across Northern Ireland, February 2022 was the worst month in terms of hours lost which was equivalent to 32% of plan capacity which was equal to 35, 12 hour shifts a day.
- The first people would not graduate from the new BSC degree at Ulster University until June 2024 and at that stage would still need a further year of on-the-job training. The final cohort of 40 started a month ago that NIAS can train themselves and they would be trained around December 2022. External recruitment was on going but results were small normally single figures. New recruits just about cover the staff that leave during the year, big issue is 15-20% off due to Covid or self-isolating. Do not have the number of staff needed to provide the service we should.
- Intake was 50 places each year, depending on university input, 40 are new recruits

and 10 are for NIAS staff who want to progress to be paramedics. It was one of the most heavily subscribed courses with over 600 applicants last year, welcomed support from members to bring additional influence to progress and move forward the financial challenges faced and increase university places.

Mr Bloomfield concluded that collectively the message that, things need to change for an improved outcome, it was not about closure or downgrading of any facilities, was needed to inform the public. Mrs Byrne said it was ensuring the patient gets to the right place at the right time and smaller hospitals provide stability to the rest of the service allowing it to function the way it needs to.

## **SC/019/2022: RESPONSE FROM SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

Dr O’Kane and Mrs Mc Clements provided a brief overview of their plan and how they try to prevent any unnecessary impact on NIAS. Results so far were positive; within the past 3 week period Daisy Hill emergency department had 66 calls to surgeons, 40 admitted, 11 ambulated through the ambulatory unit and rest just needed advice or follow up.

Members asked the following questions:

- Could an update be provided on addressing issues regarding the consultants and staffing issues in order to bring back emergency surgeries to Daisy Hill?
- Was a distinct model going to be proposed in the consultation or was it to get feedback from the public in general?

The delegation responded to queries as follows:

- Aspiration was to keep emergency ambulances for emergency travel and investigate other means of travel to keep ambulances for the sickest patients, including private ambulances and family transfer of patients where possible.
- Meeting fortnightly to discuss an evidence base around the right model for general surgery going forward. A project oversight had commenced with two focus points:
  - The safe transition of the contingency plan to go live.
  - To look for a sustainable model of how general surgical services are run across the trust including emergency general surgery and elective surgery.

Working towards a consultation phase to a public consultation at end of June 2022. Hoping to go to Trust Board at end of October 2022 to discuss feedback and proposed way forward.
- Recruitment and international recruitment had been ongoing for specifically emergency general surgery. Surgeons needed a sub-speciality interest honoured and working with the clinical team to capitalise on a recruitment drive so that a sustainable model going forward would be attractive and retain consultants for the future. In the interim the service was operating with locums covering Daisy Hill with support from Craigavon general surgeons to fulfil the rota.
- A range of options would be worked through in the steering group which would be scored and suggested in the options paper to go to public consultation with complete transparency.
- In response to a query from members a full community engagement plan would be released to give the opportunity for all views throughout the Southern Trust be heard.

In concluding, Dr O’Kane stated that experience to date had been extremely positive and an enormous amount of work had been done around patient safety. Mrs Mc Clements highlighted that 62 out of 154 calls to surgeons had come from colleagues in primary care looking for advice and were able then to act on that advice and tie in with the ambulatory piece without referring the patient to the emergency department and get them on the most appropriate pathway. There were exciting things happening in different ways of working, in a smarter patient centred way, growing and learning as they go.

The meeting concluded at 14:51.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 May 2022.

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**Signed:      Councillor R Mulgrew**

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**Signed:      Mr M Lipsett**

## **NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 April 2022 at 6.00pm in the Chamber Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry, and remotely via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Howell (Chamber)

**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)

**In attendance:** **(Committee Members)**  
 Councillor R Burgess (Teams)  
 Councillor D Curran (Teams)  
 Councillor W Clarke (Teams)  
 Councillor M Larkin (Teams)  
 Councillor A McMurray (Teams)  
 Councillor H Reilly (via Teams)  
 Councillor M Ruane (Teams)

**Non Members:** Councillor P Brown (Teams)  
 Councillor O Hanlon (Teams)

**Officials in attendance:** Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture & Events  
 Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment Regeneration  
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer  
 Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director Building Control & Regulations  
 Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer  
 Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer

### **ERT/063/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were recorded for:  
 Councillor G Hanna  
 Councillor M Gibbons  
 Councillor R Mulgrew  
 Councillor V Harte  
 Councillor M Savage



The Chairperson, Councillor Howell extended deepest sympathy to Councillor Aoife Finnegan on the sudden and tragic passing of her cousin Jody Keenan.

On behalf of the SDLP grouping on Council, Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Andrews extended sincere condolences to Aoife, her family and friends.

**ERT/064/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest.

**ERT/065/2022: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &  
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022.**

**ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

**ERT/066/2022: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN 2022/23**

Read: Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the implementation of a Labour Market Partnership Action Plan 2022/2023. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed:**

- a) To note Council have prepared and submitted to DFC a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a LMP across the District. This action plan has been approved by the Regional LMP on 25th March 2022.
- b) To accept DFC Letters of Offer for LMP / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs
- c) To approve Business Case for the implementation of the LMP Action Plan for 2022/2023
- d) Council to procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the attached business case, subject to DFC funding
- e) To establish an Service Level Agreement with Newry and Mourne Enterprise / Down Business Centre for implementation of the Self-Employment: Business Start Development Programme - £65,000, subject to DFC funding
- f) To establish Service Level Agreements with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional college for the delivery of initiatives under apprenticeship awareness - £20,000, subject to DFC funding
- g) To establish Service Level Agreements with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional college for delivery of upskilling programmes to local employers and their employees, - £62,000 , subject to DFC funding
- h) Council write to DFC regarding the delay in issue of Letters of Offer for LMP operational and resource activity, highlighting the subsequent impact on delivery at a local level

## **TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS**

### **ERT/067/2022: STRATEGIC REVIEW OF MUSEUMS SERVICES TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Read: Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Review of Museums Services. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray said concerns regarding the condition of the Down Museum had been raised by many people and in view of the fact the facility

was unable to function due to staffing issues, he asked if this review would address these problems.

Councillor Curran asked when the Down Museum would be open to the general public.

Mr Patterson confirmed the Museum was currently open and as part of the review process, opening hours would be reviewed and extended on longer term basis going forward.

Councillor Hanlon asked when the review process would commence. She also asked if the Down Museum would be open over the Easter period.

Mr Patterson said it was hoped to begin the process as soon as possible and following ratification of the Terms of Reference at the Council Meeting in May 2022. He explained current opening hours would be from Wednesday to Friday going forward.

Councillor Hanlon said it was very disappointing the facility would not be open during the Easter period.

Councillor Andrews said elected representatives had been contacted regarding concerns about staffing levels in the Down Museum and the impact this will have on the future of this popular facility and he also expressed concern the facility would not be open over the Easter weekend which would be one of the busiest weekends of the year and said was very disappointing. He highlighted the need to approve the Terms of Reference as this review would be very important for the future development of the Down Museum facility.

Councillor Brown said as being the proposer for the motion along with Councillor Hanlon, to carry out a review of the Down Museum, he welcomed the fact this review was moving forward on a relatively quick timeframe.

He concurred with previous speakers regarding staffing issues at the facility and the impact the downgrading of this facility and reduction in staffing levels is having on the opening hours of the museum over the Easter period.

He said as we emerge from Covid it was important that facilities were opening up and bringing people into the District and as the Down Museum needed to play a vital role in this he expressed disappointment the facility would not be open at weekends over the next number of weeks. He hoped the review would address the problems causing the closures and asked for a timeframe for it's commencement and completion, stressing the need that stakeholders are given a clear indication of same.

He asked for clarification regarding the independent specialist to undertake the review

work given that most of the knowledge on the workings of the Museum existed within the Council.

He said it was important to include within the Terms of Reference objectives, consideration of a leadership role for the Down Museum as one of the major issues of concern was regarding the fact a full time Museum Curator was based in the Newry Museum but no full time Curator was provided in the Down Museum.

With regard to stakeholders, Councillor Brown suggested including the following as stakeholders as they had all been involved in opposing the downgrading of the Down Museum:

- Downpatrick Railway Museum
- Killylea Family History Society
- U3A
- Ulster Architectural Heritage Society
- Local business owners, ie, Stephen Magorian Denvers

He also asked Officers to note the new name for Lecale & Down Historical Society.

**Noted:** It is anticipated the review will be concluded in a timely way following the appointment of the Independent Specialist who will lead the process.

There are only a select number of independent assessors who would have the necessary skills and knowledge of the Museum Sector and appointment will be subject to the procurement process.

Staffing resource will be considered as part of the review and will include museum management.

Officers will include the additional stakeholders suggested by Councillor Brown subject to Members approval.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to approve the Terms of Reference and the list of stakeholders, as per Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, and to include the additional stakeholders as outlined by Councillor Brown.**

## **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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).

### **ERT/068/2022: ULSTER RALLY SPONSORSHIP**

**Read:** Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding entering into a Service Level Agreement with Mourne Heritage Trust (MHT) to support an Engagement Ranger Service. **(Copy circulated)**

### **ERT/069/2022: GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTRACT**

**Read:** Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding a Graphic Design contract. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported on the following decisions taken:

### **ERT/068/2022: Ulster Rally Sponsorship**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed Council enter into a sponsorship agreement with the event promoters with regard to the Ulster Rally event in Newry in August 2022.

**ERT/069/2022: Graphic Design Contract**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed to approve the Business Case and Council to undertake the necessary procurement exercises to tender and appoint a graphic design, artwork and print management services contract for tourism, for a 3 year term.

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/070/2022: ULSTER ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOL**

Read: Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society Summer School. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed to note approval to provide financial support to the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (UAHS) and the Irish Georgian Society (IGS) to support a Cross Border Summer School Study Day being held in Newry in June 2022.

**ERT/071/2022: BUILDING CONTROL – 6 MONTHLY REPORT**

Read: Building Control 6 monthly report. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed to note the Building Control 6 Monthly Report.

**ERT/072/2022: LICENSING – 6 MONTHLY REPORT**

Read: Licensing 6 monthly report. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed to note the Licensing 6 Monthly Report.

**ERT/073/2022: DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES  
ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING FEES**

**Read:** Report dated 11 April 2022 regarding correspondence dated 23 March 2022 from Department for Communities regarding a review of reduced fees for Entertainment Licences. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report and support the hospitality sector with a nominal £1 fee for the renewal of Entertainment Licence applications for the 2022/23 financial year.**

**ERT/074/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER**

**Read:** Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Sheet for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

**ERT/075/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES**

**Read:** Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for March 2022.**

**ERT/076/2022: SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK  
TRANSFORMING THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE**

**Read:** Report dated 11 April 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the Slieve Gullion project on transforming the visitor experience. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the update on the Slieve Gullion project and extensions to the letter of offer.**

The Chairperson wished everyone a happy Easter.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 May 2022.

**Signed:      Councillor R Howell**  
**Chairperson**  
**Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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**Signed:      Mr J McGilly/Mr A Patterson**  
**Assistant Directors**  
**Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism**

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**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on  
Thursday 14 April 2022 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

**In the Chair:** Councillor O Hanlon (Chamber)

**In Attendance in Chamber** Councillor R Howell

**In Attendance via Teams:** Councillor P Brown  
Councillor P Byrne  
Councillor O Magennis  
Councillor B Ó Muirí  
Councillor M Savage  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Councillor D Taylor  
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Also in attendance:** Councillor A McMurray

**Officials in Attendance  
In chamber:** Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive  
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services  
(Administration)  
Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Estates & Project Management  
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in Attendance  
Via Teams:** Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities  
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services  
(HR & Safeguarding)  
Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Culture Events  
Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation  
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment &  
Regeneration  
Mr G Scott, Safeguarding Coordinator

**Also in Attendance:  
Via Teams:** Mr C Campbell, Legal Advisor, Belfast City Council

**SPR/056/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Gallagher, Murphy and Rice, Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive and Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism.

**SPR/057/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs Carville declared an interest on behalf of all officers in item 16 – Business Administration Voluntary Redundancy and item 17 - Planning for the Future Update and all relevant officers would be asked to leave the meeting at that point.

**SPR/058/2022: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

*SPR/048/2022 - Downpatrick and County Down Railway*

In response to a query raised by Councillor Sharvin, Mrs Carville confirmed that following ratification of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee minutes officers had written to the Downpatrick and County Down Railway seeking dates for meeting to progress the matter.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí that the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2022, be approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND OR DECISION**

**SPR/059/2022: SAFEGUARDING POLICY – UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr G Scott, Safeguarding Coordinator, regarding, Safeguarding Policy - Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis that the updated policy (Version 3 as appended to the report), be approved for adoption and that members agree to Appendices being updated as required without the need to revert to the committee for approval to do so.

**SPR/060/2022: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK NLHF PROJECT GOVERNANCE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, regarding Castlewellan Forest Park NLHF Project Governance. **(Copy circulated)**

In proposing the paper, Councillor Howell paid thanks to the members of the Task and Finish Board for enabling the project to progress to this juncture stating it was natural progression now that the Council had taken over the forest park and it was important these structures were put in place.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approved:

- The Terms of Reference, structure and membership of Project Board.  
The Terms of Reference, structure and membership of Castlewellan Forest Park – Regeneration Stakeholder Forum.

**SPR/061/2022: UKRAINE ASSISTANCE CENTRE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, regarding Ukraine Assistance Centre **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors Savage and Tinnelly paid tribute to staff for all their hard work establishing the assistance centre at short notice and were heartened at the generosity of local families opening up their homes to the Ukraine people.

In response to queries raised by Councillor Savage, Mr Lipsett confirmed that approximately 25 people made up of 9 families had been supported through the centre on the first day by 10 different agencies who had attended. On-going support was being provided through the Ethnic Minorities Centre which was open all week. The Executive office had allocated 1 day a week which they deemed sufficient at this point for the assistance centre to be open. The Home Office hoped to attend from next week in order that visas could be expedited on the day, 8 out of the 9 families had arrived with no visas.

Some of the challenges faced was co-ordinating all the agencies, their staff and IT needs, space was an issue and a large part of the leisure centre would need to be closed 1 day a week to accommodate this going forward.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and agree to:**

- **The continued use of the Newry Leisure Centre as a Ukrainian Assistance Centre.**
- **That the Ballymote Centre be offered as a suitable venue for a Ukraine Assistance Centre in the Downpatrick area and remains closed until a final decision is made.**

**DEMOCRATIC SERVICES****SPR/062/2022: ALLOCATION OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES**

**READ:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Allocation of Special Responsibility Allowances **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí stated that his party's position had been fairly consistent on the matter and the most fair and equitable way of dealing with the issue was to split it equally amongst everyone that already received an SRA to avoid creating a hierarchy of Committees and therefore proposed to proceed with option 1.

Councillor Byrne outlined their approach was that the Chair of Planning and the Planning Committee should be recognised for the extent of work that goes on within that Committee it was not about setting a hierarchy. The only reason this changed was due to current situation found ourselves in with 2 SRA's and under guidance one member cannot hold 2 SRA's. Needs more clarity at the next AGM for the next term to avoid conflicts of interest and should be included in guidance for future reference.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to proceed with Option 1 - To retain the current position of allocating any outstanding SRAs among those positions that receive SRA payments. The position can be**

monitored by Parties during preparations for the AGM to try to ensure that there are no overlaps in SRA allocation.

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Sharvin it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matter 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/063/2022: EXTENSION OF LEASE WITH NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES ("NIFRS") – DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Administration, regarding Extension of Lease with Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service ("NIFRS") – Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed that Elected Members approve the new rental valuation for the duration of the 2-3 year extension of this Lease, with no further rent review to take place during the 2-3 year extended term.

**SPR/064/2022: PROPOSED LEASE OF THE GENERATOR HOUSE, NEWCASTLE HARBOUR, NEWCASTLE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding proposed Lease of The Generator House, Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to extend the term of years previously agreed from 5 years to 25 years in respect of the proposed lease of the Generator House, Newcastle Harbour subject to revised Departmental Consent from the Department of Communities.

**SPR/065/2022: BANN ROAD, CASTLEWELLAN – STORM ATTENUATION PROJECT**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director, Building Control & Regulation, regarding Bann Road, Castlewellaan – Storm Attenuation Project **(Copy Circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:

- Members to note the content of the report and approve to add an additional £36,009 to the Capital Programme budget for this project.

**SPR/066/2022: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Director Recruitment. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members agree to note the contents of the report and:

- a. Approve the recruitment for a Director: Corporate Services.
- b. Confirm their agreement to the proposal at 2.3 of the report.

**SPR/067/2022: SURPLUS ASSET UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Estates & Capital Projects, regarding Surplus Asset Update. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:

- Abbey Heights Amenity Area.  
To Proceed with Outline Planning Application (as per Appendix B).

- **Daisyhill – Grills House Section.**  
**To Proceed to Open Market (as per Appendix D).**

**SPR/068/2022:      2022/23 INSURANCE PREMIUM**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Estates & Capital Projects, regarding 2022/23 Insurance Premium. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed that Elected Members agree to review and approve the payment of the insurance premiums for 2022/23 at the costs outlined in the officer's report.**

**SPR/069/2022:      BRCD PROJECT GOVERNANCE – MOURNES GATEWAY**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture & Events, regarding BRCD Project Governance – Mournes Gateway **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the project governance arrangements for the Mournes Gateway project as detailed in the report.**

**SPR/070/2022:      RETIREMENT ON GROUNDS OF ILL HEALTH**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Retirement on Grounds of Ill Health. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed that Elected Members note the contents of the report and agree that:**

- a. All employees who, since 1 April 2020, have terminated their employment under the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Managing Attendance Procedure, due to ill-health retirement, be paid a leaving payment which mirrors the statutory notice provisions as set out in the Employment Rights



(Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (see 4.1).

and

- b. Going forward, employees who, due to ill-health retirement, terminate their employment under the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Managing Attendance Procedure, be eligible to receive a leaving payment which mirrors the statutory notice provisions as set out in the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

*All relevant officers left the meeting at this point – 18.54pm*

*Councillor Brown left the meeting at this point - 18.56pm*

# **SPR/071/2022: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from, Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Business Administration Voluntary Redundancy. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members note the contents of the report and to agree in principle that SMT can progress with the 49 voluntary redundancy 'Expression of Interest' applications. As detailed in this report any VR recommendations will be subject to formal consultation and all applicants will be required to make a formal voluntary redundancy application, which will be subject to further SPRC approval. And this will also be subject to formal consultation with TUs.

*Councillor Tinnelly left the meeting at this point - 19.17pm*

# **SPR/072/2022: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from, Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Planning for the future Update. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the following recommendations:

1. To pause the voluntary redundancy of the Tier 3 posts, to be revisited by August SPR Committee.
2. Approve the recruitment of Assistant Director Finance & Performance and Assistant Director Capital & Procurement via a publicly advertised recruitment process.

*Councillor Ó Muirí left the meeting at this point - 19.55pm*

**FOR NOTING –**

**This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**SPR/073/2022: ANNUAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING ACTIVITY REPORT (1 APRIL 2021 - 31 MARCH 2022)**

**Read:** Report dated 14 April 2022 from, Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy, regarding Annual Digital Communications and Marketing Activity Report (1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022). **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the Annual Digital Communications and Marketing Activity Report from April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 20.05pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 May 2022.

**Signed:** **Councillor Oonagh Hanlon**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:** **Dorinnia Carville**  
**Deputy Chief Executive**



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Ref: AHC/2022**

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate  
and via Microsoft Teams**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	Councillor K McKevitt (Chamber)	
<b>In attendance in Chamber:</b>	Councillor McMurray	
<b>In attendance via Teams:</b>	Councillor C Casey Councillor V Harte Councillor L McEvoy Councillor G Sharvin Councillor J Trainor	Councillor A Finnegan Councillor A Lewis Councillor G O'Hare Councillor J Tinnelly
<b>Officials in attendance In Chamber:</b>	Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)	
<b>Officials in attendance Via Teams:</b>	Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer	

**AHC/067/2022: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Malone & Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement.

The Chairperson on behalf of the Deputy Chair and all committee members offered sympathies to member of staff Mrs D Starkey and her family on the passing their father Paddy Smith.

The Chairperson congratulated Down Minor Ladies on winning the Ulster Bronze title over the weekend.

The Chairperson offered congratulations to Killough who won the Harry Clarke cup on Easter Monday after a swimming final against Ballynagross.

The Chairperson congratulated everyone who took part in the organising of 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Arts and Markets across the District, highlighting the Warrenpoint event was a very successful day.

The Chairperson praised all those involved in fundraising efforts for the 'Get Cian Milligan Home' campaign and donations could be made through a just giving link on social media if anyone wished to support a great cause.

Well done to the 8 men who took part in the 'Cycling Down to Zero' from Cork to Donegal for a very worthwhile cause.

The Chairperson asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Burren lady Katrina Magee on winning silver and bronze at a recent show jumping event at the Ireland Special Olympics.

**AHC/068/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/069/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2022**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**.

In response to a request from Councillor Lewis regarding the Dundrum Playing Fields at the Old Belfast Road, Mr Tamati agreed to contact him directly with an update.

*AHC/143/2021: Notice of Motion – Defibrillators*

In response to an update request from the Chairperson and Councillor Lewis, Mr Devlin confirmed that he had met with Fergal McKinney, The Chief Executive of the British Heart Foundation who had indicated they were keen to be involved in partnership work and the organisation were in the late stages of devising a new software app called 'Reviver' which included 15 minutes of CPR training and this was something Council could perhaps promote and collaborate on. Mr Devlin advised he would bring a paper to a future AHC committee outlining potential joint operations with the British Heart Foundation.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022.**

**AHC/070/2022: NOTICE OF MOTION – CHILD POVERTY**

Read: Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Notice of Motion – Child Poverty **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray thanked officers for the report, stating the reason for bringing the motion was that child poverty affected us all and it should be unacceptable that any child grows up in poverty. In summing up he stated Covid had shown what could be achieved through collaborative inter-agency working which had continued to be utilised by Council in relation to the response to war in the Ukraine and hoped the motion would give direction to the Council in order to act in the maximum of its remit.

Councillor McEvoy stated that Councillor Howell had seconded the original motion and Sinn Féin were happy to support the motion.

- Agreed:**
- It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note the report and approve the following recommendations:
- To write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working.
  - To include the identification of improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision as a component part of the Council's next Corporate Plan.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### **AHC/071/2022: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Harte to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached to the officer's report for:

- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022.
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 29 March 2022.
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2022.
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022.
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022.

### **AHC/72/2022 COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to query from Councillor Sharvin regarding if the request for additional funding

had been given to DfC and whether a response was forthcoming, Mr Lipsett stated he would anticipate receiving a response by the next AHC committee meeting.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022.

**AHC/073/2022**      **2022/2023 DFC AREAS AT RISK FUNDING FOR BESSBROOK AND CROSSMAGLEN**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding 2022/2023 DFC Areas at risk funding for Bessbrook and Crossmaglen. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, to note that NM&DDC have received letters of offer from the Department for Communities for a continuation of the Areas at Risk programme for the period 2022 / 2023 - Council have secured £24,000 per location to run community educational programmes for residents of the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**AHC/074/2022**      **CROSS SECTOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD TRAINING INITIATIVE**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Cross Sector Sustainable Food Training Initiative **(Copy circulated)**

In response to query raised by Councillor Sharvin, Mr Devlin confirmed that part of the further work to be done would be how best to identify the most useful organisation bodies to partake and he would revert back to Councillor Sharvin in due course.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve Officers procuring an educational provider to develop, recruit and deliver training for a cohort of local stakeholders re: sustainable food. Trainer to create a digital forum as a legacy follow up to maintain the network and seek funding for follow up support.

**AHC/075/2022**      **FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR COMMUNITY SOCIAL FARM**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Feasibility Study for Community Social Farm **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray welcomed the report stating it was very encouraging and in the Slieve Croob area there was a real energy towards social growing. These types of projects were very therapeutic and were great for assisting community development and community associations to link into these types of infrastructure.

In response to queries from Members, Mr Devlin stated the initiative was probably more ambitious than a community allotment stating it would be a landmark project for Council. He stated that officers were currently looking at the feasibility of the project at this stage and he would circulate further information to Members in order to provide more background on the initiative and level of funding required.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, to approve Officers procuring an initial feasibility study for development of a social farm on identified land at Castlewellan Forest park. Scope of the study will be to provide a general report for consideration of need and community support for a farm facility on council land.

#### **AHC/076/2022      EDIBLE LANDSCAPES 'WE CAN GROW' PILOT PROJECT**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Edible Landscapes 'We can grow' Pilot Programme **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin proposed to increase the scheme from 5 to 6 community projects so that each DEA benefitted from one of the schemes, this was seconded by Councillor McKeivitt.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt to increase the scope of the scheme to have 6 community projects in order that each DEA would benefit from one of the schemes.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to approve officers procuring one or more horticultural contractors to supply and deliver 6 community projects with follow up support for one growing season.

#### **AHC/077/2022      CONSULTATION ON TEMPORARY CHANGES TO EMERGENCY CARE SERVICES AT LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Consultation on temporary changes to Emergency Care Services at Lagan Valley Hospital **(Copy circulated)**

Members to email Mr Devlin on or before Friday 22 April 2022 with any comments they wished to add to the consultation response.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mc Kevitt, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve that the consultation response as per the officer's report is

returned. Members who wished to do so should provide any comments to Mr Devlin by Friday 22 April 2022.

**AHC/078/2022      FUNDING REQUEST FROM SOCIAL FARMS AND GARDENS NI**

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Funding request from Social Farms and Gardens NI **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve Council to provide funding to Social Farms and Gardens for the 2022-23 year within existing resources.

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

**AHC/079/2022      FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lewis to approve the following recommendations:

- The appendix attached to the officer's report.
- Pre-letter of offer conditions to be met prior to issue of full letter of offer issued.
- Officers to investigate potential of slippage funding to be made available.

AHC/080/2022

**BUSINESS CASE – HILLTOWN CAR PARK AND AAR LETTER OF OFFER**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Business Case – Hilltown Car Park and AAR letter of offer. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly to approve the following recommendations:

- Accept the business case for the external works at Hilltown Community Centre including the associated professional fees.
- Determine whether potential scheme can be funded from capital underspend within the 22/23 financial year or include for consideration in the 23/24 rate estimates.
- If suitable funding is secured proceed with the procurement of a suitably qualified design team and contractor to carry out the necessary works.

AHC/081/2022

**DOWN HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTS AND 3G PITCH**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Down High School Lights and 3G Pitch.  
**(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McKevitt to approve the following recommendations:

- To progress a planning application for enhanced sports facilities at Down High School as per 2.1 of the officer's report
- To approve a budget spend as outlined in section 4.1 of the officer's report.

**AHC/082/2022**

**DONARD PARK OVERFLOW CAR PARK**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Donard Park Overflow Car Park  
**(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Casey to approve the following recommendations:

- To commence the Donard Park Overflow Car Park Capital Project as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.
- The approval of the Donard Park Overflow Carpark Business Cases as per appendix 3 of the officer's report.
- Agree for work to commence immediately and prior to ratification of this report due to seasonal car parking pressures in July and August.



## FOR NOTING

### AHC/083/2022 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Harte, to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

### AHC/084/2022 NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Harte, to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

### AHC/085/2022 UKRAINE ASSISTANCE CENTRE

**Read:** Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Ukraine Assistance Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to Councillor Tinnelly, Mr M Lipsett advised that it had been a very emotional and successful first week, however week 2 had seen a further improvement with additional space being opened up, 3 members from IT were on hand to support the different statutory agency needs. He advised that families had been assisted more efficiently through each of the stages and were very grateful for the hard work of all staff involved. Mr Lipsett praised the staff members involved who had worked diligently since the beginning of the operation.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Harte, to note the report and the following recommendations:

- The continued use of the Newry Leisure Centre as a Ukrainian Assistance Centre.
- That the Ballymote Centre be offered as a suitable venue for a Ukraine Assistance Centre in the

**Downpatrick area and remains closed until a final decision is made.**

**AHC/086/2022      INCLUSIVE CITIES 2022**

**Read:**                      Report dated 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director  
Community Engagement regarding Inclusive Cities 2022.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly,  
seconded by Councillor Harte, to note the report.**

**There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.02pm.**

**Signed:**                      Councillor K McKevitt  
Chairperson

**Signed:**                      Michael Lipsett  
Director Active and Healthy Communities

## **NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry and via MS Teams.**

**Chair:** Councillor A Finnegan (Chamber)

**Members:** Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)  
Councillor P Brown (Teams)  
Councillor W Clarke (Teams)  
Councillor D Murphy (Chamber)  
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)

**Non-Committee Members:** Councillor J Tinnelly (Teams)

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr J McBride Director Neighbourhood Services (Acting)  
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance  
Ms S Murphy, Acting Assistant Director Waste Management  
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer  
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr A Cassells SIB Advisor to Neighbourhood Services

### **NS/044/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Curran, Casey, Magennis, McKeivitt, Owen and Ruane.

### **NS/045/2022: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"**

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

### **NS/046/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on**

**Wednesday 23 March 2022 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

### **NS/047/2022: REVIEW OF TRANSLINK'S ULSTER IN BLOOM ENTRIES AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR 2022**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: review of Translink's Ulster in Bloom entries and submission of entries for 2022. *(Circulated)*.

Noted: Mr Scullion advised that the list of entries presented in the report did not include Newry, Kilkeel and Rostrevor and confirmed they would be included in entry submissions to the Ulster in Bloom competition for 2022.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the submission of an entry by the Council to Translink's Ulster in Bloom competition for 2022 as set out in Section 2.2 of the report, to also include Newry, Kilkeel and Rostrevor.**

### **NS/048/2022: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S TREE STRATEGY**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: update on the Council's Tree Strategy. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brown, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the presentation of the draft Tree Strategy to the Neighbourhood Services Working Group in May 2022 along with a review of progress in the Council achieving a cessation in the use of herbicides containing glyphosate.**

### **NS/049/2022: APPLICATIONS FOR BUS SHELTERS IN CROSSGAR AND KILLYLEAGH**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: applications for bus shelters in Crossgar and Killyleagh. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed:-

- To note the contents of the report.
- Agree to the recommendations in Appendix 1 for the erection of a bus shelter at Cross Street Killyleagh and the relocation of the shelter at Downpatrick Street Crossgar.
- In relation to the application for a bus shelter at Catherine Street, Killyleagh, a decision be deferred pending further consultation with the PSNI in light of the anti-social behaviour issues raised by Members
- Officers to consult further with Translink on the option for Council to enter into an agreement with Translink for the provision of bus shelters at official bus stops.

**NS/050/2022:** **TRIAL OF SOLAR LIGHTS AT COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: trial of solar lights at Council bus shelters. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to recommend to proceed with the installation of solar lighting at 2 bus shelters near Attical with their effectiveness monitored and this information to be reported back to Committee.

**NS/051/2022:** **VEGETATION GROWTH WITHIN AUGHRIM RIVER AT THE EVENTS SPACE KILKEEL**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: vegetation growth within Aughrim River at the Events Space, Kilkeel. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the recommendation to appoint a suitably qualified consultant/s through the SCAPE Framework to provide consultancy support to identify the causes of the vegetation growth in the Aughrim River adjacent to the Events Space, Kilkeel, and the steps and possible costs to managing this part of the river to provide a more visually attractive aspect to this location.

## **WASTE MANAGMENT**

### **NS/052/2022: COMPOST WEEK 2022**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: Compost Week 2022. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to:-

- Note and approve the distribution of compost through Household recycling Centres during Compost Week 2022 with associated publicity.
- Note and approve the additional activities in 2.2 to highlight and promote the importance of recycling food waste.

1. Publication of new collection calendars
2. Issuing of 'No food waste' stickers for placement on black bins
3. Distribution of 100 new/replacement food caddies through Elected Representatives
4. Issue of 10 food waste caddies to primary schools on request. (Max distribution 1000 caddies), to further promote food waste recycling in the home, as per previous Council decision.
  - Note and approve the launch of an application process, with set criteria, to establish demand for deploying brown bins to residents of high rise buildings who were not previously provided with these.

### **NS/053/2022: RESPONSE TO DAERA CONSULTATION: DIGITAL WASTE TRACKER**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: response to DAERA Consultation: Digital Waste Tracker. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to approve the consultation response to Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking Consultation.

### **NS/054/2022: CHEWING GUM CLEAN-UP FUND – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: Chewing Gum Clean-Up Fund – expression of interest. *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to approve Officers preparing an expression of interest application to the Keep Britain Tidy Chewing Gum Clean-Up Fund.**

## **EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 are deemed to be exempt under 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.**

#### **NS/055/2022: REPLACEMENT OF SAFETY TILES WITH WET POUR SURFACING IN VARIOUS COUNCIL PLAY AREAS**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding replacement of safety tiles with wet pour surfacing in various Council play areas *(Circulated)*.

#### **NS/056/2022: VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING THE EVENTS SPACE, KILKEEL**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding various issues concerning the Events Space, Kilkeel. *(Circulated)*.

#### **NS/057/2022: PROPOSED PHASE 2 EXTENSION TO KILBRONEY MUNICIPAL CEMETERY**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding proposed Phase 2 extension to Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery. *(Circulated)*.

#### **NS/058/2022: BUSINESS CASE FOR CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding business case for Christmas Illuminations replacement programme. *(Circulated)*.

**NS/059/2022: BUSINESS CASE FOR REMOVAL OF LEACHATE FROM CLOSED LANDFILL SITES**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy, (Acting) Assistant Director of Waste Management, regarding business case for removal of leachate from closed landfill sites. *(Circulated)*.

**NS/060/2022: BUSINESS CASE FOR REPLACEMENT HOOK-LIFT VEHICLES**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy, (Acting) Assistant Director of Waste Management, regarding business case for replacement hook-lift vehicles. *(Circulated)*.

**NS/061/2022: COUNCIL CONTRACT FOR LEGIONELLA MONITORING IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding Council contract for legionella monitoring in Council properties. *(Circulated)*.

**NS/062/2022: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 31 MARCH 2022**

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 31 March 2022. *(Circulated)*.

**NS/063/2022: MINUTES OF ARC 21 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2022. *(Circulated)*.

Councillor Andrews proposed, and Councillor Murphy seconded, to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:-

NS/055/2022 - Replacement of safety tiles with wet pour surfacing in various Council Play Areas

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it agreed to approve the progress**



**update report on the replacement of safety tiles with wet-pour surfacing in various Council play areas.**

NS/056/2022 - Various issues concerning the Events Space, Kilkeel

**AGREED:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it agreed to-**

- **Note the contents of the report.**
- **Approve the Officers recommendation that the legal position of the Council regarding its maintenance of the events space, Kilkeel, is reviewed with a separate report to be provided to the Council once this has been considered further.**
- **Approve the recommendation to accommodate the request from a local community organisation to make a connection to the Council's electricity supply at the Events Space, Kilkeel to provide decorative lighting to a new statue. This will be subject to a suitable legal agreement being in-place between the relevant parties. The legal agreement will cover the installation of the electric supply and how ongoing electricity charges will be apportioned."**

NS/057/2022 - Proposed Phase 2 extension to Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery

**AGREED:**                   **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it agreed to-**

- **Note the content of the report.**
- **Committee approve that the Council's Design Team complete the contract drawings and associated information for the proposed Phase 2 extension to Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery to include the new extension and the option of refurbishment of Phase 1 of the cemetery and provision of a works compound.**
- **Committee approve that once complete, the contract drawings and associated information will be provided to the Council's Civil Engineering and Minor Works Framework contractor for pricing. A further report will be made at that stage to Committee with recommendation on the extent of the project to be completed.**

NS/058/2022 - Business Case for Christmas Illuminations Replacement Programme

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it agreed to-

- Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.
- Approve the recommendation that Option 3 as detailed within the Business Case is accepted as the preferred option. Option 3 will see the delivery of this project through a combined procurement of Christmas illuminations and a 10-year hire agreement for five artificial Christmas trees with ongoing annual maintenance costs.

NS/059/2022- Business Case for the transport of leachate from the Council's Closed Landfill sites

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan,, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it agreed to approve the business case for the removal and transport of leachate from Drumanakelly, Aughnagun and Croreagh closed landfill sites to a licensed treatment plant.

NS/060/2022 - Business Case for replacement Hook-Lift Vehicles

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it agreed to approve the Business Case at Appendix I for the replacement of three 32T Hook Lift Vehicles the Waste Processing section to service Household Recycling Centres in the legacy Newry and Mourne District Council sites.

NS/061/2022 - Council contract for legionella monitoring in Council properties

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it agreed to note the service increase charge for legionella monitoring as set out at section 2.1 of the report.

NS/062/2022 - Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin dated 31 March 2022

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it agreed to note this bulletin.

NS/063/2022 - Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of 24 February 2022

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it agreed to note these Minutes**

(Councillor Brown left the meeting)

**FOR NOTING**

**NS/064/2022: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORATE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr J McBride, Neighbourhood Services Director (Acting) regarding Neighbourhood Services Directorate Scheme of Delegation. ***(Circulated)***.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the decisions taken by the Neighbourhood Services Director (Acting) from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation for Officers.**

**NS/065/2022: USE OF HERBICIDES ACROSS THE COUNCIL ESTATE**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Mr K Scullion regarding use of herbicides across the Council Estate 2021 and 2022. ***(Circulated)***.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the content of the report.**

**NS/066/2022: DEEP CLEANSING UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 21 April 2022 from Ms S Murphy regarding deep cleansing update. ***(Circulated)***.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the content of the report.**

**NS/067/2022: ARC21 SPECIAL JC MINUTES 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

Read: Arc21 JC Meeting Minutes held on 24 February 2022 ***(Circulated)***.

**AGREED:**               **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to mark these Minutes noted.**

**NS/068/2022:**    **HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET**

Read:                   Historic Actions Tracking Sheet *(Circulated)*.

**AGREED:**               **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the Historic Actions Tracking Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meetings be noted and actions removed as marked.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.15 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

**Signed:**           **Councillor A Finnegan**  
                          **Deputy Chairperson of Neighbourhood Services Committee**

**Signed:**           **Mr J McBride**  
                          **Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)**

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTER



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Our Ref: CORR-0271-2022

Dorinnia Carville  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

7 April 2022

Dear Ms Carville,

## NOTICE OF MOTION – CHARLOTTE'S LAW

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2022 advising of the Council's support for Charlotte's Law, which I have noted.

I have taken a close interest in the campaign led by Charlotte Murray's family and that is why I engaged my officials in a thorough review of the position. You may be aware of the oral statement I made to the Assembly in November last year when I announced a range of administrative measures, aimed at encouraging the disclosure of information about the location of victims' remains, and the launch of a public consultation on the legislative changes that might be brought forward.

The consultation, which closed on 14 February, focussed on:

- the categorisation of no-body murders for sentencing purposes;
- introduction of a post sentence tariff review mechanism; and
- matters the Parole Commissioners should take into consideration at the end of a life sentenced prisoner's tariff period.

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My officials are preparing a report on the responses to the consultation and will reflect the Council's views in the report.

I am grateful for your interest in this important issue but, as you have noted in your letter, it will be the next Assembly mandate before any legislative changes can be brought forward by a Justice Minister.

Yours sincerely,

**NAOMI LONG**  
**Minister of Justice**

*Please ensure that you quote our reference number in any future related correspondence.*



Alison McCullagh  
Chief Executive



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Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 12 April 2022

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Dear Ms Carville

**Re: Motion – Independent Review of all deaths with potential issues around domestic violence**

At the recent Council meeting held on 5 April 2022, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council adopted the following Motion:

***“This Council calls on the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland to instigate an independent, strategic review of the handling of all deaths in which there were established or potential issues around domestic violence and in particular those which were not investigated or treated as murder, or death was deemed to be from suicide or accidental injury.***

***This review should determine all aspects of each case including decisions taken by senior officers and explanations for same, and if all procedures and protocols were fully adhered to and all avenues of investigation exhausted.***

***In addition this council calls on the Chief Constable to establish a mechanism whereby officers of any rank can raise concerns as to the circumstances and investigations of such deaths and indicate if they are being overruled and/or ordered by superiors not to pursue these cases.***

***Further, this council calls on all Health and Social Care Trusts to either expand “Whistleblower” Policies or create a separate, similar channel for all treating staff to voice concerns on the presentation of victims, with support for staff in alerting the Police Service of Northern Ireland and ensuring said concerns are fully taken on board and appropriately documented.***

***This motion should also be shared with the Minister for Justice, the Police Ombudsman, the Policing Board, the Commissioner for Human Rights and all***

***district councils with a view to adopting the requests/recommendations contained therein.”***

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The Council trusts that you will support this Motion.

Yours sincerely



**Alison McCullagh**  
**Chief Executive**



Alison McCullagh  
Chief Executive



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Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 12 April 2022

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Ms Marie Ward  
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Dear Ms Ward

## Re: Continuing Healthcare Provision

At the Council meeting held on 5 April, Members asked that I write to the Commissioner for Older People to commend him for progressing judicial review proceedings against the Department of Health regarding the Department's changes to continuing healthcare.

Members also requested that I write to all other Councils in Northern Ireland to encourage them to make similar representations to the Commissioner.

The Council trusts you will give this issue due consideration.

Yours sincerely

**Alison McCullagh**  
Chief Executive

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Dear Mr Carville,

**Re: Motion – Recruiting staff within the hospitality and tourism sectors**

At the recent Council meeting held on 5 April 2022, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council adopted the following Motion:

***“This Council calls on the UK Government and the NI Executive to urgently review the current deficit experienced by employers in recruiting staff within the hospitality & tourism sectors. This has become a major crisis not only locally but throughout the entirety of Northern Ireland.***

***Further, that this Council writes to Kevin Foster MP, Minister for Immigration in the UK Government, and associated Stormont Ministers, to ask that immediate measures are instigated to alleviate the recruitment difficulties in this vital sector to our economy.***

***It is recommended that this Motion is circulated to all other Councils in Northern Ireland seeking their support in lobbying on behalf of the Tourism and Hospitality providers.”***

The Council trusts that you will support this Motion.

Yours sincerely

**Alison McCullagh**  
**Chief Executive**

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Chief Executive



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Dear Ms Carville

### Re: Public Holiday – St Brigid's Day

At a recent Council meeting, Members asked that I write to the Prime Minister to request that from 2023, the first Monday in February be designated a public holiday in Northern Ireland. Such a designation would be in line with a recent decision by the Irish Government and would therefore result in a public holiday across the island of Ireland.

At the Policy and Resources meeting held on 13 April 2022, Members asked that I write to you and to all Councils in Northern Ireland, to ask for your support in our efforts to secure this additional Public Holiday and any further steps they will take to initiate the required process.

The Council trusts that you will give due consideration to this request and looks forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

**Alison McCullagh**  
Chief Executive



SR/AC/cd/CS8.3.2022/Item 11b

25 April 2022

Ms. Marie Ward  
Chief Executive  
Newry Mourne and Down District Council  
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Via email: [marie.ward@nmandd.org](mailto:marie.ward@nmandd.org)

Dear Marie

I would advise you that Ards and North Down Borough Council recently agreed to continue to light up its buildings in support of and in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, where there are no other scheduled lighting up commitments, and that the Council writes to the other Council's calling upon them to do the same.

I would be grateful if you would present this request to your Council for its consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Reid".

**Stephen Reid**  
Chief Executive



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Dorinnia Carville  
Deputy Chief Executive  
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Our ref: **TOF0229-2022**

26 April 2022

Dear Dorinnia

## **Holiday Hunger**

Thank you for your letter of 11 April to the Minister. I have been asked to respond on her behalf.

As you are aware the Executive decided on 19 November 2020 that financial assistance would be provided to families of children entitled to FSM when at school during school holiday periods, including mid-term breaks between Christmas 2020 and Easter 2022. Despite the uncertainty around the budget 2022-25, the Easter 2022 School Holiday Food Grant payment has been prioritised in the Department's indicative budget 2022-23.

Whilst the issue of holiday hunger is not new and is a real concern for a number of families any decisions on the school holiday food grant and it continuing beyond Easter 2022 will be for the incoming Executive to decide in line with the work being taken forward with the Anti -Poverty strategy.

Thank you for taking the time to write in on this issue and I trust you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Fitzgerald." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jill FitzGerald**

**Food in Schools Team**