

# Agenda

**1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks**

**2.0 Declarations of Interest**

**3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026**

*For Information*

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## *Council Minutes For Adoption and Signing*

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**4.0 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026**

*For Approval*

**5.0 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026**

*For Approval*

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## *Committee Minutes for Consideration and Adoption*

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**6.0 Minutes of Audit Committee held 7 May 2026**

*For Approval*

**7.0 Minutes of Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2026**

*For Approval*

**8.0 Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2026**

*For Approval*

**9.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2026**

*For Approval*

**10.0 Minutes of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2026**

*For Approval*

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## *Planning*

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**11.0 Planning Section**

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## *Correspondence*

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## 12.0 Correspondence Report

**12.1 Correspondence from Health Minister re: NOM CAR T Therapy C/049/2026**

*For Information*

**12.2 Correspondence from Infrastructure Minister re: NOM Wastewater Infrastructure C/055/2026**

*For Information*

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**12.3 Correspondence from Finance Minister and Department for Communities re: NOM Basic Income for Artists C/052/2026**

*For Information*

**12.4 Correspondence from Communities Minister re NOM - Inadequacy of £17m Fund for NI Households C/057/2026)**

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

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## 13.0 Notice of Motion - Housing Associations

*For Decision*

The following Motion was received from Councillor Galbraith:

*"This Council notes:*

*That many tenants living in Housing Association properties across Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are required or strongly encouraged to obtain contents insurance as a condition associated with protecting their belongings within rented accommodation;*

*That tenants are increasingly experiencing property damage and loss arising not from tenant negligence, but from delayed, inadequate, or unresolved repairs by Housing Associations, including but not limited to water ingress, damp, mould, roofing failures, plumbing leaks, and structural defects;*

*That in many such cases, tenants are left financially liable for replacing damaged personal belongings through their own contents insurance policies, despite the root cause being a failure or delay by the landlord to carry out timely repairs;*

*That this situation places an unfair financial burden on tenants, many of whom are already facing significant cost-of-living pressures;*

*That Housing Associations have statutory and contractual responsibilities to maintain properties to a safe and habitable standard and should be accountable where avoidable delays in repairs result in damage to tenants' possessions.*

*This Council therefore calls on:*

*All Housing Associations operating within the District to review and amend their policies so that tenants are not unfairly required to rely solely on personal contents insurance where damage arises directly from Housing Association repair delays, negligence, or failure to act within reasonable timescales;*

*The Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Department for Communities to introduce clear regional guidance requiring Housing Associations to accept liability and provide compensation where tenant belongings are damaged due to preventable delays in repairs;*

*Housing Associations to establish transparent compensation procedures for tenants affected by delayed maintenance issues, including accessible appeals mechanisms and clearly defined repair response times;*

*The Chief Executive of Council to write formally to all registered Housing Associations operating within the District, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, and the Department for Communities outlining Council's position and requesting urgent engagement on this matter.*

*This Council further agrees to support efforts to strengthen tenant protections and improve accountability standards across the social housing sector."*