



October 27th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 1st November 2021** at **6:00 pm** in **TBC**.

Agenda

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17.0 Notice of Motion - Contactless Payment Stations

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Brown:

‘Given the continued high homelessness rates in the District and the rise in cashless transactions, this council commits to installing a number of contactless payment stations in main urban areas across the District which can gather donations for homelessness charities based in the District to distribute to those most in need.’

18.0 Notice of Motion - Making Council Finances fit to tackle Climate Change

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Enright:

Council notes the supporting table below is based on a Freedom of Information reply from the Department of Finance, supplemented by Fol's from each of the 11 Councils. Council notes that our District is running in a poor last place in terms of revenue despite having the best potential renewable resources in the North of Ireland outside Donegal. Were it not for the £100,000+pa benefit of our old abandoned energy efficiency campaign, Newry Mourne and Down District Council's position would be worse.

Council formally adopts revenue targets from renewables as follows;

2022 - £1 million per annum

2025 - £5 million per annum

2030 - £10 million per annum

Council directs management that these targets can be met by rates from renewables projects, income from Council's own renewables projects and from a revitalised energy savings programme.

Table supporting motion attached.

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 OCTOBER 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/188/2021	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 04.10.21	The action sheet was agreed.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/189/2021	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 06.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/190/2021	Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on 13.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/191/2021	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	

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C/192/2021	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/193/2021	Minutes of Special SPR Committee Meeting held on 27.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/194/2021	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/195/2021	Minutes of NHS Committee Meeting held on 21.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, subject to Councillor Stokes being recorded as being in attendance.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/196/2021	Minutes of Audit Committee held on 23.09.21	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/197/2021	Planning Committee	Noted	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/198/2021	Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 12 August 2021	The minutes were noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/199/2021	Bulletin dated September 2021 from Northern Ireland Housing Council	The bulletin was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/200/2021	Northern Ireland Local Government	The programme was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	

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	Association Regional Programme for September 2021 to April 2022	Members wishing to attend any of the NILGA events contained within the regional programme for September 2021 to April 2022 to contact Democratic Services.			
C/201/2021	Correspondence from the Minister of Education dated 28 September 2021 regarding Notice of Motion C/109/2021, Digital Poverty	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/202/2021	Notice of Motion – Permanent 20MPH Limits	<p>The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor McMurray:</p> <p><i>It was agreed that this Council recognises the great work of the Infrastructure Minister in terms of the 20mph speed limits at schools and write to the Minister for Infrastructure asking that a consultation, with a view to legislation, be instigated to allow for the roll-out of permanent 20mph speed limits across Northern Ireland. Such limits should be introduced in residential and/or commercial areas and outside all schools, where there is a high frequency, and close proximity of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In concurrence, this request, Newry, Mourne and Down Council shall write to the Department of Infrastructure and request that this District be considered for any future trials of permanent 20mph speed restrictions. Also to write</i></p>	Democratic Services	Noted Correspondence sent	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<i>to the PSNI requesting increase in speed detection on all our roads within the District.</i>			
C/203/2021	Notice of Motion – Universal Credit	<p>The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Byrne:</p> <p><i>It was agreed that this Council recognises that the £20 Universal Credit uplift has provided a lifeline to many families and recognises the devastating impact that its proposed removal would have at this critical juncture of the recovery period when workers face the end of the furlough scheme and massive increases in energy bills. The Council also recognises that the removal of the £20 per week payment will be devastating for those living here, will push more people into poverty, increase reliance on foodbanks, and increase homelessness, as well as having dire consequences for our local economy. The Council calls on the Communities Minister, to continue to liaise with her Executive colleagues and colleagues in the Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly to press the British Government to retain this uplift, and to continue to progress a long-term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty and social deprivation across Newry Mourne and Down Council area.</i></p>	Democratic Services	<p>Noted</p> <p>Correspondence sent</p>	
C/204/2021	Notice of Motion – Memorial, Covid Pandemic	<p>The following Motion received from Councillor Lewis was referred to the Equality and Good Relations Forum in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.</p> <p><i>"This Council notes the serious impact that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on Northern Ireland.</i></p>	<p>C Moffett</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>	<p>To be discussed at the rescheduled Councillors' Equality & Good Relations Reference Group meeting on 19 November 2021.</p>	

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		<p><i>We recognise that many families have lost loved ones and note that death figures continue to rise. We wish to also acknowledge the sacrifice of service from our health service families along with those from across our voluntary and communities sector, who helped their communities at the time that they were at their most vulnerable.</i></p> <p><i>The Council will seek to commission a memorial to be placed within the grounds of Downshire Civic Centre to mark the pandemic, collective loss and sacrifice of healthcare staff including those from the public, private and voluntary sector.</i></p> <p><i>We also note and support the call of Health Minister Robin Swann to establish a Northern Ireland wide memorial."</i></p>			
C/205/2021	Notice of Motion – Community Wealth Building	<p>The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Hanlon:</p> <p><i>It was agreed that this Council:</i></p> <p><i>Recognises the economic disruption caused to communities across the District caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, periods of economic recession, and Tory austerity;</i></p> <p><i>Further recognises long-standing economic problems in the District, including inequality, low-paid employment, poor rates of socially effective investment, deprivation, and unsustainable levels of carbon emissions and ecological damage;</i></p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>D Carville</p>		

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		<p><i>Acknowledges that local economic models which prioritise wealth extraction and profit maximisation over community wellbeing have unacceptable consequences for workers and communities;</i></p> <p><i>Acknowledges the success of CWB as a community-oriented strategy of economic development focused on securing well-paid employment, deploying local finance to the benefit of the community, greater community control and more strategic use of land and property, nurturing economic democracy and cooperative enterprises, and making best use of local anchor institutions to locally procure goods and services and provide decent employment.</i></p> <p><i>That a Working Group be created to oversee our progress and to ensure that Councillors are stakeholders who are centrally involved in the process and that council hosts a conference on community wealth building which can inform the work of the working group and invites leading experts in the field including but not limited to Cleveland and Preston.</i></p>			
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 October 2021 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 D Curran	Councillor R Burgess
In attendance via Teams:	Councillor P Brown Councillor C Casey Councillor L Devlin Councillor C Enright Councillor O Hanlon Councillor V Harte Councillor M Larkin Councillor O Magennis Councillor L McEvoy Councillor McKeivitt Councillor R Mulgrew Councillor G O'Hare Councillor K Owen Councillor M Ruane Councillor G Stokes Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor P Byrne Councillor W Clarke Councillor S Doran Councillor A Finnegan Councillor G Hanna Councillor R Howell Councillor A Lewis Councillor G Malone Councillor H McKee Councillor A McMurray Councillor D Murphy Councillor B Ó Muirí Councillor H Reilly Councillor G Sharvin Councillor D Taylor Councillor J Trainor
Officials in attendance in Chamber:	Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting) Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer	
Officials in Attendance Via Teams:	Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Mr J McBride, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting) Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director, Culture, Tourism & Events Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer	

C/186/2021

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher, Gibbons, McAteer, Savage and Walker.

The Chairperson congratulated Leah McCourt from Saintfield who had won her MMA match in London's SSE arena for the MMA Bellator. This had been the 6th straight win for Leah and on behalf of Council the Chairperson wished her the best of luck in her future career.

The Chairperson then outlined the launch of her Mental Health Initiative for the month of October focusing on the importance of mental health voluntary organisations and charities.

The Chairperson advised she was holding a workshop for all Councillors on 19th October 2021 with a number of organisations presenting directly to Members on who they were, the services they provided and issues they faced. It was hoped the workshop would raise awareness on their importance and enable Members to understand the difficulties faced by voluntary organisations, so as local representatives, further help and support could be provided to allow them to continue providing such vital on the ground services.

Members were informed the workshop would be held ahead of the Special Council Meeting with the Trusts to allow Members to have the information needed to question the Trust and lobby the Departments on behalf of these organisations.

The Chairperson advised it was her priority to ensure local communities had access to top quality mental health care and services and asked all Members to take part in the workshop on 19th October 2021.

C/187/2021

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in item 17: Notice of Motion, Universal Credit.

C/188/2021

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 6 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 September 2021 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/189/2021 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/190/2021 MINUTES OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Special Audit Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Casey.**

C/191/2021 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

C/192/2021 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/193/2021

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Read: Minutes of Special Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2021 (copy circulated).

SPR/153/2021: Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case

Councillor Malone proposed that Council vote again on Councillor Brown's proposal and that it should read '£10.6m be taken out of the capital programme and put towards phase 1 of the Albert Basin Project subject to Business Case for the park project to be completed'.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that at the Special Strategic Policy & Resources Committee Meeting they were advised both legally and financially that this was a proposal that could only be taken 'in principle' and subject to due diligence being carried out with a report to be brought back to the relevant Committee.

Councillors Stokes and O'Muirí spoke of the positivity and cross-party support for the project as agreed at the meeting and that legal advice had been clearly provided to Members at that meeting.

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 Devlin 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.

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

SPR/153/2021: Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case

The Chief Executive advised that whilst in closed session, the proposal relating to the above in the minutes (appended to these minutes), proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Tinnelly was voted on again with the vote being carried out on the basis of legal and financial advice.

She stated this was a proposal that could only be taken in principle and subject to due diligence with a report being brought back to the relevant Committee.

The Chief Executive advised that vote fell, the results which were as follows: (copy of which is appended to these minutes).

FOR: 6
AGAINST: 30
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was LOST.

The Chief Executive advised a further vote was taken in relation to the proposal contained within the minutes (appended to these minutes), proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Savage.

She advised that vote passed, the results of which were as follows: (copy of which is appended to these minutes).

FOR: 30
AGAINST: 6
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was CARRIED.

Agreed: The Minutes of Special Strategy, Policy Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

C/194/2021 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of Active and Healthy Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

C/195/2021 MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2021 (copy circulated)

Agreed: The Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Curran, subject to Councillor Stokes being recorded as being in attendance.

C/196/2021 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded

by Councillor Byrne.

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C/197/2021

PLANNING MINUTES

Read: Extract from Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2021 (copy circulated)

Noted: **The extract from the Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 25 August 2021 were noted on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Murphy.**

FOR NOTING

C/198/2020

NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 2021

Read: Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 12 August 2021. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 12 August 2021 were noted on the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/199/2021

NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Bulletin dated September 2021 from Northern Ireland Housing Council. (Copy circulated)

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

C/200/2021

NILGA REGIONAL PROGRAMME – SEPTEMBER 2021 – APRIL 2022

Read: The Northern Ireland Local Government Association Regional Programme for September 2021 to April 2022. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The NILGA Regional Programme for the period September 2021 to April 2022 was noted on the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

Members wishing to attend any of the NILGA events contained within the regional programme for September 2021 to April 2022 to contact Democratic Services.

C/201/2021

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION RE: C/109/2021

Read: The correspondence from the Minister of Education dated 28 September 2021 regarding Notice of Motion C/109/2021, Digital Poverty. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence from the Minister of Education regarding the Notice of Motion C/109/2021 regarding Digital poverty was noted on the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/202/2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – PERMANENT 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor McMurray:

“That this Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure asking that a consultation, with a view to legislation, be instigated to allow for the roll-out of permanent 20mph speed limits across Northern Ireland. Such limits should be introduced in residential and/or commercial areas where there is a high frequency, and close proximity, of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In concurrence, this request, Newry, Mourne and Down Council shall write to the Department of Infrastructure and request that this District be considered for any future trials of permanent 20mph speed restrictions.”

Councillor Lewis seconded the Motion.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor McMurray stated affirmative action was needed to reduce speed limits. He said injuries and fatalities would be significantly lowered as well as a reduction in emissions and wear and tear on vehicles. Councillor McMurray said excessive speeding was one of the main concerns raised to him as a Councillor and the schools were very much on board with this proposed initiative.

Councillor McMurray said he was not anti-motor vehicle, but he acknowledged the benefits of reducing speed limits in areas where there was a high frequency of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

In seconding the Motion, Councillor Lewis said speeding was particularly concerning in housing developments and currently the lowest speed limit restrictions that DfI Roads could impose within housing developments was 30 mph.

Councillor O’Muir expressed support for the Motion and asked if the Motion could be amended to include 20mph speed restrictions outside all schools.

Councillors McMurray and Lewis, as proposer and seconder, accepted the amendment.

Councillor Devlin expressed support for the Motion on behalf of SDLP saying anything that improved road safety for all road users was welcome.

Councillor Devlin asked if Councillor McMurray would accept an amendment to the start of the Motion to read ‘That this Council recognises the great work of the Infrastructure Minister in terms of the 20mph speed limits at schools’

Councillors McMurray and Lewis, as proposer and seconder, accepted the amendment.

Councillors Hanna, McKee, Owen and Taylor were broadly in support of the Motion but expressed concerns regarding a permanent speed restriction of 20mph for 24 hours/day saying they had concerns this would result in traffic congestion.

Councillor Hanlon expressed support for the Motion and said she did not think traffic congestion would be an issue.

Councillor Clarke expressed support for the Motion and said the biggest hurdle was enforcement of any speed limits and he asked Councillor McMurray if he would consider an amendment to the proposal to include writing to the PSNI asking for an increase in speed detection units on all roads in the District.

Councillors McMurray and Lewis, as proposer and seconder, accepted the amendment.

In summing up, Councillor McMurray thanked Members for their support and said he did not envisage a permanent 20mph speed limit 24 hours / day as being a cause for concern.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Lewis, that this Council recognises the great work of the Infrastructure Minister in terms of the 20mph speed limits at schools and write to the Minister for Infrastructure asking that a consultation, with a view to legislation, be instigated to allow for the roll-out of permanent 20mph speed limits across Northern Ireland. Such limits should be introduced in residential and/or commercial areas and outside all schools, where there is a high frequency, and close proximity of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In concurrence, this request, Newry, Mourne and Down Council shall write to the Department of Infrastructure and request that this District be considered for any future trials of permanent 20mph speed restrictions. Also to write to the PSNI requesting increase in speed detection on all our roads within the District.**

Councillor Andrews left the Chamber at this point having declared an interest in the following item – 7.13pm.

C/203/2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Byrne:

“This Council recognises that the £20 Universal Credit uplift has provided a lifeline to many families and recognises the devastating impact that its proposed removal would have at this critical juncture of the recovery period when workers face the end of the furlough scheme and massive increases in energy bills. The Council also recognises that the removal of the £20 per week payment will be devastating for those living here, will push more people into poverty, increase reliance on foodbanks, and increase homelessness, as well as having dire consequences for our local economy. The Council calls on the Communities Minister, in the absence of any action from the Westminster government, to liaise with her colleague, the Finance Minister, to uphold this uplift for the remainder of the financial year and commit to expediting a long term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty and social deprivation across Newry, Mourne and Down.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor McKeivitt.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Byrne said the Government plan to remove the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift was both cruel and callous and would affect 134,000 people across Northern Ireland with Newry, Mourne and Down Council area and in particular the Slieve Gullion area being significantly affected.

Councillor Byrne said the payment had been introduced to help people during the pandemic and as the pandemic was still ongoing, it was inexplicable to cut it now. He said it had been a lifeline to a lot of families and with the furlough scheme due to end, and a large increase in the cost of living, the payment which equated to £1,040 p.a. would result in many families being forced into poverty.

Councillor Byrne said it was imperative Newry Mourne and Down Council do all in their power to protect the most vulnerable and to be creative and exhaust all avenues available and whilst he acknowledged it would be difficult, he said it was not impossible to try and mitigate against these cuts from Government.

Councillor Byrne said the removal of this payment from the poorest families would also have a significant impact on the economy.

In seconding the Motion, Councillor McKeivitt said the Universal Credit uplift was a necessity, not a luxury and said the Communications Minister was prioritising an Anti-Poverty Strategy and part of that should be to protect all those on universal credit.

Councillor McKeivitt said the people affected by the cuts needed reassurance that all was being done to ensure they did not lose the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift.

Councillor Finnegan expressed full support for the Motion and said a recent statement made by Therese Coffey MP that the shortfall could be made up by working an extra 2 hours per week, showed a distinct lack of understanding of the situation. Councillor Finnegan said it was important to speak with one voice in demanding the Government do not proceed with the cut to the Universal Credit uplift payment.

Councillor Finnegan asked that an amendment be made to the Motion to read:

This Council recognises that the £20 Universal Credit uplift has provided a lifeline to many families and recognises the devastating impact that its proposed removal would have at this critical juncture of the recovery period when workers face the end of the furlough scheme and massive increases in energy bills. The Council also recognises that the removal of the £20 per week payment will be devastating for those living here, will push more people into poverty, increase reliance on foodbanks, and increase homelessness, as well as having dire consequences for our local economy. The Council calls on the Communities Minister, to continue to liaise with her Executive colleagues and colleagues in the Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly to press the British Government to retain this uplift, and to continue to progress a long-term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty and social deprivation across Newry Mourne and Down Council area.

Councillors Byrne and McKeivitt, as proposer and seconder, accepted the amendment.

Councillors Hanna, McMurray and Taylor all expressed support for the Motion saying the decision by the Government to cut the payment was unacceptable and agreed decisive action was needed.

In summing up, Councillor Byrne thanked Members for their support and said it was important to work together for the people in the District.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, that this Council recognises that the £20 Universal Credit uplift has provided a lifeline to many families and recognises the devastating impact that its proposed removal would have at this critical juncture of the recovery period when workers face the end of the furlough scheme and massive increases in energy bills. The Council also recognises that the removal of the £20 per week payment will be devastating for those living here, will push more people into poverty, increase reliance on foodbanks, and increase homelessness, as well as having dire consequences for our local economy. The Council calls on the Communities Minister, to continue to liaise with her Executive colleagues and colleagues in the Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly to press the British Government to retain this uplift, and to continue to progress a long-term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty and social deprivation across Newry Mourne and Down Council area.

Councillor Andrews joined the meeting at this point – 7.40pm.

C/204/2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – MEMORIAL, COVID PANDEMIC

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Lewis:

"This Council notes the serious impact that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on Northern Ireland.

We recognise that many families have lost loved ones and note that death figures continue to rise.

We wish to also acknowledge the sacrifice of service from our health service families along with those from across our voluntary and communities sector, who helped their communities at the time that they were at their most vulnerable.

The Council will seek to commission a memorial to be placed within the grounds of Downshire Civic Centre to mark the pandemic, collective loss and sacrifice of healthcare staff including those from the public, private and voluntary sector.

We also note and support the call of Health Minister Robin Swann to establish a Northern Ireland wide memorial."

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

The Chairperson advised the motion was being referred to the Equality and Good Relations Forum under Standing Order 16.1.6.

Agreed:

The Motion was referred to the Equality and Good Relations Forum in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

C/205/2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Hanlon:

**"That this Council recognises the economic disruption caused to communities across the District caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, periods of economic recession, and Tory austerity;
Further recognises long-standing economic problems in the District, including inequality, low-paid employment, poor rates of socially effective investment, deprivation, and unsustainable levels of carbon emissions and ecological damage;
Acknowledges that local economic models which prioritise wealth extraction and profit maximisation over community wellbeing have unacceptable consequences for workers and communities;
Acknowledges the success of CWB as a community-oriented strategy of economic development focused on securing well-paid employment, deploying local finance to the benefit of the community, greater community control and more strategic use of land and property, nurturing economic democracy and cooperative enterprises, and making best use of local anchor institutions to locally procure goods and services and provide decent employment."**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hanlon referred to Sinn Féin having recently launched proposals around Community Wealth Building (CWB), an alternative model for economic development seeking to leverage existing local and regional resources to provide workers, families, and communities with greater control over their own economic development.

Councillor Hanlon spoke of how Tory austerity and a denial of basic economic competencies had stifled economic development and that CWB had the potential to deliver lasting and progressive change to make fairer, more sustainable and vibrant communities. She then outlined the five key pillars to CWB proposals as follows:

- Make financial power work for people and local towns by retaining as much of that wealth as we can through local supply chains and targeted procurement contracts.
- Work with key institutions (commercial, public and semi-state) to create local employment and set a standard for high quality, sustainable jobs.
- Utilise all land and assets in our communities to generate wealth and resources for the people who live there.
- Develop an inclusive economy with social forms of ownership like co-operatives.
- Reduce our carbon footprint by establishing shorter supply chains and greater local employment.

Councillor Hanlon advised Sinn Féin were calling on all county councils across the North to endorse the model of Community Wealth Building and incorporate it into Local Economic Community Plans and asked Members to support the motion.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí who proposed an amendment for the creation of a working group to oversee progress and to ensure that Councillors were key stakeholders who are centrally involved in the process.

The Chief Executive asked Members to note that the establishment of a working group would be required to go through the Strategy, Resources and Committee.

The amendment was agreed and accepted.

Councillor Brown welcomed the motion and commented on how it was complimentary to other motions brought before Council to build alternative economic models such as UBI, Mutual Banking, embedding social value in procurement processes etc. Councillor Brown spoke at length of how Community Wealth Building was a complex strategy to embed locally and would involve an overhaul of Council processes to redirect financial flows into the local economy and require partnership working with local institutions.

Councillor Brown proposed an amendment to the motion to include the following:
"That Council hosts a conference on community wealth building which can inform the work of the working group and invites leading experts in the field including but not limited to Cleveland and Preston".

Councillor Hanlon commented this was an idea that would be discussed within the Working Group and that whilst there was work being done within Council, a much more strategic approach was needed within governance arrangements.

Councillors Hanlon and Ó Muirí, as proposer and seconder agreed to accept Councillor Brown's amendment.

Councillor Trainor voiced SDLP support for the amended motion and the need to facilitate Community Wealth Building to help tackle the economic problems faced within the District.

Councillor Trainor suggested that as a Working Group there should be engagement with organisations in Northern Ireland who worked to empower communities e.g., Development Trusts NI.

Councillor Taylor spoke in support of the motion and the establishment of a Working Group and that his party was happy to explore further what Council could do to achieve better conditions for all. He also acknowledged the support offered by the UK Government over the previous 18 months in terms of Covid.

Councillor Reilly spoke of the need for a radical overhaul of how Councils were configured and how they could bring change within communities.

In response, the Chairperson clarified that a recent Community Planning Meeting it had been raised that Council was working really well with communities within the Community Planning Realm and that this motion was to further progress that. She also reaffirmed the need for the Working Group to be established through the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Hanlon thanked Members for their support for the motion. She acknowledged there were good mechanisms already in place within Council however this was to enable cohesion and understanding from Members on how to empower communities and welcomed the agreement for the establishment for a working group.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí that this Council:

Recognises the economic disruption caused to communities across the District caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, periods of economic recession, and Tory austerity;

Further recognises long-standing economic problems in the District, including inequality, low-paid employment, poor rates of socially effective investment, deprivation, and unsustainable levels of carbon emissions and ecological damage;

Acknowledges that local economic models which prioritise wealth extraction and profit maximisation over community wellbeing have unacceptable consequences for workers and communities;

Acknowledges the success of CWB as a community-oriented strategy of economic development focused on securing well-

paid employment, deploying local finance to the benefit of the community, greater community control and more strategic use of land and property, nurturing economic democracy and cooperative enterprises, and making best use of local anchor institutions to locally procure goods and services and provide decent employment.

That a Working Group be created to oversee our progress and to ensure that Councillors are stakeholders who are centrally involved in the process and that council hosts a conference on community wealth building which can inform the work of the working group and invites leading experts in the field including but not limited to Cleveland and Preston.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

For confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 November 2021.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

20

DATE: 04.10.21

VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre/Hybrid

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE:

SPR/153/2021: Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case

Councillor Brown's proposal relating to the above in the minutes, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly was voted on again.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		X		
P Brown	X			
R Burgess		X		
P Byrne		X		
C Casey		X		
W Clarke		X		
D Curran		X		
L Devlin		X		
S Doran		X		
C Enright	X			
A Finnegan		X		
H Gallagher				X
M Gibbons				X
O Hanlon		X		
G Hanna		X		
V Harte		X		
R Howell		X		
M Larkin		X		
A Lewis		X		
O Magennis		X		
G Malone	X			
C Mason		X		
D McAteer				X
L McEvoy		X		
H McKee		X		
K McKevitt		X		
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew		X		
D Murphy		X		
G O'Hare		X		
B Ó Muirí		X		
K Owen		X		
H Reilly	X			
M Ruane		X		
M Savage				X
G Sharvin		X		
G Stokes		X		
D Taylor		X		
J Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor		X		
B Walker				X
TOTALS	6	30	0	5

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

21

DATE: 04.10.21

VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre/Hybrid

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE:

SPR/153/2021: Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case

Councillor Byrne's proposal as outlined within the minutes, seconded by Councillor Savage to a recorded vote again.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
P Brown		X		
R Burgess	X			
P Byrne	X			
C Casey	X			
W Clarke	X			
D Curran	X			
L Devlin	X			
S Doran	X			
C Enright		X		
A Finnegan	X			
H Gallagher				X
M Gibbons				X
O Hanlon	X			
G Hanna	X			
V Harte	X			
R Howell	X			
M Larkin	X			
A Lewis	X			
O Magennis	X			
G Malone		X		
C Mason	X			
D McAteer				X
L McEvoy	X			
H McKee	X			
K McKevitt	X			
A McMurray		X		
R Mulgrew	X			
D Murphy	X			
G O'Hare	X			
B Ó Muirí	X			
K Owen	X			
H Reilly		X		
M Ruane	X			
M Savage				X
G Sharvin	X			
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor	X			
J Tinnelly		X		
J Trainor	X			
B Walker				X
TOTALS	30	6	0	5

SPR/153/2021: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL OUTLINE BUSINESS CASES

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Read: Report dated 27 September 2021 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive regarding, Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Brown proposed that '£10.6m be taken out of the capital programme allocation for the civic centre and put towards the Albert Basin Park project. This would ensure delivery of phase 1 of the park in this term and would also greatly assist in drawing down external funding for the park'. His proposal was seconded by Councillor Tinnelly.

Following advices, it was acknowledged that this could only be an agreement 'in principle' subject to a report being brought back to committee with proper due diligence being carried out.

Councillor Brown agreed to amend his proposal, proposing that '£10.6m be taken out of the capital programme allocation for the civic centre and put towards the Albert Basin Park project, acknowledging the advices provided'. This was seconded by Councillor Tinnelly.

The Chairperson put Councillor Brown's proposal to a recorded vote the results of which were as follows: (copy appended to these minutes)

FOR: 2
AGAINST: 10
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was LOST

Councillor Byrne proposed that the wording 'including site selection and finances' be added to the officer's recommendation, this was seconded by Councillor Savage.

The Chairperson put Councillor Byrne's proposal to a recorded vote the results of which were as follows: (copy of which is appended to these minutes)

FOR: 10
AGAINST: 2
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was CARRIED

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, 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 and note the following recommendations:

To consider the contents of the report and approve the inclusion of the adjusted financial estimates for the NCCR and Mourne Mountains Gateway Project within the Belfast Regional City Deal Document.

The Belfast Regional City Deal Document will be tabled through the Council structures at an appropriate meeting in Council in October 2021.

All projects within the Belfast Regional City Deal proposition are at Outline Business Case stage and there remains scope within the development of these projects to consider and take actions deemed appropriate to matters as they arise including site selection and finances.

The Belfast Regional City Deal proposition includes the following infrastructure projects specific to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area:

- Southern Relief Road
- Gateway to the Mournes
- Newry City Regeneration Programme (Public Realm, Theatre Conference, Grade A Office Accommodation, Civic and Regional Hub)
- Digital and Innovation Hub

A fund of £132.4m for the Newry, Mourne and Down Region will be supported by Council contributions.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMC/SC

Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 27 September 2021 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams

In the Chair: Councillor C Mason (via Teams)

In attendance in Chamber: (Councillors)
Councillor T Andrews
Councillor D Curran
Councillor W Walker

In Attendance via Teams: Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor C Enright
Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor O Magennis
Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor H McKee
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly

(Officials)
Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive (via Teams)
Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism (via Teams)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Ms L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mrs G Long, Chief Executive, NIHE
Mr J McCartan, Regional Manager South Region, NIHE
Mrs A Hickey, Head of Placeshaping, NIHE
Mr L Gunn, Area Manager, NIHE
Mrs A Brannigan, Land & Housing Analytics Team, NIHE

SC/23/2021

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, McAteer, Ó Muirí, Owen, Savage and Stokes.

SC/24/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SC/25/2021 PRESENTATION FROM DFI ROADS

The Chairperson welcomed the delegation from Northern Ireland Housing Executive and invited them to make their presentation.

Mrs Long thanked Council for the opportunity to meet and then delivered a presentation on the Housing Investment Plan Annual Update 2021 and Housing Executive Revitalisation Programme, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda (copy of which is appended to these minutes).

Following the presentation, the Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members as follows:

- Thanks to all staff in the Downpatrick and Newry NIHE offices for the extra support provided during the current circumstances.
- Were there plans to address the frightening figures with regard to homeless people contained within the report?
- Was the Housing Executive working with Housing Associations in helping, in particular, older people who may wish to downsize their current homes and were there any plans to provide more sheltered housing?
- Were there any plans to investigate the points system to make it more robust and implement new legislation to be passed as the current system was open to abuse with outdated criteria, in particular in relation to intimidation points.
- What plans had the Housing Executive in place to identify land for new builds and perhaps Councillors could assist in identifying land in their local areas?
- Gaps seemed to be widening in particular regards to single lets?
- There had been an increase during covid in the number of private rental properties being sold and given that it can take up to 12 weeks before those affected were awarded homeless points, could this be identified as a housing need?
- People seeking housing in rural housing villages tend not to be put these down as a choice due to a perceived lack of available properties available, this is causing families being forced to move away from their local area with family and friends.
- The recent development of houses in Newcastle was welcomed, could an update be provided on a timescale on the planned restoration programme, CCTV in the communal areas and gas installation in the Burrendale estate flats.
- Dunwellan Park in Newcastle had become very run down, when were the next planned works to be carried out?
- Concerns raised over the lack of single lets in the Newcastle area. People sleeping in cars and sofas, there could be an opportunity to work with the voluntary sector, YMCA etc and perhaps utilise holiday accommodation as short term lets.

- Concerns were raised at the lack of social and affordable housing across the District.
- Could a breakdown of figures be provided for each area across the District?
- What work was being done to spread awareness about land shortages and to give land owners the opportunity to come forward?

The delegation responded to queries as follows:

- Agreed the homeless figures were alarming, work would be ongoing but the organisation was faced with challenges and complex issues.
- Slow progress being made on sheltered accommodation and there was a need to identify new sites.
- Review of allocations had been done by the Department in relation to the points system and robust checks and balances in place. It was still currently with the Minister but anticipate change in the future.
- NIHE were working closely with Housing Associations to ensure a range of properties were available in new developments, in particular 1 bedroom properties due to an ageing population.
- A lot of work had been undertaken to identify land through site identification studies, however, it would probably be 2025 before a business case was completed. Housing perspective published every year, looking at private sector acquisitions business case and long-term leasing particularly in relation to single lets.
- Rural Housing – recognise some households choose not to apply in their local area as they were aware of the housing needs in that area, however NIHE would encourage people to take part in the latent demand testing. The Rural Housing Strategy was currently being developed and out for consultation at present. Localised market testing had been carried out to identify areas that were not currently on the rural housing list, a scheme had been delivered in Darragh Cross recently where the housing needs had not been met in Saintfield and Crossgar area to try and identify and link other areas not currently on a list.
- Emerging Development Plan – lobbying for a 20% hybrid policy in relation to all new build which would hopefully result in a pipeline of housing supply, making less reliant on sites coming through on a ad-hoc basis.
- Primary mechanism in communicating with Housing Associations and potential landowners in terms of where gaps and types of housing needs required was by reviewing the Commissioning prospectus every year.
- Working closely with voluntary sectors and NIHE had made use of those partnerships where they could throughout the District, especially during the Covid crisis.
- Burrendale Estate – bathroom, kitchen and gas scheme would be onsite before end of financial year. CCTV business case had been accepted and would now progress through the procurement process.
- Dunwellan Park – would investigate when the next external update scheme was planned and update Councillor Clarke outside of the meeting.
- NIHE agreed to follow up in writing and send breakdown figures for last couple of years across the district to see the most local detail.

- NIHE keen to make sure right land is identified and brought forward at the right time for development and keen to work with Councillors to increase the pace in terms of planning and moving applications through the system.
- Place shaping team complete site identification studies, set up meetings with DEA councillors to help identify lands and housing needs, liaise with land registry, planning and Local Development Plan team. Further conference planned in November will be world focused to identify house need and identify land to be addressed through policy going forward.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and the comprehensive answers to the queries on behalf of the Council. She placed on record her thanks to the NIHE team in Downpatrick, in particular housing officers and maintenance team.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 19.07pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 1st November 2021.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**28**

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 11 October 2021 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room Downshire
Estate Downpatrick, and remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor R Howell (Chamber)
Deputy Chairperson: Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**
 Councillor R Burgess (Chamber)
 Councillor D Curran (Chamber)
 Councillor M Gibbons (via Teams)
 Councillor G Hanna (via Teams)
 Councillor V Harte (Chamber)
 Councillor M Larkin (via Teams)
 Councillor R Mulgrew (Chamber)
 Councillor A McMurray (Via Teams)
 Councillor H Reilly (via Teams)
 Councillor M Ruane (via Teams)
 Councillor M Savage (via Teams)
 Councillor G Stokes (via Teams)

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
 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 S Taggart Democratic Services Manager
 Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

ERT/179/2021: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson referred to the Newry Business Awards event and said it had been a wonderful evening and she extended her congratulations to those who had been shortlisted for an award and to those who won awards, and she thanked the Council and

everyone involved hosting the event.

No apologies were received.

ERT/180/20201: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

ERT/181/2021: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021.**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/182/2021: ACTIVE TRAVEL CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the Active Travel Masterplan and Active Travel Programme as part of the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed as follows:**

- a) Subject to Slippage funding under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme, Council to install pilot number of Cycle Shelters & Stands and extend the Active Travel Educational Programme.**

- b) To approve the supporting Business Case for remaining Active Travel measures being funded under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme.**

ERT/183/2021: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding the implementation of a Labour Market Partnership (LMP)
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed as follows:**

- a) To note that Council have prepared and submitted to the Department for Communities, a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a Labour Market Partnership (LMP) across the District.**
- b) To approve the Business Case for the Labour Market Partnership Action Plan.**
- c) To approve that Council now procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the business case, and approved for funding by Department for Communities.**
- d) To approve the acceptance of Department for Communities Letters of Offer for Labour Market Partnership / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs.**
- e) To approve the development and submission of a Labour Market Partnership Strategic Assessment & Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council.**

ERT/184/2021: OUTDOOR RECREATIONS NI (ORNI) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2021 - 2022

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding Challenge Fund Trail Plans Service Level Agreement with ORNI 2021-2022.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to enter into a new Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2021-2022 financial year, at a total cost of £49,500.

**ERT/185/2021: REPORT OF WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE
PUBLIC REALM SCHEME MEETING
05 OCTOBER 2021**

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding the Report of the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on Tuesday 05 October 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Savage seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to accept the following recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on Tuesday 05 October 2021:

- To extend the Public Consultation process for the proposed Breakwater Scheme.
- To note the Task & Finish Steering Group are in agreement to proceed based on a phased approach, to the overall delivery of a Warrenpoint Front Shore / Breakwater Public Realm Scheme.
- A separate report on the project and it's cost options, to be take to the next Meeting of the Council's Strategic Finance Working Group.
- The project proceeds to RIBA Stage 4 with it's Consultants, to ensure that the contractor for Phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required funding commitment.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew 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/186/2021: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Christmas Lights Switch On events. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/187/2021: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR FISHING TOURS

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson regarding the provision of a trial programme of Fishing Tours from Newcastle Harbour and accessible pontoon facility. **(Copy circulated).**

ERT/188/2021: PERMISSIVE PATH AGREEMENT – SLIEVE GULLION

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson regarding Strategic Access – Permissive Path Agreement. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/189/2021: ST PATRICK'S DAY 2022

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson regarding St Patrick's Day Parades and associated events in March 2022. **(Copy circulated).**

**ERT/190/2021: TOURISM NI
EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson regarding Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme 2021-2023. **(Copy circulated).**

**ERT/191/2021: VIKING FESTIVAL
ARDS & NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson regarding a Service Level Agreement with Ards & North Down Borough Council

to deliver a Viking Festival as part of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme 2021-2022. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran 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/186/2021: Christmas Lights Switch On

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as follows:

- a) To issue Service Level Agreements for the delivery of Christmas events and activities to five community / development groups in November 7 December 2021, with named event organisers required to ensure events and activities can be delivered safely, whilst taking all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the Covid 19 virus.
- b) Council Christmas Illumination programme of activities to be hosted in Downpatrick and Newry in November and December. Officers to undertake the relevant procurement exercises to tender and appoint suppliers for event production services, as detailed in this report.

ERT/187/2021: Newcastle Harbour Fishing Tours

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve a trial programme of fishing tours from Newcastle Harbour and the provision of an accessible pontoon as detailed in Report dated 11 October 2021, from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events.

ERT/188/2021: Permissive Path Agreement – Slieve Gullion

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed as follows:

- a) To enter into a Permissive Path Agreement with landowner, at Maphoner Road Mullaghbane. The path, which is 360m in length, is from "Permissive Access Woodland" at Bluebell Lane Tullymacrieve Road Mullaghbane to the Maphoner Road Mullabane.
- b) The Permissive Path agreement will be for a period of 10 years minimum.
- c) The Council provide public liability insurance at no extra cost to Council.

ERT/189/2021: St Patrick's Day 2022

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve recommendations contained in Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, to deliver St Patrick's Day parades and associated events in March 2022.

ERT/190/2021: Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to grant approval to submit 2 No. applications to the Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme 2021-2023 for projects at Kilbroney and Slieve Gullion Forest Parks.

ERT/191/2021: Viking Festival – Ards & North Down Borough Council - Service Level Agreement

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve recommendations set out in 3.1 of Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, for Newry Mourne & Down District Council to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Ards and North Down Borough Council to deliver a Viking Festival as part of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme.

FOR NOTING**ERT/192/2021: 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/193/2021: FULL FIBRE NORTHER IRELAND (FFNI)

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on FFNI. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the update provided in Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) programme and Full Fibre availability within the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area.

ERT/194/2021: 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 Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

**ERT/195/2021: LICENCING
6 MONTHLY REPORT**

Read: Licensing 6 Monthly Report for period 01 March – 31 August 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Licensing 6 Monthly Report for period 01 March – 31 August 2021.

ERT/196/2021: REPORT OF LOUTH AND NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021

Read: Report of Louth and Newry Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Report of the Louth and Newry Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

ERT/197/2021: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for September 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for September 2021.

ERT/198/2021: REGIONAL INNOVATION HUB

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Regional Innovation Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the update provided in Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the Belfast Regional City Deal Innovation Hub, particularly:

- Research concluded from the consultations will be analysed to subsequently inform the five-case model Outline Business Case expected in Autumn 2021, to provide a clearly defined proposal and USP.
- Feedback and recommended adjustments to the draft Outline Business Case will be provided in Autumn 2021, in anticipation of submission to Belfast Regional City Deal (BRCD) in early 2022.

**ERT/199/2021: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
PRIORITY 6**

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Rural Development Programme – Priority 6. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the content of Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Rural Development Programme – Priority 6.

**ERT/200/2021: TOURISM NI
CO-OPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND
AUTUMN 2021**

Read: Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding the Tourism NI Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund Autumn 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the content of Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events and confirmation of grant funding of £20,000 from Tourism NI Co-operative Partnership Fund, awarded to Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the provision of an Autumn/Winter Marketing Campaign, to be delivered via a Service Level Agreement between Tourism NI and Newry Mourne & Down District Council.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 01 November 2021.

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

Signed: **Mr C Mallon**
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

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**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 14 October 2021 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams (Hybrid)**

In the Chair: Councillor O Hanlon (Chamber)

In Attendance in Chamber: Councillor R Howell
Councillor O Magennis
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Taylor

In Attendance via Teams: Councillor P Brown
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Savage
Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor W Walker

Also in attendance: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor G Malone
Councillor R Mulgrew

**Officials in Attendance
In Chamber:**

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr C Mallon, Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in Attendance
Via Teams:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active Healthy Communities
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding)
Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting)
Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy
Mr G Scott, Safeguarding Coordinator
Mrs C Hanvey, Personal Assistant

**Also in Attendance:
Via Teams:**

Mrs N Largey, Legal Advisor, Belfast City Council

SPR/156/2021: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran & Gallagher.

The Chief Executive advised Members that a representative from John Walsh's Belfast Legal Services office would be attending the meeting and all future Strategy Policy and Resources committee meetings until further notice to offer legal support if required due to previous conduct at meetings and accusations made about officers.

SPR/157/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

SPR/158/2021: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2021 & MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 September 2021 & Monday 27 September 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Savage that the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021, be approved.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Magennis that the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2021, be approved.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

SPR/159/2021: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SAFEGUARDING BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr G Scott, Safeguarding Co-ordinator regarding, Department of Health Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (Membership, Procedures, Functions and Committee) Regulations (NI) 2012 (the Regulations). **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis to approve the following recommendations:

- To approve the proposed Consultation Response to the Department of Health proposed amendments to the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (Membership, Procedures, Functions and Committee) Regulations (NI) 2012 (the Regulations).
- Members should note responses to this consultation are submitted on-line therefore this typed word document response provided at Appendix 1 is for the purposes of this report however, the actual response will be submitted through the Department of Health's website.
- In the interests of clarity, only questions 8 and 9 are specific to Council and reflect the restructuring of Local Councils relationship with the SBNI.

The Chief Executive expressed her disappointment that she must highlight to members that Item 15 from this evening's agenda, which is an item restricted in accordance with legislation, had appeared across social media and on the front page of a newspaper. Members were advised that this was in contravention to the governance proceedings around committee meetings. The said document was for information for members only and should not have been circulated as it contained highly sensitive and confidential information.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, 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/160/2021: PROPOSED LICENCE OF A STRIP OF LAND TO BUTTERCRANE SHOPPING CENTRE

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), proposed licence of a strip of land to Buttercrane Shopping Centre **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant a Licence to Buttercrane Shopping Centre of the lands outlined in green on the map attached, for the term of 5 years subject to a yearly Licence fee of £1850 per annum and subject to Buttercrane Shopping Centre paying Council's valuation costs.

SPR/161/2021: RETURN OF REMOTE HEARING REGULATIONS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting) regarding, Return of Remote Hearing Regulations. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the following recommendation:

That in view of the extension of the Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings)

Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, the use of the Chief Executive's delegated powers ratified for Committee and Council meetings in May 2021 is terminated as and from the re-introduction of the regulations on 31st August 2021.

SPR/162/2021: DTNI PROPOSAL – PIONEERING THE POTENTIAL OF COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IN NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding DTNI proposal - Pioneering the potential of Community Wealth Building in Newry, Mourne and Down **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Elected Members consider and approve the report and agree to proceed with DTNI's proposal - Pioneering the potential of Community Wealth Building in Newry, Mourne and Down with a match funded contribution of £11,000.

SPR/163/2021: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL – GOVERNANCE & PROGRESSION OF REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Belfast Region City Deal - Governance & Progression of Regional Programmes. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that Elected Members approve an NMDDC Contribution of £65,000 towards BRCD Governance & progression of Regional Programmes during 2021/2022 financial period.

SPR/164/2021: SURPLUS ASSETS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Surplus Assets Update. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

consider the recommendations of the SFWG and approve the following recommendations:

- Play Area at Rear of Bleary Bungalows. Council officers to continue to liaise with NIHE and the property owners who have declared an interest in purchasing this asset in order to progress sale.
- Play Area at Ashtree Cottages, Rathfriland Road, Newry. Accept the final bid as detailed in the officer's report and move to 'sale agreed.'
- 5 Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick (former site of Killough Road Community Centre). Move to Open Market sale, following liaison with a local community group over the next 2 weeks.

SPR/165/2021: ALBERT BASIN

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, regarding Albert Basin. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members consider and approve the appointment of our framework consultants (Tetra Tech) to complete an outline business case (OBC) for the Albert Basin City Park, to identify a preferred option, provide design and cost information to support the completion of the OBC.

SPR/166/2021: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive, regarding Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Case. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the Belfast Region City Deal – Deal Document (appendix 1) and Governance Framework (Appendix 2).

To note the progress in the development of the OBCs in line with the agreed phased deal approach.

To note the next steps in the delivery of the deal including the finalisation of the Implementation Plan and Financial Plan; and the process for approving the final deal.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

SPR/167/2021: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive, regarding Director Recruitment. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Elected Members note the contents of the report and approve the following recommendations:

- Confirm their agreement to the proposals at 2.3 and 2.4 of the report.
- Nominate 3 elected members of cross community & gender balance to the Shortlisting and Interview Panel for the recruitment of the new Director: Sustainability and Environmental Management, as set out in the Local Government Staff Commission Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection (Part D).

SPR/168/2021; COVID 19 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive, regarding Covid 19 Employee Appreciation. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

- That Members confirm their agreement to recognising and acknowledging employees through granting two Appreciation Days over the Christmas period; those being 30 and 31 December 2021.
- Where services can remain closed and non-operational on those additional days, staff would not be required to attend work.
- In the case of services which need to operate on those dates or where 'skeleton' service cover is required, post holders will be permitted to take the 2 additional days prior to the end of this financial year.

SPR/169/2021: TEMPORARY POSTS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding, ERT/AHC Funded staff. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Howell, 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 moving the current temporary programmes as set out in section 4.1 to permanent programmes of Council, noting that Council will continue to seek external funding for all continuing programmes.

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/170/2021: CITY DEALS COMPLEMENTARY FUND BIDS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding, City Deals Complementary Fund Bids **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed that Elected Members note that Council have submitted in September 2021 a total of 4 bids to City / Growth Deal Complementary Fund and officers will seek to engage to try and secure more funding with the Shared Island and Peace Plus fund.

SPR/171/2021: STRATEGIC FINANCE WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET HELD ON - 01 OCTOBER 2021

Read: Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet held on 01 October 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Byrne, It was agreed to note the Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet – 01 October 2021.

Councillor Brown joined the meeting at this point - 19.22pm
Councillor Reilly left the meeting at this point - 19.23pm

FOR NOTING

SPR/172/2021: **MINUTES OF NEWRY CITY CENTRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2021 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Read: Minutes of Newry City Regeneration Programme Board Meeting –23 September 2021 and 24 September 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Magennis, It was agreed to note the minutes of Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Board Meeting held on 23 September 2021 and 24 September 2021.

SPR/173/2021: **STATUTORY REPORTING – SECTION 75 SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2021 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy regarding, Statutory reporting - Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period July - September 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Savage, It was agreed to note the Statutory reporting - Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period July - September 2021

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 19.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 01 November 2021.

Signed: **Councillor Oonagh Hanlon**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2021

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 18 October 2021 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate
and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor K McKeivitt (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G Sharvin

Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor G O'Hare

In attendance via Teams: Councillor C Casey
Councillor G Malone
Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor V Harte
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor W Walker

**Also in attendance
via Teams:**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor D McAteer

**Officials in attendance
In Chamber:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance
Via Teams:**

Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/188/2021:

APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and Trainor.

The Chairperson requested letters of congratulations be sent to Downpatrick RGU who beat Kilcoo GAC in the Ladies Intermediate A Championship final and to Burren GAA who beat Teconnaught GAC in the Ladies Intermediate B Championship final at the weekend.

The Chairperson acknowledged the efforts of local GAA clubs in lighting up their clubs for Baby Loss Awareness Week.

The Chairperson advised she had the honour of attending a reception at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle on 17 October 2021 for the launch of the County Down Golf Classic.

Members were asked to help share and promote the wellbeing and support events being run by Council on social media.

AHC/189/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson declared an interest in item 14: Nuclear Free Local Authorities Membership Fee 2021/22.

AHC/190/2021: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 September 2021. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/206/2019: Adoption of Suicide down to Zero

Mr Devlin took the opportunity to remind and encourage Members to attend a Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Virtual Workshop scheduled to take place on 19 October 2021.

AHC/176/2021: Notice of Motion, Wheelchair Beach Access

Mr Lipsett advised discussions were ongoing with Outdoor Recreation NI in relation to the possibility of an audit of beaches in line with disablement guidance with the May Murray Foundation and others, and that he hoped to be in the position to provide a report at the Committee Meeting in November.

AHC/120/2019: New Model Farm Community Centre Proposal, Downpatrick

Councillor Sharvin enquired about the planning application for the Flying Horse Trojan Project and when the funding application would be submitted.

Mrs Hillen confirmed the planning application had not yet been submitted and officers were in discussions with funders and local groups about the proposals and an update report would be provided at the next Committee Meeting.

AHC/120/2021: Upgrade Works to Ballynahinch Community Centre and Market House, Ballynahinch

Councillors Walker and Andrews welcomed the news that the upgrade works were progressing and thanked Mr Lipsett and Mrs Hillen for all their work.

AHC/099/2021: Fairtrade Signage

In response for an update from Councillor Andrews in relation to Fairtrade Signage, Mr Devlin confirmed he would contact him directly and bring an update report to Committee in November.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 September 2021.

AHC/191/2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – RIGHTS OF NATURE

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Notice of Motion relating to Rights of Nature **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Gibbons thanked officers for the report and recommendations stating he welcomed the motion being tabled at the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum and looked forward to issues within the motion being debated at the Forum.

Councillor McMurray thanked Cllr Gibbons for the collaborative approach taken regarding the motion and spoke at length about points raised to him from young people within the District, including local naturalist Dara McAnulty and Lily McMurray. Councillor McMurray stated he was happy to support the motion and keen to see how it could progress and be integrated into Council's system thinking.

Councillor Ó Muirí spoke in support of the motion and the importance it had in heightening awareness on a very important issue.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Finnegan for the following:**

- 1. Councillor Gibbons be invited to table the motion at the next meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in December 2021.**
- 2. The Sustainability and Climate Change Forum consider the actions and propose an action plan.**
- 3. That the 'Rights of Nature' be reflected in the ongoing development of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/192/2021

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin commented that as a Council it should be proud at the number of themes made available to the community and enquired about Sports Capital Grants and the ability to apply in this call even if a grant had already been awarded for this financial year.

Mrs Hillen confirmed there should not be an overlap in applications in any way, and any group that was awarded funding within this financial year would be safe and separate to this call. Mrs Hillen further explained the reason financial assistance calls were released early was to allow groups to have prior notification of what money they could spend in the next financial year.

Mrs Hillen advised that should groups have any issues that they let officers know and that Members should encourage groups to attend training sessions to assist in the applications process.

In response to a query by Councillor O'Hare regarding available funding for dual language signage within the Crotlieve area, Mrs Hillen confirmed she would have to examine the eligibility criteria within certain themes and would discuss the matter with the team and report

back to Councillor O'Hare. Councillor Ó Muirí suggested that officers tie in with Irish Language Strategy Working Group.

Councillor Ó Muirí praised the Financial Assistance Call, however expressed concern at how some quality projects that required funding don't received it due to not having the skill set for filling out applications and confirmed he would be encouraging groups to partake in the training.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to approve the recommendations as outlined in Section 1.1. and to note the issues in Section 2.1 of the officer's report and undertake the recommendations associated with each.

AHC/193/2021 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí expressed his disappointment at the absence of reports from the Slieve Gullion DEA meetings being presented at the Active and Healthy Communities Committee. Mrs Hillen confirmed she would investigate the matter and report back to Councillor Ó Muirí directly.

In response to Councillor McEvoy who enquired about the completion of works and outstanding equipment for the Ballymartin Play Park, Mr Tamati confirmed he would report back directly.

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

- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 September 2021.
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

AHC/194/2021 WOMENS AID ARMAGH DOWN

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Women's Aid Armagh Down. **(Copy circulated)**

In proposing the officer's recommendation Councillor McEvoy stated it was imperative to help Women's Aid get all the help and support they needed to ensure that the work they do was sustainable for the future.

Councillor McEvoy informed Members that the newly formed Councils Women's Working Group had invited Women's Aid to come and make a presentation and suggested that this be opened to all Councillors to raise awareness of the services they provide.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to endorse the Women's Aid Armagh Down ELEOS Project and confirm same in writing for the purposes of funding applications.

AHC/195/2021 **COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB**

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to note the report and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

AHC/196/2021 **RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS**

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the Recruitment of Independent Members to District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors Ó Muirí, Finnegan and Casey spoke of the importance of having community representatives on the DEA Forums and how this would encourage people to get enthusiastic.

Councillor Finnegan asked that community associations become involved.

Councillor Sharvin spoke of the challenges from members having been there since the DEA Forums were formed and also challenges in relation to the capital element of it and work to deliver something on the ground within DEAs as opposed to programmes.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to note the report and approve the following recommendations:

- **Recommendation 1 - The Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF) provide a Reference Group from amongst the SSF members to advise on applications for Independent Membership of the DEA Forums as per the amended District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Revised Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol in Appendix 1 (amendment shown in red at the bottom of page 2).**
- **Recommendation 2**
With the agreement of SEUPB, the proposed PEACE IV funded Training Programme for DEA Forum Members be amended to provide a Capacity Building Programme for potential DEA Forum Independent Member Applicants for the 2022-2026 term as set out in Appendix 2.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/197/2021 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL HOME FIRE SAFETY FACILITY (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING)

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding a request for a letter of support for a Regional Home Fire Safety Facility. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker agree to send letter of support to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council regarding a Regional Home Fire Safety Facility.

AHC/198/2021 CONSULTATION ON THE FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY'S (FSA) PROPOSAL TO ALLOW FLOUR MILLERS TO PLACE UNFORTIFIED FLOUR ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND MARKET

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation on the Food Standards Agency's (FSA) proposal to allow Flour Millers to place unfortified flour on the Northern Ireland Market.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to return the consultation response attached to the officer's report.

AHC/199/2021 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM – ACTION SHEET FOR MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to approve the actions in Sustainability and Climate Change Forum the attached Action Sheet.

AHC/200/2021 NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN ACTIVE TRAVEL MASTERPLAN

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Newry Mourne and Down Active Travel Masterplan. **(Copy circulated)**

In proposing the adoption of the Newry Mourne and Down Active Travel Masterplan, the Chairperson referred to Minister Mallon's comment regarding a cycling and walking commitment for Newry to Narrow Water Programme which was within the Masterplan.

Councillor Ó Muirí welcomed and seconded the Masterplan highlighting the need to promote safe routes for schools and children.

During discussion, Councillor Sharvin referred to the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee proposal for Council to apply to the Complementary Fund as part of the Belfast City Region Deal and enquired if the Masterplan would feed into that fund. He also expressed concern at the element to undertake a trial closure of Downpatrick's retail core and that businesses may not be content with that but also welcomed the many great projects contained within it.

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin regarding funding, Mr Devlin advised it had not been considered within the complementary fund however confirmed that DFI were much more engaged with Council.

Cllr McMurray referred to his area of Slieve Croob and welcomed the Masterplan in allowing a direction of travel and asked that Members be involved.

Councillor Casey spoke at length about the Towpath in Newry and the need for more investment from the Department for Communities for cycle lanes, road marking etc.

In welcoming the Masterplan Councillor McAteer asked officers to note the following:

- There was no linkage at Ballyholland Courtney Hill and Temple Hill Roads
- There was an omission in recognising the road past Narrow Water Castle to the old Castle and Sustrans should be asked to note that
- The need for emphasis on linking the Narrow Water Bridge with Carlingford to Newry Greenway.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to approve the adoption of the Newry, Mourne and Down Active Travel Masterplan.

Having previously declared an interest in the following item, the Chairperson vacated the Chair. Councillor Casey, as Vice-Chairperson assumed the Chair – 7.04pm

AHC/201/2021 NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' MEMBERSHIP FEE 2021/2022

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authorities' Membership Fee 2021/22. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to approve paying the annual subscription for membership of the NFLA to the value of £1283.00.

The Chairperson resumed the Chair – 7.05pm

AHC/202/2021 SEAFLAG FUNDING APPLICATION

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Seaflag Funding Application. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, Mr Devlin confirmed local groups would be

provided with litter pickers as requested.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to proceed with the application to SeaFlag Marine and Coastal Plastic Anti-Litter ('MACPAL') Programme and to provide the match funding should the application be approved.

AHC/203/2021 **CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT THIRD CYCLE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2027**

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a consultation on the Draft Third Cycle River Basin Management Plan 2021-27. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to concerns raised by Councillor McMurray regarding blue green algae on Castlewellan and Camlough Lakes and from Councillor Casey regarding Newry Canal, Mr Devlin agreed to incorporate that to the consultation response.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to approve the Consultation response as attached to the officer's report. The response would be returned by the required date (10th October) on the proviso that it was subject to Council Approval.

AHC/204/2021 **CANCER STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2021-31**

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a Cancer Strategy for Northern Ireland 2021-31. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to approve the submission of the completed consultation questionnaire as attached to the officer's report.

AHC/205/2021 **LEISURE PUBLIC HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2021/22**

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding Leisure Public Holiday Arrangements 2021/22. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Harte, to approve the leisure public holiday arrangements for 2021/2022 period as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.

AHC/206/2021 COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding the Community Planning Review. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that a third party be employed to facilitate workshops engaging the key stakeholders identified in section 2.2 and 2.3 of the officer's report, and to produce a draft review of the community plan.

AHC/207/2021 REQUEST TO COUNCILLOR BROWN FROM THE MID DOWN INTEGRATED COLLEGE STEERING GROUP TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Read/: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding a request to Councillor Brown from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group to present to Council. **(Copy circulated)**

A lengthy discussion ensued during which Councillor Walker proposed to agree to the officer's report and recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor McMurray.

Councillor Ó Muirí proposed that the following amendment be made:
To hold an information/education workshop to receive deputation from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group and invite other sectors of education along with two Councillors from each Political Party to attend also. This was seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

Councillor Walker agreed to the amendment. The amendment was not accepted by the seconder, Councillor McMurray.

Councillor Sharvin pointed out this was a group requesting to meet and urged caution at setting a precedent stating that previously officers would have met with groups such as this and presented a report to Committee.

Mr Lipsett advised that Active and Healthy Community officers met with CCMS, Department of Education, Education Authority, Board of Governors etc regularly and suggested officers could have the group present to them and report back to Committee.

Following discussion, the Chairperson put the proposed amendment from Councillor Ó Muirí to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	10
AGAINST:	1
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was CARRIED.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to hold an information/education workshop to receive deputation

from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group and invite other sectors of education along with two Councillors from each Political Party to attend also.

AHC/208/2021 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP)

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Minutes from the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Thursday 30 September 2021.

AHC/209/2021 DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and action Sheet of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 11 May 2021, approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021.

AHC/210/2021 NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 October 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

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

AHC/211/2021 LEASING OF LAND AT DARRAGH CROSS GAC AND TECONNAUGHT GAC – COUNCIL PLAY STRATEGY

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Harte, 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 18 October 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding the leasing of land at Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC, Council Play Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Harte, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin seconded by Councillor McEvoy, subject to all statutory approvals being in place, to enter into a 25-year lease with Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC as outlined in appendix 1 and 2 of the officer's report to facilitate the establishment of play parks in these areas as per Councils play strategy.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.46pm.

Signed: Councillor K McKevitt
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2021

**Minutes of Special Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Thursday 21 October 2021 at 4.45pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor C Casey

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
 Councillor A Finnegan Councillor V Harte
 Councillor A Lewis Councillor G O'Hare
 Councillor B Ó Muirí Councillor J Tinnelly
 Councillor J Trainor Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing
 Mr J Campbell, Head of Environmental Health (Residential)
 Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager
 Mr C McLaughlin, Legal Advisor
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Ms L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr B McCann, Applicant

AHC/212/2021: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors McEvoy, McKevitt & Walker.

In the absence of the Chairperson Councillor McKevitt, Vice Chairperson Councillor Casey assumed the Chair.

AHC/213/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare 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/214/2021: REFRESHER TRAINING

Mr K Bloomfield presented a short presentation to members to familiarise them with the process and It was agreed to take both applications together.

SPR/215/2021: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 44 POUND ROAD, NEWRY, DOWN, BT35 8DT

Read: Report dated 22 October 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the grant of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 44 Pound Road, Newry, Down, BT35 8DT. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainer, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year, with the condition that in a year's time the matter be investigated again with the potential to grant the licence for five years at that stage.

SPR/216/2021: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 42 POUND ROAD, NEWRY, DOWN, BT35 8DT

Read: Report dated 22 October 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the grant of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 42 Pound Road, Newry, Down, BT35 8DT. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainer, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year, with the condition that in a year's time the matter be investigated again with the potential to grant the licence for five years at that stage.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Tinnelly, Mr McLaughlin confirmed that once the one year period expired an application would then be due for renewal and the licence continued until the renewal application was determined so the property would not have to immediately be vacated.

Following further legal advice, it was agreed to remove the condition for the property to be investigated again within the year as officers could carry out inspections regardless. This was agreed on the proposal by Councillor Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Trainor.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year for both 42 & 44 Pound Street, Newry, BT35 8DT.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 17.33pm.

Signed: Councillor C Casey
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19 September 2021 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room. Downshire Civic Estate, Downpatrick and via MS Teams.

Chair: Councillor K Owen (Chamber)

Deputy Chair: Councillor A Finnegan (Chamber)

Members: Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)
Councillor P Brown (Teams)
Councillor C Casey (Teams)
Councillor W Clarke (Teams)
Councillor D Curran (Chamber)
Councillor G Malone (Teams)
Councillor D Murphy (Chamber)
Councillor O Magennis (Chamber)
Councillor K McKeivitt (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor H McKee (Chamber)
Councillor D Taylor (Teams)

Non-Committee Members: Councillor O Hanlon (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 S Taggart Democratic Services Manager
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr A Cassells Strategic Investment Board Advisor

NS/145/2021: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor G Stokes.

Mr McBride introduced Mr Andrew Cassells who has been appointed from the Strategic Investment Board to assist the Neighbourhood Services directorate over the next 6 month period with a number of significant issues. He said Mr Cassells had extensive local government experience and would be a great asset to the directorate and management during his time with the Council.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Cassells and welcomed him to the meeting.

NS/146/2021: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

NS/147/2021: ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read: Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2021. *(Circulated)*.

Matters arising from Action Sheet

Overgrown section of Newry Canal from O'Reillys Lock towards Fearon's Lock

- Councillor Casey requested an update regarding a meeting with Rivers Agency to address issues along a stretch of Newry Canal, from O'Reilly's Lock to Fearon's Lock.

Mr Scullion explained officials met with Rivers Agency regarding the stretch of Newry Canal as referred to by Councillor Casey in and around WIN Industrial Estate. He referred to a particularly difficult stretch of Canal which Council staff are unable to maintain due to depth of water. He said Rivers Agency's responsibility did not extend to this stretch of the Canal but confirmed they are willing to provide assistance to address this area as they have the necessary equipment to carry out the required maintenance. He added the work could not commence until April 2022 due to fish spawning restrictions but that in the meantime Council will carry out as much maintenance as possible with remaining vegetation being addressed in April 2022 in partnership with Rivers Agency.

Councillor Casey said he was concerned about the stretch of Canal from Reilly's Lock to Fearon's Lock and said he accepted the difficulties the Council faced with limited resources and acknowledged the work the Council are doing improve the Canal.

Mr Scullion said he would liaise with Rivers Agency regarding the section of Newry Canal from O Reilly's Lock to Fearon's Lock and report back in due course.

AGREED: Council Officials to contact Rivers Agency and report back with regard to maintenance of the stretch of Newry Canal at O Reilly's Lock to Fearon's Lock.

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

Wednesday 21 September 2021 be noted and actions removed as marked.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

NS/148/2021: CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS GROUP MEETING – MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding the action sheet arising from the Christmas Illuminations and Celebrations Group Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021.
(Circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance and the Action Sheet arising from the Christmas Illuminations and Celebrations Group Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021, and approve the recommendations contained therein as per Section 2.2 – 2.6.

It was also agreed:

- **Council contact Newry Cathedral administrators requesting they consider allowing public access to view the Crib this coming Christmas**
- **Council Officials to examine the sustainable Christmas trees in Culloville and Crossmaglen, and if necessary, add these two locations to the list for replacement sustainable trees..**

NS/149/2021: REPORT RE: COUNCIL SITES RECEIVING GREEN FLAG AWARDS

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding 5 No. Council sites which have received the Green Flag Award 2021-2022 following inspections by Tidy NI in August/September 2021.
(Circulated)

Councillors extended congratulations to all the Council sites who received Green Flag Awards and reference was made to the inclusion of other areas in the District which could be considered for these awards but which required improvements, ie, Newcastle

Harbour.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed to note the contents of Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding 5 No. Council sites which have received the Green Flag Award 2021-2022, and the Special Green Flag Heritage Award, following inspections by Tidy NI in August/September 2021, as follows:

- Kilbroney Park Rostrevor
- Slieve Gullion Forest Park
- Warrenpoint Municipal Park (Heritage)
- Delamont Country Park
- Newry Canal (Heritage)

It was also agreed Mr Scullion address the following issues:

1. Report back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding Council invitations to the Green Flag Award presentation ceremony.
2. Investigate Tidy NI criteria for Green Flag awards with the view to possibly having Newcastle Harbour included for future consideration for a Green Flag award.
3. To update Councillor H McKee regarding a clean-up at Kilkeel River.

NS/150/2021: **REPORT RE: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP OFFER - PLANTING TREES ON COUNCIL LAND**

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding Social Enterprise Partnership offer for planting of trees on Council lands. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows:

- a) Council seek through an expression of interest exercise, to form a partnership with a not for profit organisation who would link Council with individuals who wish to

have a tree or trees, planted on Council designated land. The agreement to be for an initial two year period and may be extended for a further two years subject to Council approval.

- b) Officers to determine suitable sites and tree species for the scheme.
- c) Any agreement to be formalised through a Licence Agreement drawn up by Council Legal Advisors.
- d) It was agreed Mr J McBride Director Neighbourhood Services (Acting) refer a request for Dunleath Park to be included for the tree planting scheme, to the Active & Healthy Communities directorate.

WASTE MANAGMENT

NS/151/2021: PROVISION OF RESTRICTED ACCESS LITTER BINS

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding the roll out of restricted access litter bins across the District. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to approve the plan for the location of restricted access litter bins in the District, as outlined in Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management.

It was also agreed Ms S Murphy contact Councillor McKee regarding the inclusion of Moor Road Kilkeel for a litter bin.

(18.44 – Councillor G Malone left the meeting)

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items 18 and 19 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/152/2021: MINUTES OF ARC 21 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2021

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 August 2021. *(Circulated)*.

NS/153/2021: BIODIVERSITY PEDESTRIAN COLLECTION MOWER

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr K Scullion Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance regarding a Business Case for the purchase of a Biodiversity Collection Mower part funded by DAERA. *(Circulated)*.

NS/154/2021: FLEET REPLACEMENTS (CAPITAL)

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding the replacement of permanent service vehicles, and seek approval for Business Case and Economic Appraisal to proceed with procurement of Refuse Collection Vehicles in compliance with Council Procurement Policy and Corporate Governance. *(Circulated)*

NS/155/2021: FLEET OPERATORS LICENCE - FLEET MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding an update on the Fleet Operator's Licence and status of the Fleet Management Action Plan. *(Circulated)*

NS/156/2021: REPORT RE: RESIDUAL WASTE PRICE INCREASE

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding increase in price of residual wastes collected at HRC sites located in the former Down District Council area, ie, Downpatrick, Ballynahinch and Castlewellan. *(Circulated)*

**NS/157/2021: SAFETY TRAINING
RE: WORK ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS**

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding a Business Case for the procurement of a contract for the delivery of LANTRA Sector Scheme 12 D Training. *(Circulated)*

Councillor Curran 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/152/2021 - Minutes of Arc21 'In Committee' Joint Committee
– Thursday 26 August 2021

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note Minutes of Arc21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 August 2021.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKevitt seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed that representatives from both Arc21 and Regen be invited to make presentations to the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

NS/153/2021 – Biodiversity Pedestrian Collection Mower

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained in the Business Case for the purchase of a Ride-on Collection Biodiversity Mower, as per option 3, ie, Purchase high powered compact collection mower to enable biodiverse and re wilded grass cutting with aid of DAERA funding.

NS/154/2021 – Fleet Replacements (Capital)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to approve the Business Case and Economic Appraisal as per Appendix 1, contained in Report dated 19 October 2021, from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management, for the replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicles that have been

identified as requiring priority replacement by 31 March 2023.

NS/155/2021 – Fleet Operators Licence – Fleet Management Action Plan

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Magennis it was agreed to approve the Fleet Management Action Plan Update dated 14 October 2021.

NS/156/2021 – Residual Waste Price Increase

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Magennis it was agreed to note the price increase for the collection, treatment and processing of HRC residual waste, as set out in Section 2.1 of Report dated 19 October 2021 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management.

NS/157/2021 – Safety Training – work on public highways

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to approve the Business Case to procure a contract for delivery of LANTRA Sector Scheme 12D Training.

FOR NOTING

**NS/158/2021: ARC21 JC MINUTES
THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2021**

Read: Arc21 JC Meeting Minutes held on 26 August 2021 *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor C , seconded by Councillor it was agreed to mark this correspondence noted.

**NS/159/2021: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN
THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on Thursday 30 September 2021 *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Magennis seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to mark this correspondence noted.

NS/160/2021: CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

Read: Joint Workshop for Public Representatives and Council Management regarding community based climate action, to be held on Thursday 11 November 2021. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note details for a Joint Workshop for Public Representatives and Council Management regarding community based climate action, to be held on Thursday 11 November 2021.**

NS/161/2021: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Report dated 19 October 2021 from Mr J McBride Director Neighbourhood Services (Acting) regarding decisions taken by the Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting) from 01 April 2021 to 30 September 2021. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note decisions taken by the Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting) from 01 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.**

NS/162/2021: HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

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

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis seconded by Councillor Curran , 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 7.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 01 November 2021.

Signed: **Councillor K Owen**
Chairperson of Neighbourhood Services Committee

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

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Extract from Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 10am in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick and via Microsoft Teams

P/089/2021: LDP: PLANNING POLICY REVIEW - MINERALS

Read: Report dated 22 September 2021 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding the Local Development Plan – Planning Policy Review – Minerals.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed:**

- a) To note LDP: Planning Policy Review – Minerals**
- b) Agree the proposed draft planning policies for inclusion within the draft Plan Strategy, and**
- c) Authorise the Development Plan Team to amend the proposed draft planning policies as necessary (ie, subject of further consultation engagement, sustainability appraisal, and any change to overarching regional policy) and report back to Members any substantive changes to proposed policy wording or direction.**

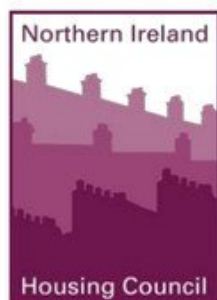
P/090/2021: LDP: PLANNING POLICY REVIEW - RENEWABLE ENERGY

Read: Report dated 22 September 2021 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding Local Development Plan – Planning Policy Review – Renewable Energy.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed:**

- a) To note LDP: Planning Policy Review – Renewable Energy**
- b) Agree the proposed draft planning policies for inclusion within the draft Plan Strategy, and**
- c) Authorise the Development Plan Team to amend the proposed draft planning policies as necessary (i.e.**

subject of further consultation engagement, sustainability appraisal, and any change to overarching regional policy) and report back to Members any substantive changes to proposed policy wording or direction.



Minutes of the 483rd Meeting
of the Northern Ireland Housing Council held on
Thursday 9th September 2021 at 10.30 am via Webex

Present by Video Conferencing:

Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Chair)
Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough (Vice Chair)
Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District
Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Mickey Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District
Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough

In Attendance:

Paul Price	Department for Communities
David Polley	Department for Communities
Grainia Long	Housing Executive

(For Item 7 on the Agenda – Joined the Meeting @10.45 am)

Frank O'Connor	Regional Director, North
Leeann Vincent	Assistant Director Asset Management
Paul Kane	Senior Contract & Performance Manager (Programme / Planned)
Paul McCarthy	Senior Contract & Performance Manager (Response / M&E)
John Gillespie	Regional Project Delivery Manager (Belfast)
John McIntyre	Regional Project Delivery Manager (North)
Stephen Moore	Regional Project Delivery Manager (South)

(For Item 8 on the Agenda)

Catherine McFarland	Director of Finance, Audit & Assurance, NIHE
Andrew Barbour	Assistant Director, Housing Benefit, NIHE

(For Item 9 on the Agenda)

Ben Collins Chief Executive from NIFHA (joined @11.15 am)

Kelly Cameron	Secretary (Housing Executive Secretariat)
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Apologies:

Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough
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1.0	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Paul Price and David Polley from the Department for Communities and Grainia Long from the Housing Executive.</p> <p>She also welcomed the Presenters, as listed above.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>To adopt the Minutes of the 482nd Housing Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th August 2021</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Alderman Amanda Grehan, seconded by Councillor Mark Cooper and resolved, that the Minutes of the 482nd Meeting of the Housing Council held on Thursday 12th August 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	
4.0	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
4.1	<p>Page 2 Item 4.2 – Co-ownership</p> <p>It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive of Co-ownership inviting them to attend the October Meeting, a reply was awaited.</p> <p>Members requested that a Presentation by the Department on Intermediate Rents consultation, could coincide with the Co-ownership presentation.</p>	D Polley Secretary
4.2	<p>Information had been sent to Members, as requested throughout the Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation on the Housing Executive's Housing Options team signposts the Co-ownership scheme to tenants. • Details regarding the number of co-ownership clients who were on the social housing waiting list. 	

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4.3	<p>Members Queries</p> <p>Members had received responses to their queries, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderman Nicholl - Latharna Tower Blocks • Alderman Speers – Catherine's Court, Armagh 	
5.0	<p><u>Forward Workplan</u></p> <p>The Paper was noted.</p>	Secretary
6.0	<p><u>Report by the Housing Executive's Chief Executive, Grainia Long on Housing Executive Business</u></p> <p>Ms Long provided the Housing Council with an update summarising a range of strategic, major or routine matters, including any emerging issues. A summary of the current / emerging issues were outlined under the headings as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Business Plan 2021-22 • 2021/22 Budget Bid submission • Revitalisation • Sustainable Development Plan • Cavity Wall Insulation Action Plan • Social Housing Development Programme • Response and Planned Maintenance • Mice Infestation • Housing Investment Plans (HIPS) - Presentations to Councils • Other Emerging Issues: Bonfires & Fire at Ulsterville Avenue Temporary Accommodation <p>It was agreed that the Review of the Temporary Accommodation would be subject to a future Presentation.</p>	Secretary
7.0	<p><u>Contractor Performance Management</u></p> <p>Members received with their papers the Presentation on the Housing Executive's Contractor Performance Management.</p> <p>Members noted the challenges and severe impacts being faced the Housing Executive and Contractors, due to Brexit and Covid.</p>	

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	<p>Members also recognised that this was a huge problem, throughout the whole of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Concern was expressed by Members on the issue of Contractors being awarded schemes and due to the increase of prices for materials etc, the Contractors were not receiving enough to cover their costs and unable to fulfil the work commitments.</p> <p>It was explained that the Housing Executive are seeking to pay Contractors additional costs to deal with this spike in rising costs universally. The Housing Executive will bid for additional funds to the Department, may be successful but the money will have to be taken from other budgetary areas in order to meet these costs. Members noted that the Housing Executive Board have approved an uplift for Contractors.</p> <p>It was noted that this an issue throughout the Province and other bodies are experiencing the same pressures, the Northern Ireland Executive has issued guidance to all public sector organisations setting out how to deal with the current inflation in the industry. .</p> <p>Members felt that communication is the key between the Housing Executive and tenants, the need to being open and transparent, in particular 'change of tenancy'.</p> <p>Members were assured that Contract Management and communication with tenants are being addressed by the Housing Executive as significant changes are having to be made as a result of the issues arising over the pandemic and Brexit.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all the Housing Executive Officers for their attendance and responding to Members questions.</p>	
8.0	<p><u>Update on Welfare Reform</u></p> <p>Catherine McFarland and Andrew Barbour from the Housing Executive gave Members an update on Welfare Reform (Copies of the slides are appended to these Minutes - Appendix A).</p> <p>The Chair highlighted the on-line process for Welfare Reform claimants which often proves very difficult, particularly for the elderly and the most vulnerable in our society and it was felt that more collaborative work needs to be done to address this issue.</p>	

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	<p>Members commended the Housing Executive staff in the Welfare Team for their hard work, especially through Covid and the collaborative working between the Housing Executive and the Department for Communities.</p> <p>In response to the question, in relation to an influx of claimants once furlough ends, Mr Barbour assured Members that the Housing Executive are prepared and planning for the eventualities and will be able to manage any significant increases.</p> <p>In relation to wrap around services, it was explained that there is a lot of partnership working internally and range of close networks between community groups to give people as much help, support and advice as possible and signpost tenants to support services.</p> <p>Members welcomed the additional help of 13 week protection via Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) for Universal Credit customers. It was noted that DHP was a stop gap to allow those in Private Rented Sector (PRS) time to find alternative means to meet the shortfall, it was explained this is now not the case, the Housing Executive appreciate the need to sustain tenancy. It was also noted that the average DHP is £13 per week, which has increased significantly.</p> <p>Members expressed concern at the shortfall of rents that claimants are facing in the PRS and asked was there any scope for Local Housing Allowance (LHA) to be increased as it was extremely low and as a result pushing people into poverty.</p> <p>It was noted that the LHA is determined by the 30 percentile of the rents and changes would be require legislation changes by DWP. Mr Polley explained that there is lobbying at Westminster for LHA to be increase to 50 percentile again.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mrs McFarland and Mr Barbour for a very comprehensive presentation.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>Ben Collins Chief Executive from the Northern Ireland Federation for Northern Ireland (NIFHA)</u></p> <p>It was noted that Ben Collins had been invited to explore how NIFHA and the Housing Council can develop a closer partnership on housing matters.</p>	

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	<p>The Chair explained that Members currently receive alternate bi-monthly updates from both the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, and felt it would be beneficial if they could also receive quarterly updates from the Housing Associations.</p> <p>At the request of Members, Mr Collins undertook to provide Members with a list of contacts for each of the Housing Associations, in order for Members to build up a working relationship with Housing Association staff, similar to that build up with the staff in the Housing Executive.</p> <p>Mr Collins also accepted the invite to attend Housing Council Meetings on a quarterly basis to give an update on Housing Associations activities.</p>	<p>B Collins</p> <p>B Collins</p>
10.0	<p><u>Social Housing Development Programme Progress Quarterly Report</u></p> <p>Members noted the report as circulated.</p>	
11.0	<p><u>Housing Executive's Scheme Starts August 2021</u></p> <p>Members noted the report as circulated.</p>	
12.0	<p><u>Date and Venue of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th October 2021 at 10.00 am via Zoom</u></p>	

The Meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.

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Appendix A



Welfare Reform Update

Housing Council September 2021

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Introduction and overview of the Housing Benefit Service

The response during Covid

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Housing Benefit Facts and Figures 2020/21



- Caseload 117,676
- HB Expenditure £532.7m
- DHP Awards 18,025
- DHP Expenditure £4.16m

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Housing Benefit Facts and Figures 2020/21



- New Claims Processed 18,023
- Change of Circumstances 241,449
- ATLAS transactions 4.1m
- Telephony managed approx. 135k calls

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Managing Welfare Reform

- ☐ *Universal Credit*
- ☐ *Social Sector Size Criteria*
- ☐ *Benefit Cap*
- ☐ *Discretionary Housing Payments*
- ☐ *Northern Ireland flexibilities, bespoke solutions and lessons learned*

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Universal Credit

Current position

- Roll out commenced in NI Sep 2017
- Working age customers naturally migrate to UC if they have a significant change in their circumstances which ends entitlement to legacy benefits (including HB)
- Customer may choose to move to UC at any time
- Transition to UC much slower than anticipated
 - At the end of May 2021, there were 134,070 UC claimants in NI
 - Of these, 20,336 were HE tenants
 - 78,401 working age customers still receiving HB

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Universal Credit



Move to UC

- The next phase of UC ('Move to UC') will require those claimants who continue to receive any of the 6 legacy benefits UC is replacing to be managed across to UC.
- The Move to UC phase was temporarily paused in March 2020 in response to Covid-19
- Anticipated Start date of Jan 2022 is unlikely and best estimate is early 2023
- End date moves from Sep to Dec 2024
- HE is a trusted partner in Move to UC
- GB approach on voluntary Move to UC

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Social Sector Size Criteria

(Bedroom Tax)



- This continues to affect 23,891 (17,869 HE; 6,022 HA) customers of working age who are deemed to have a greater number of bedrooms than their family requires
- Vast majority affected receive mitigation from DfC via Welfare Supplementary Payments
- 205 HE and 41 HA tenants have lost mitigation where they have moved to accommodation with the same or greater number of bedrooms
- Mitigation payments have continued beyond the 31st March 2020 deadline through the budget act

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Benefit Cap



- The Benefit Cap rules restricts the total amount of benefits customers can receive and is administered through Housing Benefit
- Benefit Cap per week is £384.62 for a family or £257.69 for single claimants
- At the end of May 2021, a total of 1,830 households had their benefits capped
- Of these, 1,210 were UC capped households and 620 were HB capped households
- Customers affected receive mitigation from DfC via Welfare Supplementary Payment but can be reduced as circumstances change
- Discretionary Housing Payments may be awarded to meet shortfall
- Mitigation payments have continued via budget act

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Discretionary Housing Payments



- Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) are mostly paid where a private tenant has a shortfall in rent
- DHP's can be awarded to customers on UC or HB
- Additional help via DHP introduced in 2020 for UC customers previously able to afford rent – 13 week protection
- 8,336 HB and 4,032 UC claimants have received a DHP award in current year
- 257 Ben Cap affected claimants receiving DHP

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NI flexibilities, bespoke solutions & lessons learned



- Partnership approach with DfC on Welfare Reform has been acknowledged as best practice in collaborative working throughout the NI Civil Service network
- This collaborative working has resulted in a number of significant improvements for our customers.
 - UC housing costs are designed by default to be paid to the claimant. Default changed to Landlord for NI
 - Change of address in NI does not trigger transition to UC
 - Additional 2 week HB run on process changed to fit with NI practice

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NI flexibilities, bespoke solutions & lessons learned



- Ex Stat approval at start of UC roll out to allow Housing costs for temporary accommodation to be met by HB
- Development of a bespoke UC Housing Costs report to help manage tenants rent accounts and arrears
- Housing Executive 1st major Local Authority in UK to pilot new UC payment process reducing delay in Housing costs payments and eliminating issues on technical residual debt
- Fully utilised a new Landlord Portal which streamlines the verification of tenants rent details and enables a bulk upload of rent increases to be made rather than relying on individual customer notifications which simplifies the process for claimants

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NI flexibilities and bespoke solutions



- An issue regarding a UC design problem in which an additional weeks rent is not eligible in a 53 week annual cycle has now been resolved in collaboration with DfC

- Development of systems and processes to ensure the accurate and timely payments of Welfare Supplementary Payments for those claimants potentially impacted by Bedroom Tax

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OCTOBER HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 14th October 2021 at 10.00 am via Conference Call.

For Information, a report of the attendance is undernoted:-

Present by Video Conferencing

Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Chair)
Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough (Vice Chair)
Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District
Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough

Apologies

Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough Council
Mickey Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

Discussions on the undernoted matters took place as follows:-

1. Update from the Department of Communities on the Housing Top Issues.

A summary of the current / emerging issues are outlined **as follows**:-

- Social Newbuild starts
- Co-ownership
- Programme for Social Reform
- Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
- Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
- Supporting People Delivery Strategy
- Homelessness Strategy
- Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
- Increasing Housing Supply
- Affordable Warmth Scheme
- NIHE Rent Increase
- ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme 2014 -2020
- Housing Executive historical debt and exclusion from having to pay Corporation Tax

- Programme for Government (PfG) Outcomes Framework
- Long term rent trajectory
- Affordability of social rents

Members received a Presentation by Andrew Shott, Director of Finance Co-Ownership on the work of the Organisation

Presentation was received by Maryann Dempsey, DFC on Intermediate Rent: Consultation on policy and model.

Once the minutes of the meeting are ratified at the October Meeting, they can be accessed on the Housing Council website: www.nihousingcouncil.org

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11th November at 9.00 am via conference call.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding the content.

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Our Ref:

Date: 20 September 2021

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Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

To: All Council Chief Executives on the island of Ireland

Dear Chief Executive,

Re: Motion – Syringes for Cuba Campaign/End the Blockade

At the Council meeting held on 7 September 2021, the following Motion was approved by the majority of votes cast: -

That this council states its' continued opposition to the illegal and inhumane blockade of Cuba by the USA. Notes that, prior to the pandemic, this blockade has prevented essential supplies such as fuel entering the country which has far-reaching consequences. Further notes, with increased concern, the impact that this blockade is having during the Covid-19 pandemic whereby essential medical supplies, needed to save lives, are being restricted;

That this council sends its' solidarity to all those in our district who have loved ones in the country. Further, that this council sends our solidarity to Cuba through the Cuban Ambassador to Ireland, Hugo Ramos, and that we invite the Ambassador to meet with our council to express this directly and hear about how this blockade is affecting citizens in our district; That this council notes, despite the pressures caused by the imposition of unjust sanctions, the positive role that Cuba has played in providing practical solidarity and support to so many countries in the global struggle against Covid-19;

That this council praises the efforts of the Cuban Solidarity Forum Ireland, supports their 'Syringes for Cuba' campaign, and highlights this campaign to the people of our district using any means available to us. Further, that this council invites representatives from the Cuban Solidarity Forum Ireland to meet with council to update us on the campaign and ongoing situation;

That this council writes to both Health Ministers on the island to request that they explore ways in which assistance could be provided to assist in medical supply provision to Cuba. Further, that this council requests that,

on behalf of the people of our district, both Health Ministers advocate for the inclusion of any successful medications and treatments, including those developed in Cuba, in the fight against Covid-19;

That this council notes the most recent vote on 23rd June 2021 by the UN General Assembly, and every vote since 1992, to demand the end of the US blockade by the international community;

That this council, on behalf of those in our district with loved ones in Cuba as well as everyone in our district who would benefit from Cuban Covid-19 medications, calls on the US government, via the US Ambassador to Ireland, to bring this blockade to an end, particularly due to the devastating effect it is having during the Covid-19 pandemic;

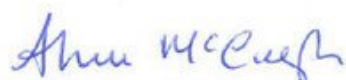
Finally, that this motion is circulated to all councils on the island of Ireland and that they are requested to adopt a similar position.

As outlined in the Motion, the Council requests that your Council adopts a similar position with regard to the Syringes for Cuba Campaign/End the Blockade.

The Council will also be making representations to the other relevant stakeholders as mentioned above in the Motion.

The Council looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

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Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 8 October 2021

Email: democratic.services@fermanaghomagh.com

Ms Marie Ward
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
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Dear Ms Ward

Re: Motion – Wealth Tax

At the Council Meeting held on 5 October 2021, the following Motion was passed: -

“This council calls on the Stormont Executive to oppose the 1.25% National Insurance rise and to instead request that the British Government implement a Wealth Tax. In turn we are calling on Boris Johnson and the Tory Government to scrap the recently announced 1.25% Tax increase and for it to be replaced by a Wealth Tax to cover the cost of the NHS and Social Care.

We believe that a Wealth Tax would be more suitable to raise the finance needed for the NHS. This Wealth Tax should be designed and implemented in such a way that rebalances the unfair Taxation of lower paid workers by closing the loopholes which are used by the super wealthy for example the Capital Gains Tax and the Non Domicile Status. The Capital Gains Tax loophole enables the super rich to pay tax rates which can be as low as 10% which is half the rate that the lowest earners pay and surely cannot and should not be acceptable in a democratic society.

With general Corporation Tax at 19% and certain listed exceptions as low as 10% again this is lower than the lowest earners which is 20%.

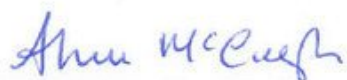
A Wealth Tax of just 1% on people earning £1 million a year or over would raise over £52 billion a year in contrast the new tax increase of 1.25% on national insurance will raise £13 billion.

This request is to be sent to the First and Deputy First Ministers in Stormont, Boris Johnson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and circulated for consideration to all other councils in the North of Ireland.”

As outlined in the Motion, representations have been made to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the First and deputy First Ministers and to the other 10 Councils in the North of Ireland for their consideration.

The Council trusts your Council will give due consideration to this Motion.

Yours sincerely



Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive



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Ms Marie Ward

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Your ref: C/203-2021
Our ref: CORR 1611- 2021
Date: 26 October 2021

Dear Marie,

Re: Universal Credit £20 uplift

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October to Minister Hargey. As I have responsibility for the delivery of Universal Credit, your letter was passed to me to reply.

Throughout her time in office, Minister Hargey has repeatedly demonstrated her absolute commitment and determination to protect the most vulnerable people in our society, including those who depend on the social security system.

You will be aware that the Minister stated many times that she is vehemently opposed to the uplift being removed and recognises the enormous hardship it will cause for people who are already struggling financially with job losses, reduced hours and less income.

The Minister's absolute priority has always been for Westminster to retain the uplift. Indeed, she wrote to Therese Coffey MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on four separate occasions, calling for the uplift to be retained and made permanent. On two of these occasions, she was joined by her colleagues in the Scottish and Welsh devolved administrations.

In all of her letters, the Minister stressed the importance of retaining this critical support for many households. She escalated the issue to the First and deputy First Minister who joined with the Scottish and Welsh First Minister in making the same call to the Prime Minister at the end of September.

Disappointingly, despite the calls from Minister Hargey, the First and deputy First Minister and the Scottish and Welsh First Ministers, Therese Coffey confirmed that the uplift was temporary and it has now been removed.

You will know that the Minister has submitted a bid for £55m in October monitoring to mitigate withdrawal of the £20-per-week Universal Credit uplift. It will be for the Executive to decide if this bid is met.



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In terms of progressing long-term strategies to address poverty, I can confirm that development work began on the Department's Social Inclusion Strategies, including the Anti-Poverty Strategy, following Executive approval in September 2020,

Progress on the Anti-Poverty Strategy continues at pace. Minister is committed to the co-design process and wants to ensure that stakeholders' voices are heard and articulated in the development of the strategy. The Minister remains committed to delivering the strategy within this Assembly mandate.

I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Paddy Rooney
Deputy Secretary Work and Health Group



12/10/2021

Environment / Climate Emergency
The National AGM
 The Dalmeny Hotel, Lytham Saint Annes
 26th-28th November 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to our Conference and AGM at The Dalmeny Hotel. The venue has great facilities it is located on the sea front at St. Annes. We have used this hotel in the past and it is well recommended.

As the government has promised to reduce carbon emissions throughout the United Kingdom, we as elected Councillors all strive to reduce damage to the Environment in various ways. Local Authorities are driving ahead with innovative projects both to protect the environment and give good value for money schemes to the public.

We now also face a Climate Emergency and I have booked a speaker who will inform us how we as councillors can make a contribution no matter what level of Local Authority you are from.

This weekend we have a range of speakers who are heavily involved in driving environmental schemes forward. We will be discussing how these schemes are working and what the practicalities are including the political ramifications. We will also have question and answer sessions.

The NAC National AGM will also take place over the weekend, the agenda for the AGM will be sent out separately.

The conference will be of use to members from all local authorities.

To book your places at this important Conference please complete the form attached and return it to me by email or post.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

General Secretary

Dalmeny Hotel, Lytham Saint Annes

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National Association of Councillors

Annual Conference & AGM

Agenda

Friday 26th November 2021

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Session One, 1st Guest Speaker

Report from The UN Climate Change Conference
KOP26 Glasgow 2021

Questions

7.15pm Dinner

Saturday 27th November 2021

9-45am Annual General Meeting

See separate agenda

10.45am Tea/Coffee

10.30am Session 2

Paul Nelson (Sustainability Manager North Tyneside MBC)

The Climate Emergency,
What Local Councillors can do to Help

Dalmeny Hotel, Lytham Saint Annes

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Questions

11.15am Session 3

12-00 noon Session 4

1-00pm Lunch

6-00pm Reception hosted by The NAC Chairman

7-00pm Conference Dinner

Sunday 28th November 2021

10-00am NAC National Secretary Cllr. Brian Nelson

Workshops, Climate Emergency

11-15 Councillors Safety. This will be led by NAC officers
followed by an open discussion from delegates

12-30 Lunch and end of event

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Local Government Conference

Environment, Climate Emergency & National AGM

The Dalmeny Hotel, Lytham Saint Annes 26th-28th November 2021

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either: -Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, Council Offices, 6 Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

INVOICE – please send invoice to

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £70 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

Local Government District	Rates/ income from Renewable Energy	Rates Income from Fossil Fuels	Rates from Nuclear Energy Plants	Grand Total / rates from energy	As a % of total rates	TOTAL OF ALL RATES ALL SOURCES
Fermanagh and Omagh	£5,416,578		£0	£5,416,578	8.6%	£63,228,870.06
Causeway Coast and Glens	£4,268,753		£0	£4,268,753	5.2%	£82,899,914.18
Derry City and Strabane District Council	£4,009,048	£1,952,544	£0	£5,961,592	7.0%	£84,959,087.92
Mid Ulster	£1,632,312		£0	£1,632,312	2.4%	£68,553,900.13
Mid and East Antrim	£1,426,436	£4,932,312	£0	£6,358,748	8.0%	£79,515,447.94
Belfast	£633,052		£0	£633,052	0.2%	£261,912,921.21
Antrim and Newtownabbey	£492,912		£0	£492,912	0.6%	£82,785,707.89
Ards and North Down	£466,451		£0	£466,451	0.5%	£97,955,353.47
Lisburn and Castlereagh	£466,386		£0	£466,386	0.5%	£91,797,997.98
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	£400,224		£0	£400,224	0.4%	£110,986,508.53
Newry, Mourne and Down	£288,059		£0	£288,059	0.3%	£94,886,122.35
TOTAL FOR N.I.	£19,500,210	£6,884,856	£0	£26,385,066	2.4%	£1,119,481,831.66

1. Renewables providing 14% of energy in N.I. Dept of Economy BUT

2. Renewables provide 3 times more rates than fossil fuels - Department of Finance NI

3. Far more jobs locally with renewables, 5900 by 2018 in Northern Ireland - Office of Nat Statistics

4. Newry Mourne and Down based on our Fol's is by far the worst performer in N.I.

5. Comparisons with republic forecast for 2022 (wind

2022 wind farm rates budget where wind resource comparable to NM&D		
Cork County	€15,300,000	as a % of total 11.6%
Donegal	€9,698,000	as a % of total 26%
Kerry	€8,700,000	as a % of total 21%
Tipperary	€6,000,000	as a % of total 18.9%
Wexford	€4,503,333	as a % of total 12.3%
Limerick	€3,571,385	as a % of total 6.4%
Galway County	€6,300,000	as a % of total 22.2%

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