



March 2nd, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 7th March 2022** at **6:00 pm** in **Hybrid - Downshire Chamber and Online via Microsoft Teams.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

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10.0 Planning Section

Local Development Plan

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Notices of Motion

11.0 Notice of Motion - Opposed to Planned Changes to Red Diesel

Notice of Motion received from Councillor McEvoy:

NMD Council oppose the planned changes to Red Diesel usage being brought in by HMRC in April.

The proposed changes to red diesel usage in any vehicle other than what are described as vehicles being used for agricultural purposes only.

This Council notes with concern that these changes will have severe implications for many sectors of our economy locally throughout our district and not solely within agriculture.

“Sinn Féin propose that NMD Council writes to the British Treasury opposing the planned changes and seeking to immediately pause these damaging proposals and to look at new ways as to how government can practically support businesses take the necessary actions to move away from fossil fuels and to put in place measures and policies that will have a meaningful impact on reducing emissions as these proposals will only serve to increasing input costs without themselves reducing emission,”

We will also write to all Councils in the North asking them to write to the British Treasury asking them to raise concerns that this will have a detrimental economic impact across all Council Areas

12.0 Notice of Motion - Charlotte's Law

"Following proper scrutiny, due process and appropriate Assembly consideration, this Council supports the implementation of Charlotte's Law. In principle we support the proposed mechanisms of; recategorizing all 'no body' murders from the 'normal' murder category into the very serious murder category meaning a higher starting point in sentencing. Furthermore, we support offering a specified time post-sentencing where significant disclosure can be made by the perpetrator and if it results in the victim's body being recovered then a review of tariff will be offered, and the non-disclosure is no longer a relevant factor. We call for the next Justice Minister to bring these proposals forward without delay during the next mandate".

13.0 Notice of Motion - Pat Jennings Statue

Council acknowledges the outstanding contribution son of Newry, and former Northern Ireland International, Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, Watford and Newry Town goalkeeper Pat Jennings has made to sport, charity, reconciliation and the promotion of his home city and district.

The Friends Of Big Pat Group has been established to honour Pat Jennings through the commissioning of a statue to be located in his native Newry in honour of his achievements on and off the pitch and in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held in his home city and district and across the world.

Council acknowledges Pat Jennings' global recognition as an outstanding international and English club goalkeeper, his time as a young GAA player with Newry Shamrocks, his work with numerous charities over many years, his involvement in reconciliation work including his 35 years with Co-operation Ireland and his role as an Ambassador for Newry's City Status Bid in 2002.

Council agrees to engage (without prejudice) with the Friends of Big Pat Group as per the Council's agreed procedure and policy relating to the erection of artworks and statues if an application is made by the Friends of Big Pat Group relating to the erection of artwork/statue honouring Pat Jennings' in the city.

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 NOVEMBER 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/019/2022	Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 10.01.22	The action sheet was agreed	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/020/2022	To set a district rate for the financial year 2022/23 as required under section 3 of the Local Govt Finance act (NI) 2011, as amended by the Local Govt (Capital Finance and Accounting) (coronavirus) (Amendment) Regs (NI) 2021	Approve the considerations and recommendations of the Strategic Finance Working Group in relation to the 2022-23 rate setting process (Appendix 6) and, having regard to the Chief Executive's statement as required by the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011 (see 2.1 & 2.2 above): 1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2022- 23 of 1.95% based on an estimated penny product of 2,567,939 meaning a non-domestic rate of 24.9209 pence and a domestic rate of 0.4224 pence 2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2022-23 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1); 3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2022-23 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code. (Appx 2);	Democratic Services	Noted	

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		4. Approve the capital programme (see Appendix 3); 5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022-23 (Appendix 4); 6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2022-23 (Appendix 5). 7. Note the Action Sheets of the Strategic Finance Working Group relating to the rate setting process. (Appendix 6: Restricted item)			
C/021/2022	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10.01.2022	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/022/2022	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 11.01.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/023/2022	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 17.01.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/024/2022	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 20.01.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/025/2022	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 24.01.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted subject to a minor amendment in relation to the spelling of Councillor Sharvin's name on page 2.	Democratic Services Mr Lipsett	Noted	

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		Mr Lipsett to report back to Councillor Finnegan re. a lease to be drawn up and sent to Crossmaglen GAC as a matter of urgency for external funding to be progressed.	Mr Tamati	Actioned – email sent on 28/02/22	Y
		Mr Tamati to update Councillor O'Hare re. the consultation on the Pump Track project in Hilltown		Actioned – email sent on 28/02/22	Y
C/026/2022	Minutes of Special AHC Committee Meeting held on 13/01/2022	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted subject to the removal of Councillor Harte from the attendance list.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/027/2022	Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 26.01.22	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/028/2022	Planning Minutes	There were no issues referred from Planning	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/029/2022	Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 09.12. 2021	The minutes were noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/030/2022	Bulletin dated January 2022 from Northern Ireland Housing Council	The bulletin was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/031/2022	APSE Meeting Dates	The Meeting Dates were noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/032/2022	NAC Meeting Dates	Retrospective approval for Councillor Casey to attend National Association of Councillors Executive Meeting	Democratic Services	Noted	

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		in Leeds on 7th February 2022. The upcoming meetings as set out in the report including the NAC Community Empowerment Conference in Glasgow 25th-27th February 2022 were also approved.			
C/033/2022	Correspondence from DfC re. NOM C/243/2021 – Fuel Poverty Taskforce	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/034/2022	Correspondence from Dept of Finance re. NOM C/243/2021 – Fuel Poverty Taskforce	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/035/2022	Correspondence from DfI re. NOM C/244/2021 – Road Network	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/036/2022	Correspondence from Dept of Health re. NOM C/013/2022 – Dental Services during COVID	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	
C/037/2022	Correspondence from DfC re. Housing Crisis/AirBnB – C/011/2022	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Noted	

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C/038/2022	NOM: Platinum Jubilee	The Motion was referred to the Equality & Good Relations Forum (Meeting to be held on 18 February 2022) in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.	Colin Moffett	To be discussed at Councillors' Equality & Good Relations Group meeting on 18 February 2022	Y
C/039/2022	NOM: Online Accounts	<p>This Council write to twitter and other social media platforms calling for improved scrutiny of online accounts.</p> <p>And also write to the Department of Justice Minister to explore a change in the law to ban anonymous accounts.'</p> <p>Write to the UK Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee expressing support for the Online Safety Bill currently going through parliament and highlight the Bill does not deal with anonymous accounts.</p>	Democratic Services	Letters sent	
C/040/2022	NOM: Female Self Defence	The Motion was referred to Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.	M Lipsett	Discussed at AHC 21.02.22	
C/041/2022	NOM: Animal Welfare	The Motion was referred to Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.	C Mallon	Paper to be taken to ERT Committee Mtg 14th March 2022	
C/042/2022	Emergency NOM: Emergency Surgery Provision at Daisy Hill	<p>Council expresses its complete opposition to the Southern Trust's decision to temporarily remove Emergency Surgery provision at Daisy Hill Hospital and call on that decision to be reversed and efforts redoubled to guarantee continued and improved service provision for people in this district.</p> <p>It was also agreed to call on all parties to support the proposed 2022-25 Budget which will see huge increases in health spending across the north.</p>	Democratic Services	Letters sent	

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		<p>It was further agreed that this motion be forwarded to the Southern Trust and the Health Minister and that part of any future increased health budget be ringfenced for (i) Unprecedented / international procurement efforts to fill the complete complement of surgical expertise (ii) the exploration and delivery of cross-border health solutions where an enhanced and expanded Daisy Hill would serve East Monaghan and North Louth as well as Newry, South Armagh and South Down.</p> <p>It was additionally agreed that an urgent meeting between Council and the new Chief Executive of the Southern Trust and the Chief Executive of the NI Ambulance Service to discuss the proposed temporary removal of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital."</p>			
C/043/2022	Emergency NOM: Ports	<p>Council placed on record it's concern with the actions of Minister Poots relating to the withdrawal of checks required for the implementation of the Protocol and his failure to comply with an International Treaty and legal obligations negotiated by the British Government with the EU.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Council notes with concern that this is likely to impact its ability to meet the legal obligations for which it is responsible, relating to inspections at the Port.</p> <p>It was further agreed that Council joins with Belfast City Council in initiating legal proceedings to compel the Minister and the British Government to comply</p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>Nora Largey/ Fearghal O'Connor</p>		

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		with Protocol requirements, subject to any current derogations in the grace period."			
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 7 February 2022 at 6.00pm via Hybrid in Downshire Chamber and Microsoft Teams

In the Chair: Councillor C Mason (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor O Hanlon	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor M Rice	Councillor M Savage
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor C Enright
Councillor A Finnegan	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte	Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor O Magennis	Councillor G Malone
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor H McKee
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D Murphy	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor K Owen	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director of Finance (Acting)
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

Officials in Attendance Via Teams:

Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr J McBride, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
 Miss V Keegan, Head of Communications and Marketing
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance Via Teams: Ms N Largey, Legal Services

C/017/2022

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Brown and Mr Lipsett, Director of Active & Health Communities.

The Chairperson advised her mental health initiative for February was in relation to mental health and behavioural disorders in young people and children. She talked about her time as Chairperson and having the privilege of meeting groups of people along the way including those supporting families of children who suffer from mental health and behavioural disorders including attention deficit, hyperactivity disorder, autism, anxiety disorders and eating disorders to name but a few.

The Chairperson spoke of how lucky we were to have a number of support services within the District but unfortunately it was a very familiar story with lack of funding, resources and services being stretched to their limits with examples including the ADHD Hub in Newcastle and Downpatrick Autism Support Services. She appealed to Members to lobby the health department on their behalf, meet with groups, raise awareness and do whatever they could to support fundraisers and groups.

C/018/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson, Councillors Hanna and Councillor McKeivitt declared an interest in item 27: Emergency Notice of Motion – Ports.

C/019/2022 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2022

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 10 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 10 January 2022 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews.**

C/020/2022 TO SET A DISTRICT RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23 AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NI) 2011, AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CAPITAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING) (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2021

Read: Report from Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director of Finance (acting) dated 7 March 2022, regarding the District Rate 2022/23
Appendix 1: Medium Term Financial Plan
Appendix 2: Capital Strategy Report 2022/23
Appendix 3: Four Year Capital Programme
Appendix 4: Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022/23
Appendix 5: Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2022/23
Appendix 6: Action Sheets of meetings of Strategic Finance Working Group to consider rate setting process 2022/23 (restricted item)

The Chief Executive referred Members to the considerations and recommendations of the report pointing out that detailed estimates had been formulated, presented and scrutinised by Members via the Strategic Finance Working Group Meetings taking into account past out turn, current spending plans and likely future demands and pressures.

Mrs Ward added that she was satisfied that the estimates presented, subject to the significant uncertainties noted within 2.1 of the report, should provide adequate financial resources to support the running costs of the Council for 2022-23.

Mrs Ward confirmed she was content that the current reserves held by the Council were adequate to meet the medium term financial commitments of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

Members were referred to the recommendations at 3.1 of the report and asked to approve an increase in the district rate for 2022/23 of 1.95%, based on an estimated penny product of 2,567,939 meaning a non-domestic rate of 24.9209 pence and a domestic rate of 0.4224 pence.

Members in turn took the opportunity to thank officers and the Strategic Finance Working Group for their hard work and diligence throughout the year in striking the rate.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker to approve the considerations and recommendations of the Strategic Finance Working Group in relation to the 2022-23 rate setting process (Appendix 6) and, having regard to the Chief Executive's statement as required by the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011 (see 2.1 & 2.2 above):

1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2022-23 of 1.95% based on an estimated penny product of 2,567,939 meaning a non-domestic rate of 24.9209 pence and a domestic rate of 0.4224 pence;
2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2022-23 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1);
3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2022-23 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code. (Appendix 2);
4. Approve the capital programme (see Appendix 3);
5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022-23 (Appendix 4);
6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2022-23 (Appendix 5).
7. Note the Action Sheets of the Strategic Finance Working Group relating to the rate setting process. (Appendix 6: Restricted item)

Councillor Rice joined the meeting during discussion for the above item – 6.08pm.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/021/2022

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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C/022/2022 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/023/2022 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

C/024/2022 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sharvin.**

C/025/2022 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 24 January 2022 (copy circulated).

AHC/021/2022: Leasing of Council Land at Lismore – Expressions of Interest

Councillor Finnegan thanked officers for their work on the matter and asked that a lease be drawn up and sent to Crossmaglen GAC as a matter of urgency for external funding to be progressed. Mrs Ward advised Mr Lipsett would report back to Councillor Finnegan on the matter.

AHC/008/2022 – Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland – Service Level Agreement

Councillor O'Hare welcomed the pump track in Hilltown and in response to his request for an update regarding consultation for the project Mrs Ward advised Mr Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport would get back to him directly on the matter.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 24 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan,**

seconded by Councillor O'Hare subject to a minor amendment in relation to the spelling of Councillor Sharvin's name on page 2.

Councillor Sharvin left the meeting at this point – 6.22pm

C/026/2022 MINUTES OF SPECIAL ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Special Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of Special Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Casey subject to removing Councillor Harte from the attendance list.

C/027/2022 MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2022

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 26 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 26 January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Andrews.

C/028/2022 PLANNING MINUTES

There were no issues referred from the Planning Committee.

FOR NOTING

C/029/2022 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 2021

Read: Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 9 December 2021. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: The Northern Ireland Housing Council Minutes dated 9 December 2021 were noted on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Owen.

C/030/2022 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – JANUARY 2022

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

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

C/031/2022

APSE MEETING DATES

Read: APSE Timetable for Association Meetings 2021/22 (Copy circulated)

Councillor Andrews reminded Members he was Deputy Chair for Northern Ireland Region and asked that anyone wishing to attend APSE meetings should contact Democratic Services directly.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hanlon to note the dates contained within APSE timetable.

C/032/2021

NAC MEETING DATES

Read: National Association of Councillors Annual Events. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Taylor took the opportunity to remind Members that Councillor Burgess was a member of National Association of Councillors.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews for retrospective approval for Councillor Casey to attend National Association of Councillors Executive Meeting in Leeds on 7th February 2022. The upcoming meetings as set out in the report including the NAC Community Empowerment Conference in Glasgow 25th-27th February 2022 were also approved.

C/033/2022

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING FUEL POVERTY TASKFORCE REF: NOM - C/243/2021

Read: Correspondence dated 13 January 2022 regarding Notice of Motion Fuel Poverty Taskforce. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence from the Department for Communities regarding the Notice of Motion – Fuel Poverty Taskforce was noted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

C/034/2022

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE REGARDING FUEL POVERTY TASKFORCE REF: NOM – C/243/2021

Read: Correspondence dated 17 January 2022 regarding Notice of Motion Fuel Poverty Taskforce. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence from the Department of Finance regarding Fuel Poverty Taskforce was noted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.

C/035/2022 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGARDING ROAD NETWORK REF: NOM – C/244/2021**

Read: Correspondence dated 21 January 2022 regarding Notice of Motion Road Network. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence from the Department for Infrastructure regarding Road Network was noted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/036/2022 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING DENTAL SERVICES DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC REF: NOM – C/013/2022**

Read: Correspondence dated 24 January 2022 regarding Notice of Motion Dental Services during COVID 19 Pandemic. (Copy circulated)

Councillors Finnegan and McKeivitt acknowledged the response from the Minister for Health regarding dental services for expectant and new mothers during the pandemic and hoped that the right decision would be made on the matter.

Agreed: **The correspondence from the Department of Health regarding Dental Services during COVID 19 Pandemic was noted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

C/037/2022 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING HOUSING CRISIS / AIRBNB REF: C/011/2022**

Read: Correspondence dated 28 January 2022 regarding the Housing Crisis / AirBnB. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence from the Department for Communities regarding the Housing Crisis / AirBnB was noted on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hanlon.**

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/038/2022 **NOTICE OF MOTION – PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillors Taylor.

"To ask Council to establish a funding programme to enable local citizens and community organisations across the District to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Lewis.

Agreed: **The Motion was referred to the Equality & Good Relations Forum (Meeting to be held on 18 February 2022) in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.**

C/039/2022

NOTICE OF MOTION – ONLINE ACCOUNTS

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The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Walker:

“That this Council write to twitter and other social media platforms calling for improved scrutiny of online accounts. And also write to the Department of Justice Minister to explore a change in the law to ban anonymous accounts.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Owen.

In proposing the motion Councillor Walker said there had been a serious misuse of social media platforms over a long period of time with many public figures having been targeted, he said the Health Minister Robin Swann had been threatened online and although the abuser had been convicted, he continued to engage in online abuse.

Councillor Walker said public representatives should not be considered fair game when it came to online abuse and such abuse resulted in lives and families being destroyed, highlighting the tragic case of a young boy who had taken his life in Republic of Ireland due to online abuse.

Councillor Walker said Diane Dodds and Sinead Bradley had brought this issue to the Minister for Justice in the Assembly and that the UK government was bringing an Online Safety Bill through parliament. He said, as a Council it was important to put pressure on the powers that be either in Stormont or Westminster to help change the legislation in relation to online abuse.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Owen said she had experienced online abuse as, she believed most of her councillor colleagues had, and she agreed with Councillor Walker that public representatives should not be seen as fair game.

Councillor Andrews said the SDLP grouping fully supported the motion and agreed that social media providers needed to deploy resources to tackle the scourge of online abuse. He called on the Justice Minister, the Home Secretary and the Minister for Justice in Dublin together with other relevant government departments and agencies to work together to bring stringent legislation and provide resources to ensure those responsible were held to account and that strict and harsh penalties were implemented.

Councillor Hanlon said the Sinn Féin grouping fully supported the motion and asked that an amendment be made to include writing to the UK Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee expressing support for the Online Safety Bill currently going through parliament.

Councillor Walker accepted the amendment.

Councillor McAteer said it could prove very difficult to make a change in the law as the location of a lot of the companies could be hard to pin down.

Councillor Byrne, in acknowledging the online abuse directed at public representatives, asked that people refrained from using sentences such as ‘I can handle the abusive comments’ or ‘I am thick skinned’ saying online abuse was totally unacceptable and people shouldn’t have to ‘handle it’.

Councillor Byrne said it was important to note not all anonymous accounts were bad and it would be wrong to ban them all, more checks were needed to be carried out by the social media providers.

Councillors McMurray, Lewis, Reilly and McKee also expressed their full support for the Motion.

In summing up, Councillor Walker thanked members for their unanimous support and said the Westminster Bill would not tackle anonymous accounts and this factor should be considered

when writing to Westminster. Councillor Walker agreed with Councillor Byrne's comments that those people who used anonymous accounts for good reasons should not be penalised.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Owen that Council write to twitter and other social media platforms calling for improved scrutiny of online accounts.

It was also agreed that they write to the Department of Justice Minister to explore a change in the law to ban anonymous accounts.

It was further agreed that a letter be sent to the UK Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee expressing support for the Online Safety Bill currently going through parliament and highlight the Bill does not deal with anonymous accounts.

C/040/2022

NOTICE OF MOTION – FEMALE SELF DEFENCE

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Malone:

“After the shocking murder of Ashling Murphy in Tullamore I am requesting that Newry Mourne and Down District Council organise and advertise Female Self Defence Courses in all local Leisure Centres, Community facilities etc to increase the confidence of our local female population. These courses could provide much needed expertise to females, which they can utilise to maybe save their or other individuals lives if they find themselves in difficult situations.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Gibbons.

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

C/041/2022

NOTICE OF MOTION – ANIMAL WELFARE

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Brown and presented by Councillor McMurray.

“This Council notes the increasing and worrying prevalence of puppy farming and pet abandonment in recent years, and the high levels of public interest in addressing this and all instances of animal cruelty. Recognising council's responsibility for animal welfare and the importance of inter-agency and partnership working to address this issue, council will establish an Animal Welfare Forum. This Forum will meet regularly (at least quarterly) and provide strategic direction and oversight to officers involved in animal welfare, reporting back to the AHC committee. It will also seek representation from elected members, dog wardens, kennelling providers, DAERA, animal shelters, charities and the PSNI.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Owen.

Agreed: The Motion was referred to Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

The Chairperson advised Members that Councillor Mulgrew wished to bring forward an Emergency Notice of Motion, and in order to do so, it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders, for which a qualified majority vote was required (80% of Members present and voting).

The Chairperson put the matter to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 38
AGAINST: 1
ABSENTIONS: 0

It was agreed by qualified majority vote to suspend Standing Orders 16.1. (copy attached, appendix 1)

AGREED: It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the emergency Notice of Motion received from Councillor Mulgrew.

C/042/2022

EMERGENCY NOTICE OF MOTION – EMERGENCY SURGERY PROVISION AT DAISY HILL

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Mulgrew:

“This Council expresses its complete opposition to the Southern Trust’s decision to temporarily remove Emergency Surgery provision at Daisy Hill Hospital. We call on that decision to be reversed and efforts redoubled to guarantee continued and improved service provision for people in this district. We further call on all parties to support the proposed 2022-25 Budget which will see huge increases in health spending across the north. We ask that this motion be forwarded to the Southern Trust and the Health Minister.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Rice.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Mulgrew acknowledged that a number of meetings had recently taken place with Shane Devlin, CEO, Southern Health and Social Care Trust at both council and party level.

Councillor Mulgrew said the news of the suspension of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital had come a shock as it was understood a meeting to discuss the expansion of theatre services was being organised and suggested the Trust and Pathfinders explored a way to communicate issues with the community.

Councillor Mulgrew said the Trust claimed the decision would affect 5/6 patients daily, resulting in those patients having to be transferred to Craigavon Area Hospital by ambulance, thereby taking much needed ambulances out of circulation. She asked that Council contact the Ambulance Service to ascertain what communication had taken place between them and the Trust and what assurances they could give the people of the community there would be adequate ambulance cover to make up the shortfall brought about the ambulances being used to transport emergency surgery patients from Daisy Hill to Craigavon Area Hospital.

Councillor Mulgrew said a consultation on theatre services was to take place after the election and it was key that resources in Daisy Hill Hospital were fully utilised in order to tackle the ever-increasing waiting lists. Additionally, Councillor Mulgrew said all consultants should be Trust based as opposed to hospital based.

Councillor Mulgrew said there was frustration in the community in the fact that the Assembly had not yet agreed the 3 year budget which would have seen £21b spent on tackling waiting lists, dealing with COVID related stresses and very importantly paying staff appropriately.

In conclusion, Councillor Mulgrew asked that it be put on record her enormous gratitude to the NHS for all their hard work and dedication over the years, often in very difficult circumstances. In seconding the Motion, Councillor Rice said there would always be a demand for a hospital at Daisy Hill and significant steps would need to be taken to protect the hospital and rural services.

Councillor Rice said it was imperative the emergency surgery provision be reinstated immediately.

Councillor Hanna said whilst he agreed Daisy Hill Hospital needed to be retained and improved upon, he could not agree with the second paragraph of the Motion that referred to the 2022-2025 budget as, he said the budget had not been finalised and he proposed the Motion be amended to remove the paragraph.

Councillor Walker seconded the amendment.

Councillor Mulgrew did not accept the amendment to the proposal.

Councillor Taylor expressed support for the Motion and said Daisy Hill Hospital was a first-class facility that offered a vital service to the whole district and it was important to keep the pressure on to ensure long terms sustainability of services were secured. He said the 3 year budget plan as outlined was not feasible now and it would more likely be a one year plan.

Councillor Savage said given the removal of the First Minister at Stormont, the reality of a 3 year budget would not be agreed and put to the Assembly in the current parliamentary term. He stated efforts should be channelled into getting that budget to approval stage and with the location of Daisy Hill Hospital being on the border of the South East corner of Northern Ireland it underpinned the need for health care provision to be looked at strategically and cross border cooperation was needed for any future planning of Daisy Hill.

Councillor Savage said cross border health cooperation did not threaten anyone's identity, but it could potentially save lives. He said various cross border funding schemes were available and it was important to work together for the people of the District.

Councillor Savage asked that the Notice of Motion be amended to read:

"This Council expresses its complete opposition to the Southern Trust's decision to temporarily remove Emergency Surgery provision at Daisy Hill Hospital. We call on that decision to be reversed and efforts redoubled to guarantee continued and improved service provision for people in this district. Council calls for part of any future increased health budget to be ringfenced for:

1. Unprecedented international procurement efforts to fill the complete complement of surgical expertise
2. The exploration and delivery of cross border health solutions where an enhanced and expanded Daisy Hill would serve Co. Monaghan and Co. Louth as well as Newry, South Down and South Armagh

And further calls for an urgent meeting between Council, the new CEO of the Southern Trust and the Chief Executive of the N. Ireland Ambulance Service to discuss the proposed temporary removal of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital."

Councillor McKevitt seconded the amendment to the Notice of Motion stating the urgent meeting was necessary to get answers to the questions that had been asked at the recent meeting with the Trust.

Councillor Reilly said he would not be supporting the Motion and he considered, following the meeting with the Trust it was a temporary measure that had patient safety at its core.

Councillor Malone said the proposed temporary removal of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital was very worrying, coupled with the announcement from the Trust there was to be a consultation on theatre services after the election and said a coordinated plan was needed to prevent further reduction of medical services at Daisy Hill Hospital.

Councillor Enright said a 3 year health budget was critical and pointed out the population in the greater Newry area was similar to the greater Craigavon area but there were no temporary cuts in medical services in Craigavon.

Councillor McKee said the lack of surgeons was very worrying and there needed to be incentives to bring surgeons to the district.

A ten minute recess took place to allow Members to consider the proposed amendments to the Notice of Motion.

The meeting did then adjourn – 7.41pm

The meeting did then resume – 7.53pm

Following the recess, a vote was taken on Councillor Hanna's proposed amendment to remove the second paragraph of the Motion that referred to the 2022 – 25 budget, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	6
AGAINST:	29
ABSTENTIONS:	4

The proposal was lost.

Councillor Mulgrew said she accepted Councillor Savage's amendment but wanted it added on to her entire Notice of Motion and asked it be read out. Ms Ward read out the amended Notice of Motion.

Councillor McKee said Daisy Hill Hospital was part of the National Health Service and did not include East Monaghan or North Louth and by proposing to include cross border areas would only put more pressure on the already struggling health service.

Councillor Taylor said it was important to note that whilst he was fully behind securing the future of Daisy Hill, he could not agree to the amendment, saying there were too many issues and practicalities to consider regarding the inclusion of East Monaghan and North Louth and he considered the real area of concern, which was the reduction of services in Daisy Hill was being diluted.

The proposed amendment was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	30
AGAINST:	5
ABSTENTIONS	4

The proposal was carried.

AGREED:	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Rice that Council expresses its complete opposition to the Southern Trust's decision to temporarily remove Emergency Surgery provision at Daisy Hill Hospital and call on that decision to be reversed and efforts redoubled to guarantee continued and improved service provision for people in this district.
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It was also agreed to call on all parties to support the proposed 2022-25 Budget which will see huge increases in health spending across the north.

It was further agreed that this motion be forwarded to the Southern Trust and the Health Minister and that part of any future increased health budget be ringfenced for (i) Unprecedented / international procurement efforts to fill the complete complement of surgical expertise (ii) the exploration and delivery of cross-border health solutions where an enhanced and expanded Daisy Hill would serve East Monaghan and North Louth as well as Newry, South Armagh and South Down.

It was additionally agreed that an urgent meeting between Council and the new Chief Executive of the Southern Trust and the Chief Executive of the NI Ambulance Service to discuss the proposed temporary removal of emergency surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital.”

The Chairperson and Councillors Hanna and McKeivitt left the meeting at this point having declared an interest in item 27 Emergency Notice of Motion – Ports.

In the absence of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson Councillor Magennis assumed the Chair.

The Chairperson advised Members that Councillor Ó Muirí wished to bring forward the following Emergency Notice of Motion, and in order to do so, it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders, for which a qualified majority vote was required (80% of Members present and voting).

The Chairperson put the matter to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	29
AGAINST:	7
ABSENTIONS:	0

It was agreed by qualified majority vote to suspend Standing Orders 16.1. (copy attached, appendix 2)

AGREED:	It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the emergency Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ó Muirí.
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C/043/2022

EMERGENCY NOTICE OF MOTION – PORTS

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Ó Muirí:

“This Council wishes to place on record it’s concern with the actions of Minister Poots relating to the withdrawal of checks required for the implementation of the Protocol and his failure to comply with an International Treaty and legal obligations negotiated by the British Government with the EU.

The Council further notes with concern that this is likely to impact its ability to meet the legal obligations for which it is responsible, relating to inspections at the Port.

This Council joins with Belfast City council in initiating legal proceedings to compel the Minister and the British Government to comply with Protocol requirements, subject to any current derogations in the grace period.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

In presenting the motion, Councillor Ó Muirí stated the protocol was an international binding agreement essential to protect businesses and their workers from the worst impact of the hard DUP and Tory Brexit. He added the Executive had a legal obligation to comply with the commitments set out in the international agreement and the protocol and those commitments included the checks on goods at ports.

Councillor Ó Muirí commented that Minister Poots had made this clear in the Assembly last year and despite that, he had engaged in a reckless and cynical electioneering stunt ordering workers to stop checks at ports, which was in contravention of domestic and international law.

Councillor Ó Muirí continued that the Courts had now so far overruled Mr Poots which would come as a relief to public service workers who had legal clarity when political pressure was being brought on them to breach the law. He went on to say that they stood with Councillors of Belfast City Council who had initiated legal proceedings to compel the Minister and the British Government to comply with protocol requirements and hoped that many Members would join him in supporting that call.

In supporting the motion Councillor McAteer asked what, if any, costs would be possibly attributed to Council in instigating the legal proceedings.

Ms Largey, Legal Advisor provided an update in that Belfast City Council had at a Special Council Meeting resolved to take legal proceedings against the Minister in respect of his decision. Legal proceedings had not actually been issued as yet but her understanding of the Notice of Motion before Newry, Mourne and Down Council related to joining those proceedings that would be issued by Belfast City Council.

She added Newry, Mourne and Down would be joining those proceedings in a supporting role known as a notice party which related to someone who was involved in proceedings but did not have direct responsibility for the running of the case. She added that would be between the applicant (Belfast City Council) and the respondent (Minister Poots) and there may be a cost to Council for being a notice party, but the bulk of the costs would be between the applicant and the respondent.

Councillor Owen spoke at length of the DUP's opposition to the motion and opposition to an Irish Sea border and placing of regulatory checks within the internal market of the UK and impeding free flow of goods between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. She stated the NI protocol and Irish Sea Border were having a severe impact on the NI economy currently costing £2.5million and that impact would increase spoke at length about how the implementation of the protocol was in direct contravention of the New Decade: New Approach agreement.

Councillor Taylor spoke in opposition to the motion on behalf of the UUP. He stated it was very clear the protocol and various mechanisms associated with that including checks at ports were having a detrimental impact on businesses daily in Northern Ireland. Councillor Taylor spoke at length about the madness of checking goods in an internal market of the UK and disregard for unionist concerns of the impact the protocol had for everybody. The UUP want the protocol removed and want it removed immediately and the motion would not do that therefore he would not be supporting it.

Councillor Reilly stated he would be voting against the motion and spoke at length about the need for sensible arrangements to be in place and that he believed the Department for Agriculture for Northern Ireland was to blame in that they interpreted the protocol in the most harshest form.

Councillor Walker concurred with Councillors Owen, Taylor and Reilly in opposition to the motion and spoke of how the Irish Sea border had caused instability.

Councillor McKee spoke of the impact the border in the Irish Sea was having and advised there would be no support for the motion from the TUV.

Councillor Lewis stated it was obvious there was electioneering going on and spoke of how political party's should be doing what is best for trade in Northern Ireland.

Councillor McMurray spoke at length of DUPs decisions having a detrimental effect to Northern Ireland.

Councillor Byrne wished to clarify the group Border Communities Against Brexit was not a political group and referred to comments about electioneering and stated the motion would not be before Council if the Minister had not done a solo run which was in the interest of the party and not the people.

The motion was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	29
AGAINST:	7
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was carried.

In summing up Councillor Ó Muirí thanked Members for their comments and wished to reassure Councillor McAteer that his party had spoken with Belfast City Council Councillors and legal representatives beforehand and that it would be for them to take the legal action.

Councillor Ó Muirí stated he respected for DUP, UUP and TUV views on the matter. He also made reference to Councillor Lewis's comment on electioneering and stated that he did not go looking for the motion and that it had happened.

Councillor Reilly enquired about call-in as he believed the motion to be political and that any legal representation should be provided outside of Belfast City Council.

The Chief Executive advised call-in procedure required 15% of Members of Council and advised a copy of the appropriate standing orders would be forwarded to him for his information.

Ms Largey pointed out that she was not involved in any discussions with Belfast City Council in respect of the decision today or involved in any discussions with Sinn Fein Councillors or anyone else who voted in favour of the proposal in Belfast City Council or in Newry, Mourne and Down Council. She further added that her role was to advise Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in respect of this Notice of Motion.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Murphy that Council placed on record it's concern with the actions of Minister Poots relating to the withdrawal of checks required for the implementation of the Protocol and his failure to comply with an International Treaty and legal obligations negotiated by the British Government with the EU.**

It was also agreed that Council notes with concern that this is likely to impact its ability to meet the legal obligations for which it is responsible, relating to inspections at the Port. It was further agreed that Council joins with Belfast City Council in initiating legal proceedings to compel the Minister and the British Government to comply with Protocol requirements, subject to any current derogations in the grace period."

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.56pm.
For confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 March 2022.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 31 January 2022 at 2.00pm remotely via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor C Mason

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor O Hanlon	Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor O Magennis	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor H McKee
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D Murphy	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor T Andrews Councillor D Curran

Officials in attendance via Teams: Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

Officials in attendance in Chamber: Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

Also in attendance via Teams: **NIE Networks**
Edel Creery - Head of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
Nigel Crawford – Connections Manager
Andrew Cupples – Network Development Manager

SC/001/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS

The Chairperson expressed her condolences to the family of Marc Quinn who tragically passed away at the weekend due to a road traffic accident outside Castlewellan. She stated her thoughts and prayers were with Marc's mother Jenny, father Gary and brothers Ruairi and Ryan as they come to terms with their loss and heartbreak. The Chairperson advised that Marc was an extremely talented and committed player for Auglisnafin GAC and passed her thoughts onto the entire GAC community who were completely shocked and saddened by the tragedy.

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Devlin, Gallagher, Rice, Savage,

Stokes and Tinnelly.

SC/002/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**SC/003/2022: RESPONSE FROM SOUTH EASTERN & SOCIAL
CARE TRUST**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Edel Creery, Mr Nigel Crawford and Andrew Cupples from Northern Ireland Electricity Networks.

Ms Creery thanked Council for the opportunity to meet representatives and proceeded to deliver her presentation (copy of which is attached to these minutes).

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

- Members paid thanks to NIE staff at call centres for their professionalism and quick response when contacted with any issues.
- Investment of 100 million pound was welcomed however expressed concerns that this was not a huge amount of money.
- Were there any plans to help mitigate against global warming and weather changes leading to storm damage etc?
- Would undergrounding high tension cables be an option and was there ever a costing done for this?
- NIE heat map of the area shows capacity problems right across the Council area, what could be done to resolve this especially with electrification of transport and the planned electrification of heating in the future?
- When would NIE start giving the same local investment in the area that had been given to other Councils, most of whom were already getting millions of pounds a year in rates from renewable energy products?
- Could a contact be provided regarding problems with HD wires and birds roosting on them above residential properties?
- Was there an update for a timeline for an upgrade in the electricity supply to Daisyhill Hospital, Newry in order that a business case for the installation of 2 new scanners could be put together. This would assist in the relief of added pressure on the Ambulance Service having to transport patients to Craigavon and Dungannon hospitals to have these scans done?
- Grove Park area, Killyleagh, Crossgar Road, Killyleagh and Ballynahinch Road, Crossgar – A lot of poles had been replaced in previous years, some poles had not been replaced and these were causing an obstruction. Were there any plans in place in order that these could be moved?

- Pole at the traffic lights, Shimna Road, Newcastle needed replaced.
- Why was electricity at caravan sites billed as commercial and therefore almost twice the price of domestic use, when it was paid for by caravan owners?
- Had NIE any plans or mechanisms in place to provide essential help and support to those people struggling with the substantive increase in energy costs?
- Was there any update on a reinforcement scheme for Ardglass?

The delegation responded to the queries as follows:

- There was a lot of work ongoing in terms of energy strategy in engagement with stakeholders and Department for the Economy. NIE were seen as major facilitators and they were investigating what needs to be done with the network to enable this and this in turn needed to be agreed by the regulator.
- With regard to underground cables there was a two third, one third mix, technological reasons and huge cost involved in installing underground cables, therefore it was completed using the best business case possible with the least cost solution for customers.
- Safety clearance was also considered with properties, however the underground cable solution could be between six and eight times more expensive to install than overhead and as a regulated business NIE need to ensure any work completed obtains best value for money.
- In terms of capacity problems, transport and heating, the placement of EV hubs was not within the gift of NIE Networks to carry out. Transmission capacity was worked out by the system operator in Northern Ireland. Capacity had improved in the last number of years.
- Rates generation for Council was very much developer driven as planning permission was granted, NIE Networks would then look at how they could provide the supply for that developer.
- Officials were content to pick up the issue of bird fouling outside of meeting and discuss further, however it was something they were very aware of and were currently running trials for alternative options.
- Daisy Hill Hospital – again officials were content to pick up outside of meeting with Councillor McAteer and see if there is anything that could be done to overcome the issue.
- In relation to caravan sites, NIE Networks were the distribution network operator and supply the electricity distribution to a meter point, from that point the caravan operator would distribute this through the five or six different suppliers across Northern Ireland.
- Refurbishment work of poles and overhead lines was assessed by a patrol in advance of any work, if at the time of the patrol the asset was in good enough condition until the next patrol it would not be replaced at that point.
- NIE Networks were responsible for approx. 20-21% of the overall cost of an individual's bill and had a licence from the utility regulator to be mindful to provide the best service they could at the cost.
- NIE Networks had recently contributed to a number of fuel poverty funds to try to help the most vulnerable in society. There was a huge opportunity to be

had as about a billion pounds of fuel was imported from foreign soils every year, if they could move to a situation where customers were using home grown energy, there was less impact of world political events on the energy prices in Northern Ireland and therefore could potentially see a huge opportunity in the electrification of heat and transport to drive down household bills. Officials encouraged members to help support this opportunity and move that agenda forward.

- Reinforcement Scheme Ardglass – a scheme had recently been successfully completed where voltage regulators had been installed on two of the lines due to high demand from large industrial users to help maintain within the appropriate standards.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their very informative presentation and answering any additional queries raised.

The meeting concluded at 18.49pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 07 March 2022.

Signed: **Councillor C Mason**

Signed: **Mrs M Ward**

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 February 2022 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 (via Teams)
 Councillor W Clarke (via Teams)
 Councillor D Curran (Chamber)
 Councillor G Hanna (via Teams)
 Councillor V Harte (Chamber)
 Councillor M Larkin (via Teams)
 Councillor R Mulgrew (Chamber)
 Councillor A McMurray (Teams)
 Councillor H Reilly (via Teams)
 Councillor M Ruane (via Teams)
 Councillor M Savage (via Teams)
 Councillor G Stokes (via Teams)

Non Members: Councillor O Hanlon (via Teams)
 Councillor H Gallagher (via Teams)
 Councillor J Tinnelly (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
 Ms P McKeever Democratic Services Officer

ERT/022/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was recorded for Councillor M Gibbons.

Councillor Howell extended her congratulations to the Kilcoo football team, on winning the AIB All Ireland Championship. She said it had been a tough match and congratulated the Club members, the Committee and the entire community on such a great achievement.

ERT/023/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Andrews declared an interest in Item 15 regarding Service Level Agreements 2022-2023, as he was a Board member of the East Border Region, and he would leave the meeting during discussion on this item.

Councillor R Burgess declared an interest in Item 15 regarding Service Level Agreements 2022-2023, as he was a Board member of the East Border Region, and he would leave the meeting during discussion on this item.

**ERT/024/2022: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022.

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**ERT/025/2022: DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the feasibility of a Town Centre Manager and stakeholder engagement regarding the

need/potential role for a Town Centre Manager.
(Copy circulated)

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

1. To organise a facilitated workshop with key stakeholder groups to discuss and identify the main priorities in order to develop a strategy focused on the needs of the town.
2. To appoint a facilitator for the workshop and prepare a report detailing the findings and recommendations from the workshop.

**ERT/026/2022: ORNI – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (2021-2022)
- CHALLENGE FUND TRAIL PLANS**

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding an amendment to the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) to undertake works in relation to Challenge Fund Trail Plans.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: Disabled access to beaches is being progressed with ORNI by the AHC Directorate.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to increase the value of the existing Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2021-2022 financial year by £15,000, bringing the total cost to £64,500.

BUILDING CONTROL & LICENSING

ERT/027/2022: REVIEW OF POLICIES

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Licensing, regarding a review of the following policies:

- Pavement Café Designation Policy

- Pavement Café Enforcement Policy
- Temporary Road Closure Policy **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to approve the following policies for regulation of Pavement Café Licences and Road Closure Orders for Special Events:**

- **Pavement Café Designation Policy**
- **Pavement Café Enforcement Policy**
- **Temporary Road Closure Policy**

ERT/028/2022: REVIEW OF STREET TRADING SITES

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Licensing, to consider rescinding a Designating Resolution authorising Street Trading at Cranfield, Bloody Bridge and Spelga. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors expressed concerns that to rescind a decision to authorise street trading at Bloody Bridge; Spelga and Cranfield would leave these areas without food outlets especially as these areas attracted so many visitors. They also referred to littering and parking issues at Bloody Bridge.

Noted: Officers confirmed that trading would still continue at the sites mentioned by way of a tendering process rather than by a Street Trading application process.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to rescind the Designation Resolution for 3 No. Trading Pitches at the following locations:**

- **Cranfield Amenity Area**
- **Bloody Bridge Car Park**
- **Spelga Dam Amenity Area**

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/029/2022: TOURISM NI CO-OPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant

Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the Tourism NI Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to accept the offer of funding, subject to a successful bid to deliver a digital tourism marketing campaign and use of Tourism NI's creative and marketing agencies to assist with delivery at a cost of £38,000.**

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess 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/030/2022: UPGRADE WORKS - CASTLEWELLAN CARAVAN/CAMPSITE

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding upgrade works to Castlewellan Caravan/Campsite. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/031/2022: CHARGES - CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding rates of charges for services at Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/032/2022: DERRYMORE DEMENSE PATHWAY PROJECT

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding additional funding

from the National Trust and Covid 19 Revitalisation Programme for the Derrymore Demense Pathway Project. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/033/2022: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT - DOWNPATRICK INTANGIBLE CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the delivery of a new arts, culture and tourism project in Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated).**

ERT/034/2022: MAKE IT LOCAL – ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding a business case for procurement and appointment of a digital and communications agency to deliver a Make it Local (MiL) district wide marketing campaign for 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/035/2022: ROAD AND CAR PARK SURFACING

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events regarding maintenance repairs to road surface at Slieve Gullion Forest Park and Killough, prior to 31 March 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/036/2022: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS 2022-2023

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events regarding Service Level Agreements for 2022-2023. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/037/2022: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMMES 2022-2023

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events regarding Tourism Events Programmes 2022- 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/038/2022: WARRENPOINT MARINA PROJECT

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Warrenpoint Marina Project. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Harte 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/030/2022: Upgrade Works - Castlewellan Caravan/Campsite

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Howell seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed to undertake the necessary procurement exercises through existing Government procurement frameworks to deliver a programme of capital works across the caravan /campsite amenity and ancillary buildings at Castlewellan Forest Park, and to allocate funding within the capital programme as set out section 4.1 of Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events.

ERT/031/2022: Charges – Castlewellan Forest Park

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to approve the proposed schedule of rates for services at Castlewellan Forest Park, as set out in Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, to include:

- **Daily vehicle entry**
- **Season Passes**
- **Horse Permits**
- **Caravan Park charges**
- **Event charges**
- **Room Hire**
- **Commercial filming**

ERT/032/2022: Derrymore Demense Pathway Project

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

1. To note Council have secured Peace, National Trust and Covid Revitalisation monies to undertake additional works at Derrymore Demense.
2. Council to approve Business Case for additional capital works onsite at 100% funding rate and no cost to Council.
3. Council to proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises in line with policy, for the implementation of the project, and following assessment and award, appoint the relevant suppliers, if within available budgets.

ERT/033/2022: Downpatrick Intangible Cultural Programme

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Howell seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed Council enter into a Service Level Agreement to deliver a 12 month programme engaging with a range of businesses, to market and deliver visitor experiences and showcase Downpatrick and wider destination as an arts and cultural hub.

ERT/034/2022: Make it Local - Engagement Campaign

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to approve the business case to procure and appoint a digital and communications agency to assist Council to deliver a series of targeted marketing campaigns throughout 2022 to build the brand of NMDDC Make It Local and assist local businesses to showcase their products and services through the campaign.

ERT/035/2022: Road and Car Park Surfacing

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to approve the business case to appoint a contractor through existing Council frameworks to undertake a programme of remedial Road and Carpark surfacing works at Slieve Gullion Forest Park and Killough, ahead of the spring/summer season.

ERT/036/2022: Service Level Agreements 2022-2023

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to approve the list of Service Level Agreements for 2022-2023 as per Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events.

ERT/037/2022: Tourism Events Programme 2022-2023

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

1. To issue grant awards in Financial Assistance Call 1 as detailed in this report, to support the local tourism events, arts & culture sectors, as part of the re-launch of the Council's Annual Tourism Events Programme.
2. To issue SLAs with named groups as detailed in this report to deliver tourism events in the 2022-23FY.
3. To undertake the necessary procurement exercises to appoint suppliers through the Council's Tourism Events Framework for the delivery of major festivals in the Council's Annual Tourism Events Programme as detailed in this report.

ERT/038/2022: Warrenpoint Marina Project

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed Council proceed to Stage 2 of the Warrenpoint Marina Development by:

1. Procurement and appointment of a multi-disciplinary team to

- develop the Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement.
2. Complete the studies that are required to support the Environmental Impact Assessment and planning application.
3. Submission of a Planning Application.
4. Investigate all potential funding opportunities.

FOR NOTING

ERT/039/2022: CONSULTATION RESPONSE - ALL IRELAND STRATEGIC RAILWAY

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding a consultation paper on the All Island Strategic Rail Review. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the response to the Department for Infrastructure consultation paper on the All Island Strategic Rail Review.

ERT/040/2022: UPDATE RE: AONB / GEOPARK

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration, regarding an update on AONB and Geopark initiatives being delivered by NMDDC AONB and Geopark staff. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the following initiatives.

- Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund project implementation.
- Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Challenge Fund 22/23
- Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase
- Atlantic CultureScape
- Geopark
- Shared History Fund – My Townlands Story 1921-2021
- Dragons in the Hills project
- AONB Management Review implementation
- Upcoming funding applications

ERT/041/2022: UPDATE RE: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration, regarding on business development initiatives. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the update provided under the following business development initiatives:**

- **Go for IT**
- **NMD Growth**
- **Digital Growth**
- **Tender for Growth**
- **Sales Accelerator**
- **Digital Transformation Programme**

ERT/042/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

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

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

ERT/043/2022: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration, regarding Council sponsorship of Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade event to mark International Women's Day **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note Council's sponsorship of the Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade International Women's Day event which will take place on Friday 11 March 2022, at a cost of £2,600,**

ERT/044/2022: UPDATE RE: LEVELLING UP FUND

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the development of the Levelling Up Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the update presented and note Officers present a report to Committee when further updated Levelling Up Fund priorities, timeframes and budgets, etc, have been issued and reviewed against Council priorities.**

ERT/045/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

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

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for January 2022.**

ERT/046/2022: UPDATE RE: PROJECT STRATUM

Read: Report dated 14 February 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Project Stratum. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the update provided regarding Project Stratum, in particular:**

- **Additional funding secured to enable access to further 8,500 premises.**
- **Postcode checker is available on Hyperfast NI portal <https://hyperfastni.com/>**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 07 March 2022.

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

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

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 17 February 2022 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

In the Chair: Councillor O Hanlon (Chamber)

In Attendance in Chamber Councillor R Howell
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor W Walker

In Attendance via Teams: Councillor P Brown
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor M Rice
Councillor M Savage
Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly

Also in attendance: Councillor D Curran
Councillor C Enright (Chamber)
Councillor A Lewis
Councillor H McKee
Councillor J Trainor

**Officials in Attendance
In chamber:** Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services
(HR & Safeguarding)
Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in Attendance
Via Teams:** Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director, Estates & Capital Projects
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Active & Healthy Communities
Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting)

**Also in Attendance:
Via Teams:** Mrs N Largey, Legal Advisor, Belfast City Council

SPR/019/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Magennis.

SPR/020/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Byrne and Ó Muirí declared an interest in item 14 – Chief Executive Appraisal.

SPR/021/2022: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20 January 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Howell that the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2022, be approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SPR/022/2022: NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing, regarding Notice of Motion – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright spoke at length on his notice of motion highlighting the scale of the problem was enormous but that the opportunities were also enormous. A new Ombudsman, Off Charge had been set up by the UK government to enforce targets, however, approximately one third of premises in the district were unsuitable for charging at home, which equated to 31,000 vehicles in the area in the next 10 years that would not have the facility to charge EV vehicles at home.

He referred to Dundee Council presentation and the 18.5 million funding they were able to access through the UK Westminster Government and the Scottish Government which put them in a situation where they had assets entirely funded by the public sector. The total number of parking bays under Council control was approximately 8,500, the District had 13 EV charging points, 7 of which were not working or unusable due to poor markings. Councillor Enright suggested a reasonable target was to have 1 charging EV point in each Council car park within a year and Council should be applying to Central Government for funding.

Members raised the following points:

- Enough was not being done to prepare the district and future proof for a green economy, or looking for funding to offset the costs of introducing more EV charging points across the district.
- Further research was required based around solid targets to fully assess the costs associated.
- More work was required regarding the potential income that could be generated and offset against costs to Council.
- Setting of targets was critical throughout the process to get to where was needed by 2030.
- More PR work was needed in promoting the locations of the EV charging points and keeping the public informed of the options available to them.
- Members acknowledged the work that had already been completed.
- More collaboration required with Planning to provide provision in applications to include EV chargers which would then increase the scope of how many are available throughout the District.
- None of the public charging points in Northern Ireland were chargeable at present.

- Where would the EV market be in the future, if there were longer charging ranges there would be less need for charging.
- Essence of the motion was great, but the target and cost should not just be with Council, more collaboration needed and working in partnership with NIE, ESB and the Government.
- Current existing schemes should be investigated and maximised upon.
- Keep members apprised of funding applications submitted and the outcomes.

In summing up, Councillor Enright highlighted the numbers he was talking about were not extreme, 1% equated to 80 charging points throughout the district, and if Council were to increase the total target to 2.2% i.e. 180 charging points by placing a EV in every carpark it would mean that no matter where you were in Newry Mourne and Down there would be somewhere you could use a EV charging point and every single village would have at least one charging point.

Mr Devlin highlighted that people in rural areas were maybe more likely to have their own space to charge their car, therefore leading to less demand needing charging points in carparks, electric cars were much more expensive compared to petrol or diesel cars therefore may not be affordable to a lot of people.

The Chairperson confirmed that a more detailed report would be tabled at the Sustainability Climate Change Forum and then steered onto the Strategic Finance Working Group outlining costs and implications to Council. Councillor Enright agreed.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to bring back a more detailed report with further information including costings, to be tabled at the next Sustainability and Climate Change Forum and to the Strategic Finance Working Group for consideration.**

SPR/023/2022: NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING LIVE STREAMING

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Notice of Motion Regarding Live Streaming **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Brown stated that Newry Mourne and Down were only 1 of 2 Councils that did not supply live streaming of Council and Committee meetings stating members should follow the lead of other Councils and a price should not be put on transparency, he went onto update Members on the range of options available for live streaming of meetings and advised his preference was to proceed with option 2 and option 3 of the officer's recommendations. He stated there had been time for officials to outline costings on the report given the delay in bringing the motion to Committee.

The Chairperson clarified that Councillor Brown had previously asked for the motion to be deferred from the December 2021 Strategy Policy and Resources Committee meeting and this was the next available committee meeting the motion could be tabled, she also confirmed Councillor Brown's preferred options were to include officer's contacting all Councils and what their processes were and bring back as part of the report.

Members raised the following points:

- No costings were contained within the report, further work was required to bring back costs involved and value for money.

- 13 views over 2 years was not a lot, however this may have been due to Covid and it would be a positive thing to try and change the culture of how people perceived Council and their Councillors by making meetings more accessible to the public.
- This Council was in no way less transparent than any other Council across the North and was on a par with other Councils and meeting legal obligations providing hybrid meetings.
- Council already provide the facility for members of the public to watch the meetings live if requested through Democratic Services, if it was a hindrance to the public to request the link, Council should look at publishing the link on its website.
- There were 7 Councils who had no facility to watch the meetings afterwards but do upload the audio, which Newry Mourne and Down District Council were already doing.
- There was a consultation ongoing at present by the Minister for Communities Mrs Hargey, once the results of this came back there may be an opportunity to draw down some level of funding to help with recordings.
- Great tool on some of the other Council websites showing live attendance stats of Councillors at meetings.
- From an IT perspective, how would Council be able to support this request, was there the staff in place to provide the support and from a Freedom of Information perspective was there enough people within that department to respond to an increase in demand.

In summing up Councillor Brown thanked all Members for their comments stating there was an appetite to explore the issue further.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that Elected Members approved to continue with option 1, officers to research further option 2 and option 3 and return to Committee with a report outlining risks and cost implications. It was also agreed that officers investigate the current operations of other Councils with regard to live streaming.**

SPR/024/2022: ASSERTION OF MCMINNS LANE, DUNDRUM, CD/RW/8063

Read: Report dated 17 February 2021 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding Assertion of McMinns Lane, Dundrum, CD/RW/8063 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to approve the assertion statement of the Land Management Officer dated 1st February 2022 and asserts the path known as McMinns Lane running between Castlehill and Castleview, Dundrum as a public right of way for use as a public footpath.**

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

SPR/025/2022: ALLOCATION OF SRA ALLOWANCES

READ: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding allocation of SRA Allowances. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne proposed that Members stick to what was agreed between all the Council groups and recognise the Chair of Planning, with 50% to be split between the Chair Planning and 50% between the other SRA's, this was seconded by Councillor Savage.

Mrs Carville confirmed that her recollection was this applied only in the first and second year of the last term of Council, 50% went to the Chair of Planning as it was recognised because the Planning powers were newly devolved that it was a much bigger role, and from the third year it was split evenly. In the last two years the agreement had been to split evenly but she would confirm this.

Councillor Byrne confirmed his proposal still stood but was happy for officers to bring back with the further information to group leaders for further discussion.

Councillor Savage stated that there was huge responsibility as Chair of Planning and concurred with Councillor Byrne and was happy to bring back for further discussion.

Councillor Walker confirmed he was happy for the matter to be brought back for further discussion but would prefer the remaining 50% was split amongst the Deputy Chairs of Committees as they deserve recognition for the position they hold.

Mrs Carville advised that there was a ringfenced amount of money that comes with the Special Responsibility Allowance which could only be given to 21 Councillors, this did not allow additional to be given to Deputy Chairs of Committees as Planning Committee Members and Group Leaders etc were already included in the figure of 21. Members would need to investigate the make-up of the 21 in the next term of Council if Members wished.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to bring a report back to Party Leaders for further discussion and a further report to be brought to Strategy Policy and Resources Committee meeting.**

SPR/026/2022: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – MAY 2022-JUNE 2023

READ: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Schedule of meetings – May 2022-June 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Elected Members approve the schedule of meetings including the amendments on the following dates:**

- Mock Annual Meeting – Thursday 26th May 2022 at 2pm
- Annual Meeting – Monday 1st June 2022 at 6pm
- ERT – Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 6pm
- Planning Committee Meeting from 4th May to be rescheduled to accommodate Assembly Elections

Councillor Walker and Councillor Taylor left the meeting at this point - 19.30pm

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Sharvin it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matter which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or**

business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/027/2022: LEASE OF UNITS SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding lease of units Saintfield Community Centre **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to approve the following recommendations:

- i) A lease of the Industrial Unit known as Unit B at Saintfield Community Centre, Belfast Rd., Saintfield, for a term of 15 years, is offered to the party named at para 1.6 of this report at the rent stated therein;
- ii) A lease of the Industrial Unit known as Unit C at Saintfield Community Centre, Belfast Rd., Saintfield, for a term of 15 years, is offered to the party named at para 1.9 of this report at the rent stated therein.
- iii) A review clause to be included in the lease for every 5 years.

SPR/028/2022: LEASES OF COUNCIL LAND – LISMORE CROSSMAGLEN

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting), regarding leases of Council Land – Lismore Crossmaglen **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 to approve the grant of a 25-year lease to the successful applicant within this process indicated in para 2.1, subject to a market valuation and legal formalities, and the recovery from the club of the recoverable costs under the Sports and Community Leasing Policy (2016).

SPR/029/2022: SURPLUS ASSET UPDATE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Estates & Project Management, regarding Surplus Asset Update **(Copy Circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 to note the content of the report and attached Appendix A – Surplus Asset Overview and approve to move Grove Gardens Recreation Area, Killyleagh to the Open Market.

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/030/2022: UPDATE IN ACQUISITION OF LANDS AT CAMLOUGH LAKE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting) regarding update on acquisition of lands at Camlough Lake **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 to note the contents of the report.

SPR/031/2022: STRATEGIC FINANCE WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET – 18 JANUARY 2022 & 03 FEBRUARY 2022

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs D Carville, Deputy Chief Executive, regarding Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet - 13 December 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 to note the Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet – 18 January 2022 & 03 February 2022.

SPR/032/2022: CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPRAISAL

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding), regarding Chief Executive Appraisal **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 to note that the 2020-2021 and 2021–2022 Performance Appraisals of the Chief Executive had been completed and members of the Chief Executive Appraisal Group were unanimous in their assessment of performance.

SPR/033/2022: PRESENTATION ON MUSEUM STRUCTURES

Mr Mallon presented a verbal update and powerpoint presentation to the Committee regarding Museum structures.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to note the Presentation on Museum Structures. It was further agreed that Council would carry out a full and detailed Strategic Review of Museum services and the investment in them across the District, this review would include meaningful consultation with key community stakeholders including Friends of the Down Museum and other groups deemed relevant.

FOR NOTING

SPR/034/2022: NMDDC RESONSE TO: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND STANDARDS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2022

Read: NMDDC Response to: The Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to note NMDDC Response to: The Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

SPR/035/2022: SICKNESS ABSENCE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2022 from Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager, regarding Sickness Absence. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 20.26pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 07 March 2022.

Signed: **Councillor Oonagh Hanlon**
 Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2022

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 21 February 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate
and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor K McKevitt (Chamber)

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor Casey
Councillor Harte
Councillor Walker

Councillor Gallagher
Councillor A Lewis

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor G Malone
Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor G Sharvin

**Also in attendance via
Teams:**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor H McKee

Councillor Brown

**Officials in attendance
In Chamber:**

Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

**Officials in attendance
Via Teams:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Ms N Largey, Legal Services
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/028/2022:

APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors McMurray and Trainor and Mr Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport.

The Chairperson paid her respects to the family of Christopher Stalford and DUP Members on his untimely death and said everyone's thoughts were with them all at this very difficult time.

The Chairperson paid tribute on the passing of Marie Grant, a founding member of Forkhill Community Association and one of the main lobbyists to have the old Courthouse in Forkhill made into the original Community Centre in 1983 and for a new facility which was opened by Council in 1994. Marie was also a founding member of Forkhill Playgroup and South Armagh

Rural Women's Network and remained an active member of all committees until her death. The Chairperson asked that a letter of condolence be sent to her sister Ann Grant extending our sympathies to her and her brothers Peter, Paul and Joe.

The Chairperson asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Kilcoo GAC on winning the All-Ireland Club Football Final, an unbelievable achievement which had given everyone a great lift.

AHC/029/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/030/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2022

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 January 2022. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/231/2021: Notice of Motion – Accessibility onto beaches in Northern Ireland

Councillor Sharvin enquired if the reason for it not being picked up yet was that the new Service Level Agreement was due May/June 2022.

Mr Lipsett explained the reason it was listed for May/June 2022 was that the new Service Level Agreement was due to be completed with Outdoor Recreation NI at that time. He added it was going to cost additional money to carry out work on Council's behalf and that this was agreed in the rates process and included in next years budget. He added he was happy to have discussions with ORNI about commencing work early and that it was his understanding that they had already visited beaches as part of the cost estimate for the Service Level Agreement.

Mr Lipsett informed Councillor Brown he would contact him directly regarding his request for an update on Mid Down Integrated College as he had been off in recent weeks.

In response to Councillor Brown's request regarding the reopening of the vitality suite at Down Leisure Centre, Mr Lipsett confirmed that given the easing of restrictions it was the intention to open all facilities subject to updating renewed risk assessments by 1 March 2022. He continued that while Covid Risk Assessments were no longer a legal requirement the Council still had a legal responsibility to ensure the safety of users and staff and were still obliged to carry out Risk Assessments for their centres / facilities which must include all risks including Covid 19. These Risk Assessments may well highlight areas of improvements to be made and therefore not all centres will fully reopen at the same time.

Councillor Harte and Casey expressed concern on behalf of community associations in relation to reopening and loss of revenue and the ability to have birthday parties with bouncy castles and such like. Mr Lipsett explained bouncy castles were slightly different and that it was not just covid related but also the increased frequency of cleaning, staffing and insurance requirements. He reiterated that it was the intention to have all facilities open by 1 March 2022.

Mrs Hillen informed Members Council had a Play Inflatables Policy and there was a need to use a risk based approach.

Mrs Hillen advised she would investigate and find out what the problems were for community running facilities and staffing matters for Council managed facilities and come back to Members.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 January 2022.**

AHC/031/2022: NOTICE OF MOTION – FEMALE SELF DEFENCE

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Malone:

"After the shocking murder of Ashling Murphy in Tullamore I am requesting that Newry Mourne and Down District Council organise and advertise Female Self Defence Courses in all local Leisure Centres, Community facilities etc to increase the confidence of our local female population. These courses could provide much needed expertise to females, which they can utilise to maybe save their or other individuals lives if they find themselves in difficult situations."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Harte.

Councillor Malone acknowledged that Council had already started the self defence classes.

The Chairperson advised Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had been the first Council to set up a Woman's Working Group across the 11 Councils and brilliant work had been undertaken including self defence classes.

The Chairperson asked that given that classes were already taking place if Councillor Malone would accept an amendment. She stated that given that education was paramount in the treatment of women and all that goes with that, if officers could investigate the possibility of an education awareness programme for men through Council centres.

Councillors Malone and Harte accepted Councillor McKeivitt's amendment.

Councillor Sharvin welcomed the education part to the motion and asked that the self defence classes and the educational awareness be worked in every DEA throughout the District.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Malone, seconded by Councillor Harte to continue with self defence classes and that officers investigate the possibility of an education awareness programme for men through Council Centres.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/032/2022: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

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

- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 21 January 2022.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022.
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022.
- The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2022.
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 8 February 2022.

AHC/033/2022 COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

In response for clarification from Councillor Sharvin regarding social supermarkets, Mrs Hillen advised there were detailed discussions with DfC on social supermarkets within the District and an approach across the 11 Councils. Mrs Hillen said it was pleasing that DfC was not prescribing a certain model for social supermarkets but rather working on something to support the networks that already existed.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022.

AHC/034/2022 COMMUNITY CENTRE SCALE OF CHARGES

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding scale of charges for Community Centres. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to approve maintaining the hire charge pricing that had been adopted for the 2021/22 financial year for a further year.

AHC/035/2022

SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Saintfield Community Garden.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to approve and agree to progress:

- Approval for Saintfield Community Trust (SCT) to develop a community garden at the rear of Building B Saintfield Community Centre.
- Update the SCT Facility Management Agreement to include the proposed new Community Garden (subject to confirmation of appropriate planning approvals, if required).

AHC/036/2022

PCSP PROCUREMENT (HOME SECURE SERVICE)

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding PCSP Home Secure Scheme for 2022/23. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note the report and approve the procurement for the PCSP Home Secure Scheme for 2022/23 (with an option to extend the contract for a further 12 months in 2023/24 subject to funding being available and satisfactory contract delivery).

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/037/2022

LEISURE AND SPORTS SCALE OF CHARGES 2022/23

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding scale of charges for Leisure and Sports.
(Copy circulated)

In welcoming the freeze on charges Councillor Sharvin asked for clarification regarding an apparent reduction under the gold singular facility section on last year's membership charge. Mr Lipsett explained that since 2015/16 charges across leisure facilities were being aligned and that is reflected in the proposed new charges for the 2022/23.

Councillor Ó Muirí took the opportunity to congratulate the Director on leisure and sport facilities and community centres not having to face increases in charges.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to approve the proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2022/23 commencing the 1 April 2022 as per appendix 1.

AHC/038/2022 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Community Asset Transfer (CAT) – Mount Crescent, Downpatrick . **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Casey to approve acting as a Sponsoring Body for the potential development of a Wellness Centre at 9-11 Mount Crescent, Downpatrick.

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

AHC/039/2022 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION AT 8 ST MARY STREET, NEWRY, BT34 2AA

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Lewis, 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 21 February 2022 from Mr Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding an application for the renewal of a licence to operate a house of multiple occupation at 8 St Mary Street, Newry, BT34 2AA. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Casey to grant the licence for one year as per the terms outlined in the attached Notice of Decision.

AHC/040/2022 PUBLIC TENDER – PROGRAMME DELIVERY PROGRAMME

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Lewis, 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 21 February 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding a Public Tender for a Programme Delivery Partner to assist with the delivery of Leisure and Sport programme initiatives. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to agree to a Public Tender and appointment for up to 3 years for a Leisure and Sport Programme Delivery Partner, subject to annual rates estimates provisions and approve the Business Case for this Public Tender as per appendix 1 of the report and Council's procurement policy.

AHC/041/2022

SPEEDING ISSUES ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Lewis, 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 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding speeding issues adjacent to schools. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKevitt to note the report and forward for consideration at the next Council/Dfl meeting.

Councillor Ó Muirí left the meeting at this point – 6.43pm.

AHC/042/2022 HEALTH AND SAFETY REVIEW – INDOOR LEISURE: SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Lewis, 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 21 February 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding an independent Health and Safety Review of slips, trips and falls for indoor leisure facilities. (Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to note the officer's report and that an independent health and safety review of slips, trips and falls for indoor leisure facilities would be commissioned.**

FOR NOTING

AHC/043/2022 HOUSING SUPPLY STRATEGY (2022- 2037) CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Read: **Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding a consultation response for the Department for Communities House Supply Strategy, 2022-2037.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin note Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's response to the Housing Supply Strategy Consultation (DfC).**

AHC/044/2022 DEFIBRILLATOR PROVISION UPDATE

Read: **Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding progress on the Notice of Motion in relation to Defibrillators.**

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, Mr Devlin confirmed that any additional information regarding defibrillator locations could be forwarded to him for the list to be updated.

Mr Devlin informed Members that since the report was tabled Council had appointed a company to run health and safety courses for community organisations and that defibrillator

and first aid courses were part of that.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the update report on defibrillator provision.

AHC/045/2022 **SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – CAPITAL**

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund, Capital.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the report and minutes from the SIF Board Meeting on 13 December 2021.

AHC/046/2022 **DFC FAIR FUNDING - RING FENCED WELFARE REFORM ADVICE POSTS**

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding DFC Fair Funding, ring fenced Welfare Reform Advice Posts.

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

AHC/047/2022 **POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) report.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Thursday 30 November 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 25 January 2022.

AHC/048/2022 **NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) report.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24

November 2021, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

AHC/049/2022 DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 February 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) report.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021, approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2022 and to note the Downpatrick NRP Action Plan for 2019-2022 (updated September 2021).**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.51pm.

Signed: Councillor K McKevitt
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room. Downshire Civic Estate, Downpatrick and via MS Teams.

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 (Teams)
Councillor O Magennis (Teams)
Councillor K McKeivitt (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor H McKee (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)
Councillor D Taylor (Teams)

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

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

Mr T Walker, Acting Chief Executive Arc 21

NS/009/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Owen.

NS/010/2022: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

NS/011/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022

Read: Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2022 be noted and actions removed as marked.

PRESENTATIONS

NS/012/2022: PRESENTATION ON ARC21

Tim Walker, Acting Chief Executive, Arc21 gave a presentation to Committee on the background to Arc21; their Governance structure; details on contract annual tonnage 20/21; the Waste Management Plan; consultation responses and future challenges. (presentation attached).

Q & A SESSION

- Q - £42m in savings to Councils – what time frame has this been over.
- A - this is over the 6 Councils and its £42m of deferred expenditure – if Councils were sending this waste to landfill they would have paid £42m more than they actually paid.
- Q – a lot of consultation being sent to Arc21 particularly from the Departments – will this lead to any significant legislation.
- A – there is going to be a change in our complete landscape around waste in the next decade e.g. extended producer responsibility; deposit return schemes; consistency around collection; the plastic packaging tax – all these things will be changing the landscape around how waste was going to be managed and the idea was to encourage better quality and quantity of recycling from the householder by applying a collateral pressure through taxes and by providing a reward through incentives. It would apply throughout the chain so for Councils the EPI (extended producer responsibility) would provide the opportunity for Councils to increase how much they got back from the producers of packaging based on how well the recycling material was collected and what level of quality they were able to provide back. He said what would be done in 10 year's time would not be what was being done now and would be very different than what was done 10 years ago.

The Chair thanked Mr Walker for his presentation.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

NS/013/2022: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING 3 FEBRUARY 2022

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: action sheet and associated papers from the Neighbourhood Services Working Group Meeting of 3 February 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to approve the report and recommendation to note the report.**

AGREED: **It was also agreed officers contact Councillor Curran regarding the possibility of earlier opening times of the toilets at the Quoile.**

NS/014/2022: CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS GROUP MEETING – 20 JANUARY 2022

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: action sheet from the Christmas Illuminations and Celebrations Group Meeting held on 20 January 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and the Action Sheet of the Christmas Illuminations Group meeting held on 20 January 2022 and to approve the recommendations as set out in Sections 2.3 to 2.5.**

NS/015/2022: REVISION OF FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: revision of Facility Management and Maintenance Department charges for financial year 2022/2023. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to recommend adoption of the Facility Management and Maintenance Department charges as set out in Appendix 1, circulated at the meeting, for the financial year 2022/23.**

It was also agreed that officers consider the 3 scenarios referred to by Councillor Andrews i.e. if administration fees charged for headstone erections could be waived for under-18 burials along with the administration fees for post 3.00 pm burial times and cremation charges and that a report be brought back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration.

NS/016/2022: OPENING AND CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS TO WARRENPOINT CEMETERY

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities Management and Maintenance re: opening and closing arrangements for vehicular access to Warrenpoint Cemetery. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and to recommend agreement to the installation of an automated barrier system at Warrenpoint Municipal Cemetery to control vehicular access, subject to the completion of a satisfactory business case.**

It was also agreed, at the request of Councillor Ruane, that appropriate signage be put in place in advance to advise of this change and also that a message be put out on social media.

Councillor McKevitt asked that officers ensure a grit box was placed in the cemetery and kept replenished.

WASTE MANAGMENT

NS/017/2022: FLEET REPLACEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding fleet replacement programme update. *(Circulated)*.

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

NOTED: During discussion on potential delays to delivery times for vehicles ordered, Sinead Murphy advised that she was aware that suppliers had cancelled some other Councils orders for electric vehicles. However she also noted Council had been advised that some of the

larger RCVs on order would hopefully be delivered within 28 weeks after order.

Mr McBride said in relation to a Plan B, if there were delays in supplying vehicles, the Council had given authority that where a vehicle was beyond economic life and a new delivery had not yet been received, that short term hire could be used. ~~He said it was not the solution to all ills but it allowed for the continuation of key services.~~

NS/018/2022: ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding enforcement improvement plan update. ***(Circulated)***.

NOTED: Members welcomed the report and said it was time that the Council was getting serious about the problem of dog fouling and putting forward pro-active proposals for the use of eco spray; graphics on footpaths

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the content of this update report and approve the recommendation of an awareness campaign to highlight the problem of dog-fouling, including the use of an eco-spray.**

It was also agreed Mr McBride investigate issues relating to the lack of bin provision in Newcastle centre, particularly on the routes into the town and also why a number of bins were out of circulation in the town centre, particularly the solar powered ones, many of which had plastic bags over them which stopped them being used. Mr McBride to ensure the relevant officer contact Councillor Clarke about these issues.

NS/019/2022: WASTE MANAGEMENT SCALE OF CHARGES 2022/2023

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding waste management scale of charges 2022/2023. ***(Circulated)***.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to approve the proposed waste management services scale of charges 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1, circulated at the meeting.**

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items 12, 13, 14 and 15 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 Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

NS/020/2022: MINUTES OF ARC 21 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS – FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021 AND TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meetings held on Friday 3 December and Tuesday 7 December 2021. *(Circulated)*.

NS/021/2022: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 27 JANUARY 2022

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 27 January 2022. *(Circulated)*.

NS/022/2022: WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Ms S Murphy Acting Assistant Director Waste Management regarding waste management procurement update. *(Circulated)*.

NS/023/2022: ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE AND MINOR PROJECTS PROCUREMENT UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 February 2022 from Mr K Scullion, regarding electrical maintenance and minor projects procurement update. *(Circulated)*.

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

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

NS/20/2022 - Arc21 Special Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes Friday 3 December 2021 and Arc21 Special Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes Tuesday 7 December 2021

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it agreed to note these Minutes.**

NS/21/2022 - Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 27 January 2022

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

NS/22/2022 - Waste Management Procurement Update

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Casey, it agreed to note the Waste Management procurement update.**

NS/23/2022 - Electrical Maintenance and Minor Projects Procurement Update.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it agreed to note the electrical maintenance and minor projects procurement update.**

FOR NOTING

NS/024/2022: DAERA RECYCLING STATISTICS

Read: Correspondence from DAERA re: recycling statistics.
(Circulated).

NOTED: Councillor Casey said it was concerning to note the information on the tonnage of refuse lifted on the Councils in the north, over 276K tonne; recycling plateaued; landfill had increased and energy recovery had decreased. He asked if there was a trend or what were Councils doing wrong.

In reply Mr McBride said Councils were seeing the impacts of the Covid pandemic where there was increases particularly in residual or black bin waste. He said DAERA had set up a Joint Working Group with the 11 Councils to ~~get in under~~analyse the data to find out why this was the case. He said Newry, Mourne and Down were still one of the lowest Councils ~~in the north~~ who sent waste to landfill and did not ~~come close to using~~use its ~~their allocated~~ landfill allowance. He noted that the Council's recycling rate had

plateaued and said there was going to have to be transformational change in terms of citizen behaviours and what Local Government did to ~~provide for recycling moving forward~~ meet future recycling targets.

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

NS/025/2022: **ARC21 JC MINUTES**
FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021

Read: Arc21 JC Meeting Minutes held on 3 December 2021 *(Circulated)*.

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

NS/026/2022: **ARC21 JC MINUTES**
TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021

Read: Arc21 JC Meeting Minutes held on 7 December 2021 *(Circulated)*.

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

NS/027/2022: **HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET**

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

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

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

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 March 2022.

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

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

Neighbourhood Services Committee Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

23 February 2022

Tim Walker
Chief Executive

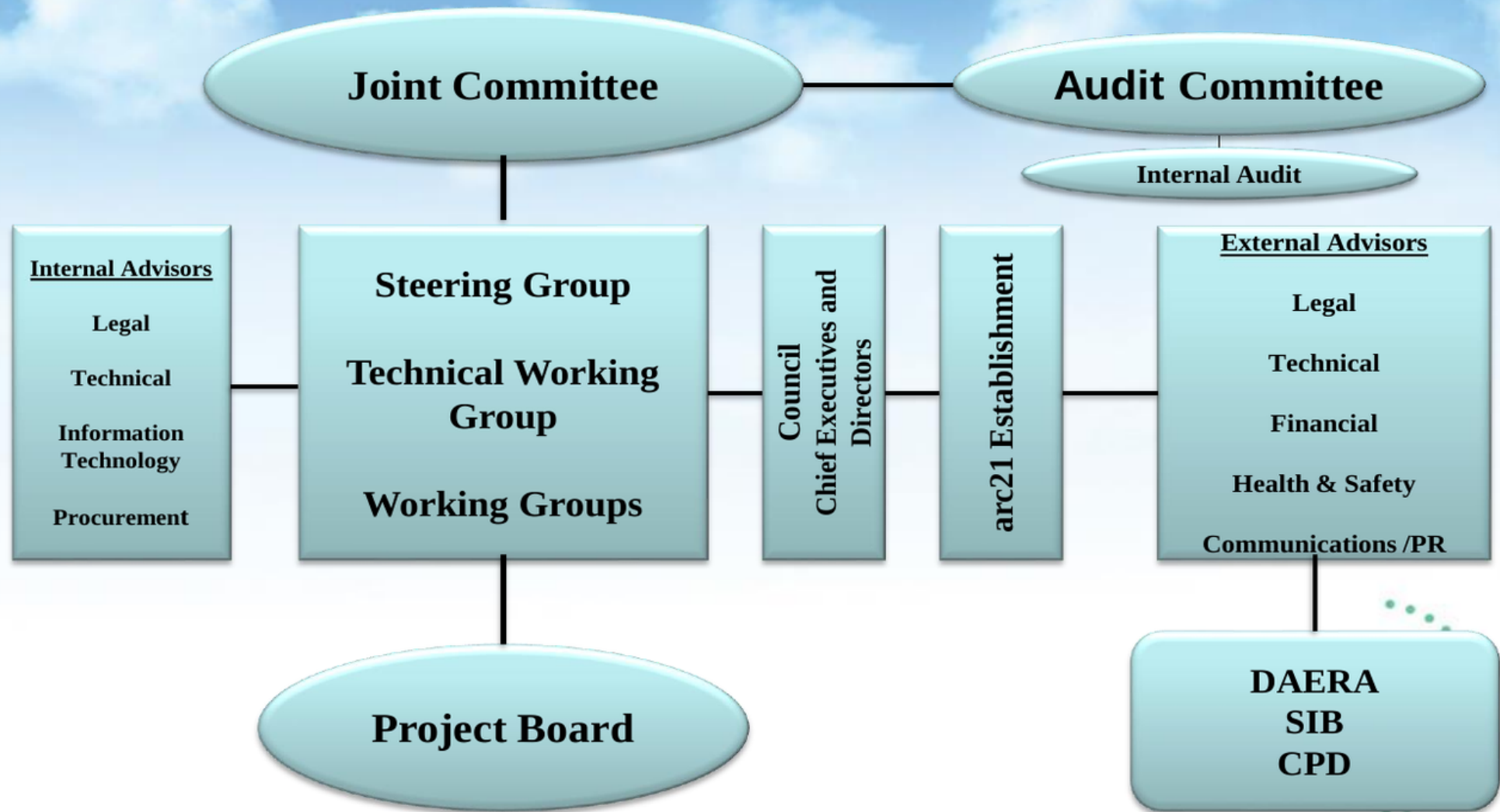


Background

- arc21 – a contracting authority representing 6 councils in NI
- Established in 2003 and incorporated in 2004
- arc21 supports its partner councils by assisting them in discharging their legal requirements
- We also seek to drive innovative waste management programmes which includes developing infrastructure
- Currently working with the councils to develop a single (new) Waste Management Plan for NI
- Increasingly considering climate crisis, energy & circular economy issues for councils

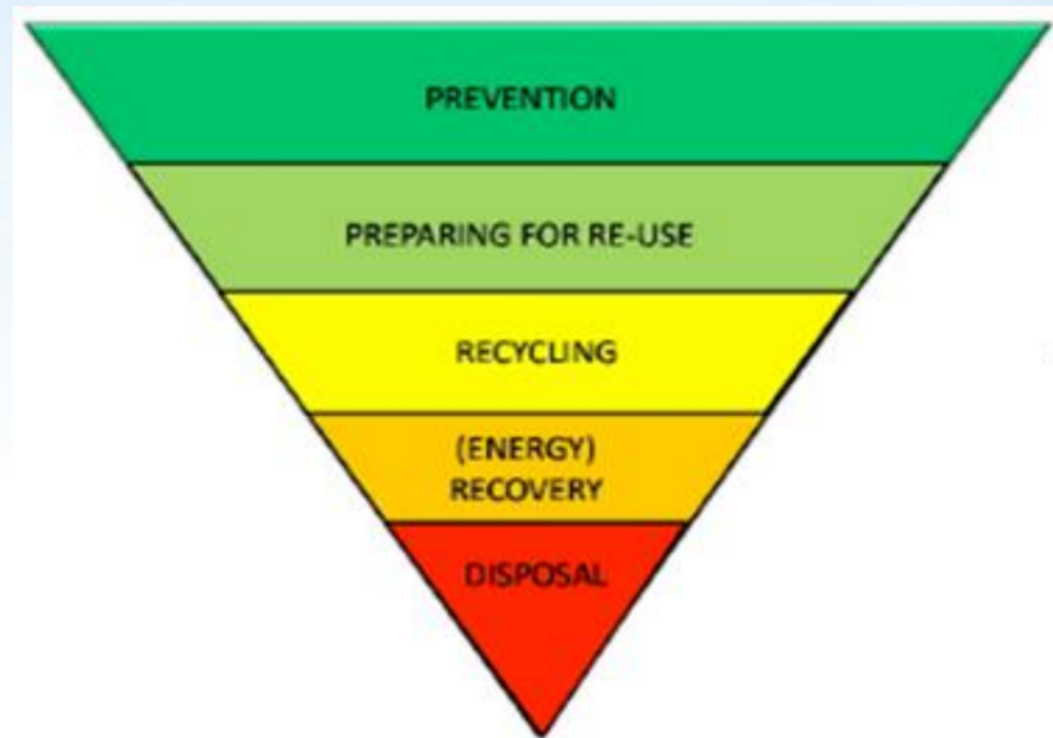


Governance Structure



What do we do?

- Advocacy
- Planning & Policy
- Procurement
- Compliance & Contract Management
- Outreach



What have we achieved together?

- Recycling rates have risen sixfold
- £120M value of waste treated by core contracts in last 5 years
- Treated c1.7M Tonnes of council collected waste in last 5 years
 - 837K Tonnes to Landfill Contracts
 - 852K Tonnes diverted to other Treatment contracts
- £42M savings achieved by diversion compared to landfill
- Future proofed proposals to **maintain statutory obligations**
 - protect the environment & public health
 - safeguard ratepayers & council finances
 - support the Circular Economy



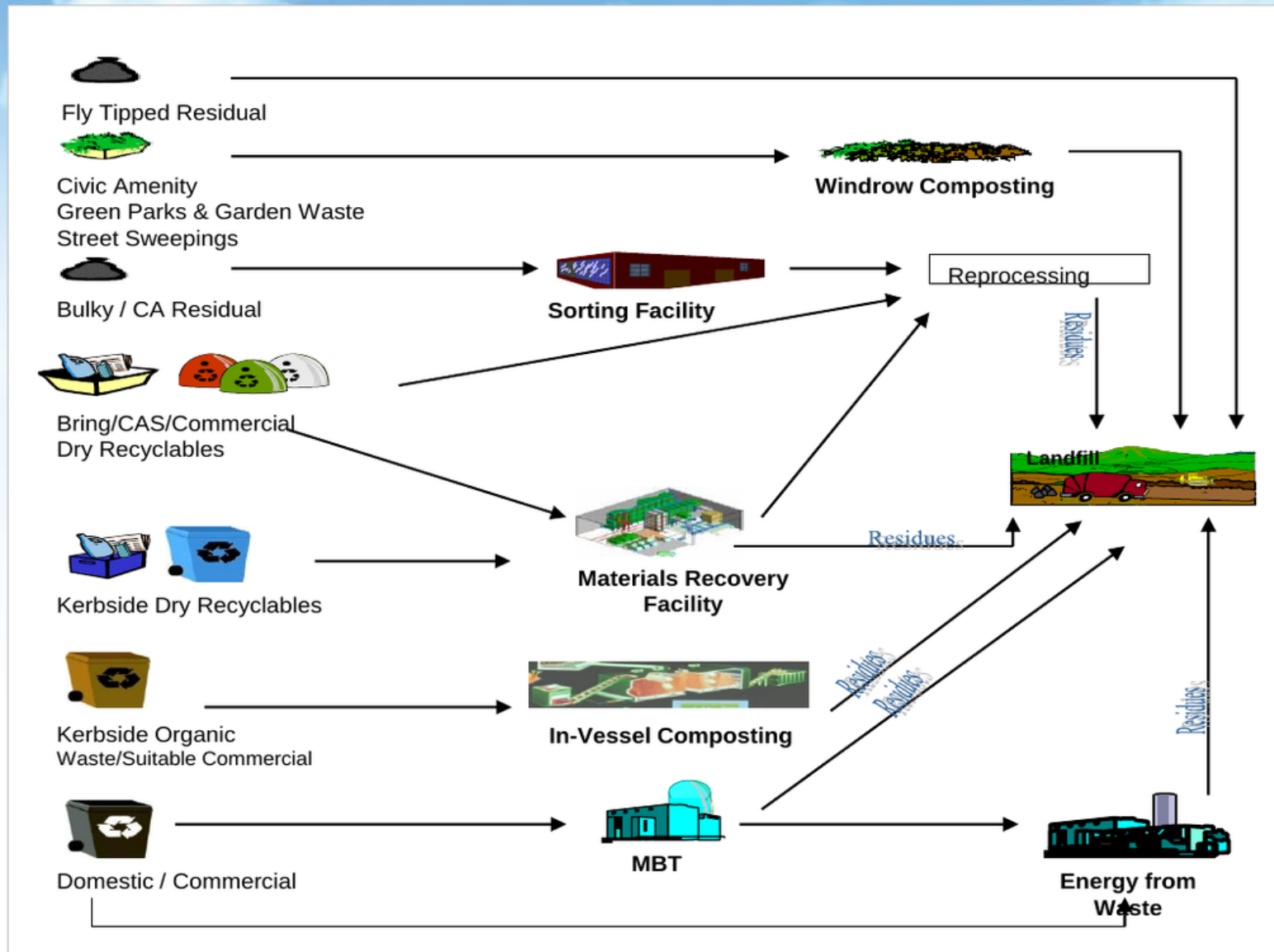
Contract Annual Tonnage 20/21

	Annual Tonnage 20/21
MRF Lot 1	32,631
MRF Lot 2	15,374
Bring	9,303
Organics Type 1	26,993
Organics Type 2	123,623
Landfill	158,629
Street Sweepings	8,101



Waste Management Plan

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Consultation Responses 2021-2022

Consultation	Organisation	Submission
Local Government Pension Scheme (NI) - amendments to the statutory underpin	DfC	29-Jan-21
Discussion Document on a Climate Change Bill	DAERA	01-Feb-21
NI Executive Programme for Government	NI Executive	22-Mar-21
ISNI Call for Evidence	SIB	10-May-21
Consultation on the Draft Policy Statement on Environmental Principles	DEFRA	02-Jun-21
Introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland	DEFRA	03-Jun-21
Packaging and packaging waste: introducing Extended Producer Responsibility	DEFRA	03-Jun-21
Industry Consultation: Shaping our Electricity Future	SONI	14-Jun-21
Circular Economy Strategic Framework - Call for Evidence	SIB	06-Jul-21
Consultation on policy options for the new Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland	DfE	02-Jul-21
Carrier Bag Levy NI Consultation	DAERA	30-Jul-21
Survey on Guidelines on Promoting People-first PPP WtE Projects for the CE	UN ECE	29-Oct-21
Proposed amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI)	DfC	10-Dec-21
Consultation on the draft Green Growth Strategy for Northern Ireland	DAERA	21-Dec-21
Consultation on proposals for the Reduction of the usage of Single-use Plastic (SUP) Beverage Cups and Food Containers in Northern Ireland (NI)	DAERA	14-Jan-22
Draft Environment Strategy	DAERA	18-Jan-22
Landfill Tax: Call for Evidence Ensuring the tax continues to support environmental objectives	HM Treasury	22 Feb 22

Future Challenges

- Waste Policy
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Deposit Return Schemes (DRS)
- Residual Waste Treatment:
 - Interim arrangements
 - Longer term – Residual Waste Treatment Project



Residual Waste Treatment Project

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Discussion



NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Extract from Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 10am in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick and via Microsoft Teams

P/017/2022: LDP: Progress Report - Quarterly Update

Read: Report dated 9 February 2022 by Mr AMcKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding the Local Development Plan: Progress Quarterly Update

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor McKee, it was agreed to note the quarterly update provided in Report dated 9 February 2022 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding the Local Development Plan.