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Thursday 15 October 2020 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams & Monaghan Row (Hybrid)**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor G Sharvin

**In Attendance:**

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| Councillor P Brown     | Councillor P Byrne   |
| Councillor S Doran     | Councillor C Enright |
| Councillor H Gallagher | Councillor O Hanlon  |
| Councillor R Howell    | Councillor A Lewis   |
| Councillor O Magennis  | Councillor H McKee   |
| Councillor D Murphy    | Councillor B Ó Muirí |
| Councillor M Savage    | Councillor W Walker  |

**Also in attendance:**

|                       |                        |
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| Councillor T Andrews  | Councillor W Clarke    |
| Councillor M Larkin   | Councillor K Mc Kevitt |
| Councillor R Mulgrew  | Councillor K Owen      |
| Councillor H Reilly   | Councillor G Stokes    |
| Councillor J Tinnelly |                        |

**Officials in Attendance:** Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive  
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities

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Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services  
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services, HR & Safeguarding  
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)  
Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture & Events  
Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director  
Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy  
Mr F O'Connor, Legal Advisor  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs C Hanvey, PA to Director of Corporate Services  
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Mr G Ogle, Hamilton Architects  
Mrs N Donnelly, Hamilton Architects  
Mr R Moore, Deloitte

**SPR/142/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

No apologies received.

**SPR/143/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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The Chief Executive and Councillor Gallagher declared an interest in item 18 – Bann Road, Castlewellan.

**SPR/144/2020: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Read: Action Sheets of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meetings held on 17 September 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

*SPR/124/2020 Albert Basin Presentation*

Councillor Stokes asked for an update in relation to the Albert Basin. Mr Lipsett confirmed it was his intention to bring a full update report on the establishment of the project board and the appointment of consultants to the next Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

*SPR/138/2020 Tourism Service Level Agreements*

Councillor Lewis asked whether any progress had been made regarding the tourism Service Level agreements with Kilkeel Development Association and Downpatrick Railway Society. Mr Mallon confirmed that officers had been working closely with both groups and the SLA with Kilkeel Development Association was in the process of being considered. He stated a meeting had been arranged with the Downpatrick Railway Society and he would revert to the Member with the date of this meeting.

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**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed that the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meetings held on 17 September 2020, be noted, and actions removed as marked.**

### **SPR/145/2020      NEWRY CITY CENTRE REGENERATION – BUSINESS CASE**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Graeme Ogle and Nicola Donnelly from Hamilton Architects and Mr Richard Moore from Deloitte and invited them to make their presentation.

#### **Presentation by Hamilton Architects on the design concepts**

Mr Ogle thanked members for the opportunity to deliver the presentation on the Newry City Regeneration Project, highlighting the aim of presentation was to outline the importance of the Newry Regeneration Programme and its constituent parts, to detail the current progress of the outline business case and its alignment to the Belfast Region City Deal and private investment.

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

- Members welcomed the detailed presentation and thanked the team from Hamilton Architects and Deloitte for an excellent piece of work.
- Was a full and proper public consultation carried out, in particular on the siting of the Civic Centre?

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- Did the project, as a whole, depend on the Civic Centre being included or could it go ahead without this aspect?
- Was there still the same requirement for the amount of office space outlined in the proposals in light of the fact that the working from home during the current pandemic had been very effective?
- Was it likely that staff from Newry would be deployed to the Downpatrick Civic Centre and if so had they been consulted?
- The new hub would lead to a significant duplication of services and may lead to the displacement of Downpatrick area jobs from the Council, with all Council activity being concentrated in Newry which was very worrying given the lack of investment in Downpatrick over the years.
- Had Newry Cathedral and the Diocese been consulted in the process?
- How were elected representatives notified of the public consultation that took place in the Sean Holywood Arts Centre and where were the results of this consultation fed back to Members?
- Were there any examples of other Councils that operate with the use of two major civic hubs?
- The project provided great potential to regenerate Newry city and provide much needed employment.
- How would Council facilitate the motion that had been passed in August Council Meeting regarding non-submission of a planning application for the scheme until re-evaluation by Council with the recommendations of the re-evaluation being put to an extensive public consultation?

The Chief Executive, members of the delegation and Mr Grimshaw responded to the queries as follows:

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- The consultation was published in local media and also sent out on social media channels. Letter drops were completed to properties that directly neighboured the site and a separate consultation was held. Further consultation would need to take place and this was contained within the recommendations in the officer's report.
- While Council officers had been able to work from home during the Covid period, the effectiveness and organisational heart of Council was with the ability to bring people together in offices. The model would have changed and was likely to remain changed with a number of studies across the globe on the need or otherwise for office space. Officers had been working over the last few months to discover how the space could be utilised as collaborative space. Staff had been accessing the offices over the last few months and the feedback received from staff was that they would like a mix of home working versus office-based work therefore a balance needed to be struck.
- There was no intention to move staff from Newry to Downpatrick, the intention would be to secure the political hub in Newry as well as Downpatrick. It was imperative to retain Newry's status as a city by having the heart of democracy in Newry and there would always be a Newry and a Downpatrick office.
- The project's focus was now more a civic/regional hub which was a direct response to Covid as organisations such as the Civil Service could utilise the space thereby allowing officers to work closer to home rather than travelling to Belfast or further afield.
- The Council made a decision in 2015, that they would be a two-centre hub and have jobs in both Newry and Downpatrick with the Council model having been designed to ensure that was the case. There was absolutely no attempt with this project to transfer jobs from Downpatrick to Newry. The Downpatrick hub had been a success and this project was an attempt to mirror that success in Newry.

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- The Cathedral and Diocese had been consulted on a number of occasions and at their request, they would like those discussions to be treated confidentially.
- Elected Members were invited via e-mail to the public consultation and the feedback from the consultation was ongoing. Any findings would be reviewed and analysed and fed back through the consultation report in advance of any further decisions being taken.
- Other Council areas do operate two major civic hubs e.g. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, however it would not be appropriate to comment on how these Councils perceive their development in the future. The hub in Downpatrick, in terms of collaborative working, was ahead of the other Councils within Northern Ireland.
- Council officials had been following the direction of Council from as far back as 2014 when the two Councils were merging in the desire to develop this project. Officials were following the ongoing direction when in September 2019, Councillors confirmed their support to the development of the project and they would continue to follow the direction of Council with regard to the actions arising from the notice of motion, which was contained within the officer's report as tabled. Officials would rely on those members on the project board to give direction as to how to handle the management of the consultation in relation to the project.

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

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Brown, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matter**

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**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.**

### **Presentation by Deloitte**

Mr R Moore from Deloitte provided an overview on the key parts of the Business case.

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr C Mallon, Acting Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism, regarding Newry City Centre Regeneration – Business Case and presentation from Hamilton Architects & Deloitte **(Copy circulated)**

Following the overview of the business case and the officer's report, members discussed the matter at length with the following comments:

Councillor Brown proposed that Council hold off submitting the outline business case until a full public consultation took place. This was seconded by Councillor Enright.

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



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| <b>FOR:</b>        | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>    | <b>11</b> |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS</b> | <b>2</b>  |

### **The proposal was LOST**

Councillor Walker stated for the record that the DUP party was not opposed to the regeneration of Newry with any project.

Councillor Ó Muirí proposed to accept the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Savage asked if Councillor Ó Muirí would accept an amendment to his proposal to include an external public consultation with all aspects of the project in parallel with the economic appraisal.

The amendment was not accepted by Councillor Ó Muirí.

The Chairperson put Councillor Ó Muirí's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

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| <b>FOR:</b>         | <b>8</b> |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>     | <b>2</b> |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | <b>3</b> |

### **The proposal was CARRIED**

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Councillor Savage proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, to proceed with option 7 and to include an external public consultation with all aspects of the project in parallel with the economic appraisal. This was seconded by Councillor Gallagher.

The Chairperson put Councillor Savage's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

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| <b>FOR:</b>         | <b>4</b> |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>     | <b>6</b> |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | <b>2</b> |

**The proposal was LOST**

The Chief Executive stated that Council officials were committed to delivering a park at the Albert Basin and that this project would not impact on next year's rates process.

Councillor Byrne queried the process with regard the above votes as he would have to vote against Councillor Savage's proposal due to having voted for the previous proposal by Councillor Ó Muirí.

The Chairperson acknowledged Councillor Byrne's comments and these were noted.

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that members approve the following recommendations from the NCCR Programme Board:

- a) That Option 7 is the preferred option for the NCCR Programme subject to ongoing council approvals at key stages as summarised at annexe A.
- b) That design development continues alongside costs forecasts and value engineering options.
- c) That Council submit the full OBC to the Belfast Region City Deal programme management office to support Councils claim for £8m funding.
- d) That the Programme Board develop and implement the next stage of the stakeholder engagement and communication strategy.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

**SPR/146/2020**                      **NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 – SOCIAL VALUE STRATEGY**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate

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### **Services, regarding Development of a Social Value Strategy (Copy circulated)**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for discussion in the name of Councillor W Clarke:

"This Council agrees to develop a social value strategy to further social, environmental and economic goals of Newry Mourne and Down Council. As far as permissible by Law, this Council should increase the value of social impact clauses at the pre-procurement stage and to include them within the award criteria. Contracts should be informed by a social needs assessment with consideration given to how social clauses can help address those needs. Assessments should be conducted with key stakeholders, including members of the public, as appropriate. The social value strategy should promote more creative use of social clauses to deliver positive social benefits. Council officials should set up monitoring and evaluation frameworks for the delivery of social clauses at the start of the contract and these should be included in the tender documents. The social value strategy should be outcome based and used to tackle poverty, particularly within areas of multiple deprivation. Tackling zero-hour contracts and encouraging living wage employment should be central to the strategy and should include but not be limited to our own council and its workforce".

Councillor Clarke highlighted there were a number of major projects that Council would be developing in the future where social impact clauses should be included. He stated it was important to tackle zero-hour contracts, particularly in light of the recent pandemic and the effect this had on those affected employees.

Councillor Hanlon proposed the motion.

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Councillor Brown seconded the motion stating that, previously it had been said it could be difficult, legally, to insert these clauses, however there was nothing contained in legislation at present to stop Council pursuing their own path.

Mrs Carville confirmed that current procurement policy, as outlined in the officer's report, did make reference to certain elements of social value which were incorporated where they could. She stated the motion did ask to go further which is what was outlined in the officer's recommendations.

Councillor Reilly asked if it would be possible to set aside some of the stringent EU laws in order to allow local companies to tender for Council projects post-Brexit.

Mrs Carville stated it was unclear what would happen post-Brexit and it was very much determined what way the UK dealt with Brexit and the laws coming out of that. Legal guidance was currently awaited and until any clarity was forthcoming Council would continue to follow the current regulations. She clarified that the standstill period only applied to higher-value contracts.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Brown, that Members agree to explore the development of a social value strategy, and that Officers research this further and bring proposals and implications back to Elected Members for consideration.**

**SPR/147/2020: TERMS OF REFERENCE - STRATEGIC FINANCE WORKING GROUP**

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**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding, Terms of Reference – Strategic Finance Working Group  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that Members approve the Terms of Reference – Strategic Finance Working Group (SFWG)**

**SPR/148/2020: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLANS 2019-2020**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive and Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding, Annual Assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2019-2020 **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to approve the:**

- **Annual assessment of the Chief Executive's Departmental Business Plan 2019 – 2020;**
- **Annual assessment of the Corporate Services Directorate Business Plan 2019 – 2020.**

### **CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY**

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### **SPR/147/2020: DRAFT IRISH LANGUAGE STRATEGY 2020 - 2023**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director of Corporate Planning and Policy, Draft Irish Language Strategy 2020 -2023  
**(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí proposed to accept the officer's recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Sharvin.

Councillor Lewis proposed Council do not spend any further money on funding Irish road signs and that the funding be directed to a cultural awareness scheme to be used in a respectful way of all political views. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

Members raised the following points:

- What was the criteria and what percentage of people living on a certain road were required to decide if a dual language road sign was to be erected?
- If there were areas that did not want an Irish road sign, one would not be erected.
- Council had recognised all cultures and funding had previously been set aside for PUL events. A lot of good work had been done through the Good Relations Forum and Members should look to promote diversity.
- Dual language road signs should not be used divisively.

Mrs Carville clarified that an element of community engagement was already contained and covered within the Irish Language Strategy on page 9 of the report and there was a dedicated officer tasked with completing outreach and community cohesion work. The erection of dual

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signage road signs did not come under the Irish Language Strategy, it was completed using the development naming policy through Building Control.

The Chairperson put Councillor Ó Muirí's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>FOR:</b>        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>    | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS</b> | <b>2</b>  |

**The proposal was CARRIED**

Councillor Lewis proposed that officers bring back a report to look at the financial cost of road signs and a feasibility study to transfer this funding to a dedicated cultural awareness programme. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

The Chairperson put Councillor Lewis' proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>FOR:</b>        | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>    | <b>11</b> |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS</b> | <b>0</b>  |

**The proposal was LOST**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that Members approve the draft Irish Language Strategy 2020–2023.



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**SPR/150/2020**

### **IRISH LANGUAGE BURSARY SCHEME 2021 - 2022**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning & Policy regarding, Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2021 – 2022 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Magennis, that there be no change to the scheme and that Council proceed to open the Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2021 – 2022 in March 2021.**

**SPR/151/2020**

### **REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Report dated 10 October 2020 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy regarding, report on Notice of Motion – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Creation of Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Walker proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, this was seconded by Councillor Lewis.

Councillor Ó Muirí proposed to organise a panel discussion on partition and the imposition of the border on the island of Ireland. He outlined that the discussion could have representatives

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from all Parties in attendance and it could be an educational event that could be tied into schools.

Councillor Walker advised a Centenary Working Group had been formed and Government funding would be forthcoming under the 'New Decade, New Approach' funding. He hoped that any talks or events could be arranged in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of Northern Ireland.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Lewis, that officers try to secure funding from Westminster, Stormont or elsewhere that becomes available in the current year, or in 2021, to support events in the Council area.**

### **FOR NOTING**

**SPR/152/2020** **STATUTORY REPORTING – SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY – SEPTEMBER 2020**

Read: Report dated 10 October 2020 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy regarding, Statutory Reporting – Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly report for period July – September 2020  
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**Agreed: It was agreed to note the content of the report.**

**SPR/153/2020 MINUTES OF NEWRY CITY CENTRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING – 22 JUNE 2020 AND 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Read: Minutes of Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Board Meeting – 22 June 2020 and 17 September 2020 **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: It was agreed to note the content of the report.**

**SPR/154/2020 DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services: HR and Safeguarding regarding, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policy **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: It was agreed to note the content of the report.**

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

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to exclude the public and**

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### **SPR/155/2020      LANDS AT WINDMILL BUSINESS PARK, SAINTFIELD**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal & Administration (Acting) regarding, Lands at Windmill Business Park, Saintfield (Copy circulated)

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Walker it was agreed that members approve the grant by Council, subject to all necessary statutory approvals being obtained, of a pedestrian right of way across Council lands at Windmill Business Park, Saintfield, as marked on the appended map, in favour of the registered owner of the lands to the rear of the Council properties at no cost or at a

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**peppercorn rate. The right shall be exercised solely in keeping with the intended use of these lands as a community park, and Saintfield Development Association shall be responsible for Council's associated legal and valuation costs.**

**It was also agreed that the Minister's approval to be sought in parallel with an offer of a meeting of all stakeholders to discuss their concerns in relation to the easement.**

### **SPR/156/2020      REGULARISATION OF BOUNDARY ISSUE - BALLYHORNAN**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal & Administration (Acting) regarding, Regularisation of Boundary Issue – Ballyhornan **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the regularisation of the boundary between the premises at 12 Rocks Road, Ballyhornan, and the Council lands contained within folio 2783 County Down, by agreeing to the incorporation of the area highlighted in green on the map in**

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**Appendix 3 within the legal boundary of the adjacent property.**

### **SPR/157/2020: BOUNDARY AT CHURCH STREET CAR PARK, DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal & Administration (Acting) regarding, Boundary Issue at Church Street Car Park, Downpatrick (**Copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve a rectification of folio DN8837, Council's title map relating to Church Street car-park, Downpatrick, in accordance with the position as outlined herein, in order to transfer the area to the legal title of 10-12 Scotch Street, Downpatrick.**

### **SPR/158/2020 BELL'S LANE, NEWRY**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal &

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Administration (Acting), regarding Bell's Lane, Newry. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to approve the following recommendations:

- to pursue a retrospective public path diversion order under Article 15 of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 to legally divert the path onto the new line of the route;
- to engage with the personal representatives of the deceased land-owner with a view to regularising land ownership issues in respect of Bell's Lane on the best terms possible. This will include seeking to recoup valuation costs and costs payable by Council in respect of the above.

The Chief Executive and Councillor Gallagher left the meeting at this point having previously declared an interest – 10.15pm.

**SPR/159/2020      BANN ROAD, CASTLEWELLAN**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr C Quinn, Assistant Director

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Estates and Project Management regarding, Bann Road, Castlewellan  
**(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Savage, to approve the following recommendations:

- **Approval of an additional £38,850.39 for additional spend on the New Changing Pavilion at Bann Road, primarily due to need for a foul treatment plant, entrance steps and ramp and costs associated with site closure due to Covid-19. The additional cost will be added to the budget for this project and will be funded as part of the overall capital programme.**

The Chief Executive and Councillor Gallagher returned to the meeting at this point. – 10.18pm

### **SPR/160/2020 REQUEST TO USE MONAGHAN ROW**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr C Quinn, Assistant Director Estates and Project Management regarding, request to use Monaghan Row  
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**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to proceed with reviewing the accommodation at Monaghan Row to determine if there is any current/future office space that could be used by the Trust and for officers to continue to liaise with the Trust on the assumption of receiving a commercial rent for the letting of office space.

### **SPR/161/2020      DEBT WRITE OFF AT 31 MARCH 2020**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2020 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance regarding, Debt write off at 31 March 2020 (**Copy circulated**)

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to approve the officer's recommendations as outlined in the report, namely to write off debt totalling £59,821.18 deemed irrecoverable.

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**FOR NOTING**

**SPR/162/2020**

**STRATEGIC FINANCE WORKING GROUP ACTION SHEET – 12 OCTOBER 2020**

**Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the Strategic Finance Working Group Action Sheet – 12 October 2020.**

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 10.30 pm.

**Signed: Councillor Gareth Sharvin**  
**Chairperson**

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

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DATE: 15/10/20 VENUE: Teams Meeting MEETING: SPR Committee

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Item 4 – Councillor Brown's proposal that Council hold off submitting the outline business case until a full public consultation took place

| COUNCILLOR    | FOR      | AGAINST   | ABSTAIN  | ABSENT |
|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| P Brown       | 1        |           |          |        |
| P Byrne       |          | 1         |          |        |
| S Doran       |          | 2         |          |        |
| C Enright     | 2        |           |          |        |
| H Gallagher   |          | 3         |          |        |
| O Hanlon      |          | 4         |          |        |
| R Howell      |          | 5         |          |        |
| A Lewis       |          | 6         |          |        |
| H McKee       |          | 7         |          |        |
| O Magennis    |          | 8         |          |        |
| D Murphy      |          | 9         |          |        |
| B Ó Muíri     |          | 10        |          |        |
| M Savage      |          | 11        |          |        |
| G Sharvin     |          |           | 1        |        |
| W Walker      |          |           | 2        |        |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>2</b> |        |

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