

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

everyone involved hosting the event.

No apologies were received.

**ERT/180/20201: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest.

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

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

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

**ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

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

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

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

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

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

**ERT/183/2021: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information by virtue of

**Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

**ERT/186/2021: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

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

**ERT/187/2021: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR FISHING TOURS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ERT/186/2021: Christmas Lights Switch On**

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

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

**ERT/187/2021: Newcastle Harbour Fishing Tours**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **FOR NOTING**

### **ERT/192/2021: BUILDING CONTROL 6 MONTHLY REPORT**

Read: Building Control 6 Monthly Report. **(Copy circulated)**

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

### **ERT/193/2021: FULL FIBRE NORTHER IRELAND (FFNI)**

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

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

### **ERT/194/2021: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**ERT/197/2021: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES**

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

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

**ERT/198/2021: REGIONAL INNOVATION HUB**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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