

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

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 12 December 2022 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber  
Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry, and remotely via Microsoft  
Teams.**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Burgess (Chamber)

**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor D Curran (Chamber)

**In attendance:** **(Committee Members)**  
Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)  
Councillor W Clarke (Teams)  
Councillor G Hanna (Teams)  
Councillor V Harte (Chamber)  
Councillor M Larkin (Teams)  
Councillor D Lee-Surginor (Teams)  
Councillor R Mulgrew (Chamber)  
Councillor H Reilly (Teams)  
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)  
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)

**Non Members:** Councillor P Byrne (Teams)  
Councillor J Tinnelly (Teams)

**Officials in attendance:** Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration Tourism  
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment &  
Regeneration  
Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture &  
Events  
Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer  
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer  
Ms L Cummins Democratic Services Officer  
Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/182/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

No apologies.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the last ERT Meeting of this year.

He then informed the Committee that the Newry Mourne & Down District Council's submission bid for the Mourne Gullion and Strangford UNESCO Global Geopark Status had been approved on 09 December 2022, and would be submitted for ratification at the UNESCO's Executive Board Meeting in Paris in May 2023.

He said the Geopark will be supported by a more sustainable community and will boost the local economy through conservation, education, interpretation and sustainable tourism and he looked forward to the official announcement in May 2023 of the UNESCO Global Geopark Status for the Mourne Gullion and Strangford which will be a tribute to this incredible place and its people.

The Chair commended everyone involved.

**ERT/183/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in Item No. 6, regarding Newry Chamber Cross Border Conference.

**ERT/184/2022: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &  
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022.**

**ERT/185/2022: MID YEAR ASSESSMENT OF ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2022-23**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr C Mallon, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Mid Year Assessment of ERT Business Plan 2022-23. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to approve the Mid Year Assessment of the ERT Directorate Business Plan is outlined at Appendix 1.**

## **ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

### **ERT/186/2022: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Newcastle Harbour Conservation Management. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor the following was agreed:**

- 1. To adopt the Conservation Management Plan and Strategic Development Framework for Newcastle Harbour.**
- 2. To move forward with the development of projects identified within the SDF to feasibility stage subject to funding being available.**

### **ERT/187/2022: NEWRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TRADE: CROSS BORDER CONFERENCE MARCH 2023**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Newry Chamber Cross Border Conference. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to issue a Service Level Agreement to Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade for Sponsorship of £5,000 towards a Cross Border conference to be held in March 2023.**

### **ERT/188/2022: SMALL SETTLEMENTS SCHEME**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Small Settlements Scheme Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor seconded by Councillor Andrews the following was agreed:**

- 1. To note the update on the 4 EI Schemes, 7 Revitalisation Schemes and Make it Local Campaign.**
- 2. To accept the updated Letter of Offer with additional funding and approve the amended project Business Case.**

**ERT/189/2022: SRC BIG APPRENTICESHIP EVENT**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding SRC Big Apprenticeship Event 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to issue a Service Level Agreement to Southern Regional College (SRC) for sponsorship towards the delivery of their Big Apprenticeship Event scheduled to take place during Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2023 (February 2023), at a cost of £5,000.**

**Noted:** Officers noted concerns raised by Councillor Hanna regarding the lack of apprenticeships coming forward for the motor trade industry and agreed to reflect this view to both Colleges.

**ERT/190/2022: TOURISM STRATEGY & BRANDING**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Tourism Strategy & Branding. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to approve the proposed process and timelines to finalise the Council's draft Tourism Strategy and overarching Destination brand**

as set out in 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 Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew 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 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.

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

Mr C Mallon Director ERT, advised the following had been agreed while in Closed Session:

**ERT/191/2022: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR – PILOT FISHING TOURS**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Newcastle Harbour – Pilot Fishing Tours. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to approve a pilot programme of Fishing Tours from Newcastle Harbour effective from April – October 2023 with expressions of interest to be completed by 01 February 2023.

**ERT/192/2022: TOURISM NI MARKET LED PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Tourism NI Market LED Product Development Programme 2022/23.

**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve the delivery of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme 2022/23, subject to a successful funding bid, as set out in the report.**

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/193/2022: UPDATE RE: ARTISAN MARKET**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding an update on Artisan Markets. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the six-month attendance figures at the monthly artisan markets.**

**ERT/194/2022: DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION WORKING GOUP**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the report.**

**ERT/195/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER**

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

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

**ERT/196/2022: UPDATE RE: MUSEUM**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding an update Re: Museum.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the current update.**

**ERT/197/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES**

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

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

**ERT/198/2022: REPORT OF LOUTH/NMD STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Read: Report of Louth/NMD Strategic Alliance Meeting – Wednesday 14 September 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note report.**

The Chair on behalf of the ERT Committee extended best wishes to Councillor Mulgrew on her retirement from Council.

He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 09 January 2023.

**Signed: Councillor R Burgess**

**Chairperson**  
**Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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

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