

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 14 November 2022 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber
Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry, and remotely via Microsoft Teams**

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 R Howell (Chamber)
Councillor D Lee-Surginor (Teams)
Councillor R Mulgrew (Chamber)
Councillor H Reilly (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)

Non Members: Councillor H McKee (Teams)
Councillor O Hanlon (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 P McKeever Democratic Services Officer
Ms T McLoughlin PA ERT Director

ERT/166/2022: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apology was received:

Councillor J Trainor

ERT/167/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

**ERT/168/2022: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 October 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 October 2022.**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

**ERT/169/2022: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
DE COURCY PLACE / CHURCH STREET DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the appointment of consultants to progress an EI Scheme for Church Street / De Courcy Place Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- 1. To approve the appointment integrated design team through Council's procurement framework to manage DeCourcy Place Regeneration from concept design**

through to detailed design – RIBA Stage 3 (design development and planning application), at a Capital cost of £25,000.

2. To submit a funding application to Department for Communities for DeCourcy Place Regeneration and report back to ERT on the outcome.

**ERT/170/2022: RING OF GULLION LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME
TRADITIONAL ARTS PARTNERSHIP (TAP) VISIT**

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding a contribution to the Traditional Arts Partnership (TAP) towards 2022 attendance at music exchange visits. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed to approve a contribution to the Traditional Arts Partnership of £2,000 towards their 2022 attendance at music exchange visits.

ERT/171/2022: TEDxDOWNPATRICK EVENT

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the provision of sponsorship to the TEDxDownpatrick “making it count” event. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Howell seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to provide sponsorship to the TEDxDownpatrick “making it count” event of £2,000. Sponsorship for the event is c/o event Curator Catherine Murnin.

**ERT/172/2022: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
WOODLAND TRUST – WORKS A DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK**

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding a Service Level Agreement with the Woodland Trust for works to

address invasive plant species in Delamont Country Park.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed to approve the establishment of a Service Level Agreement with the Woodland Trust for undertaking works to address invasive plant species in Delamont Country Park. The value of the Service Level Agreement is for a maximum of £41,000.

ERT/173/2022: FEASIBILITY STUDIES – GREENWAYS
- **NEWRY CITY**
- **NEWRY TO WARRENPOINT/ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Feasibility Studies in respect of applications for Greenways and Active Travel Projects for:

- Newry City Greenway
- Newry to Warrenpoint/Rostrevor Greenway

(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve the “Newry City Greenway”, and “Newry to Warrenpoint/Rostrevor Greenway” Active Travel Feasibility Studies, as presented to the representative DEA Councillor grouping on 27 September 2022.

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews 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 Harte 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/174/2022: ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADES 2023

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the delivery of St Patrick's Day Parades in March 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed the Council enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Downpatrick Town Committee to deliver elements of the St Patrick's Day Parade in Downpatrick in March 2023.

FOR NOTING

ERT/175/2022: UPDATE RE: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding an update on the business development programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews 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 Surge
- Rural Business Development Grant Scheme

**ERT/176/2022: DUBLIN-BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (DBEC)
STRATEGY REPORT**

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding a Strategy Report on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership.
(Copy circulated)

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

- 1. To note current Strategy, as per Appendix A, as a basis to support delivery of the partnership ambitions.**
- 2. To note intentions to progress to the final stage, an action plan.**

ERT/177/2022: REPORT OF DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION WORKING GROUP – 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a meeting of Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group held on Wednesday 28 September 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the above Report.

ERT/178/2022: REPORT OF ECONOMIC FORUM MEETING THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2022

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a meeting of the Economic Forum held on Thursday 20 October 2022.
(Copy circulated)

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

- 1. To note the Report of the Economic Forum Meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2022.**

2. Officers to establish a focus group of key business and public sector partners to progress the Town Centre Regeneration issues raised.

ERT/179/2022: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

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

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

ERT/180/2022: UPDATE RE: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report dated 14 November 2022 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Labour Market Partnership (LMP). **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the current update regarding NMD Labour Market Partnership initiatives.

ERT/181/2022: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for September and October 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for September and October 2022.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.20pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 05 December 2022.

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

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