

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 10.00am in Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry and via Microsoft Teams**

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**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor J Tinnelly

**In attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor P Brown  
Councillor S Doran  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor V Harte  
Councillor M Larkin  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor D Murphy  
Councillor G O'Hare  
Councillor J Trainor  
Councillor G Stokes

**(Officials)**

Mr C Mallon	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism (via Teams)
Mr A McKay	Chief Planning Officer
Ms A McAlarney	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Mr M Keane	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Mr F O Connor	Legal Advisor (via Teams)
Ms S Taggart (via Teams)	Democratic Services Manager
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer (via Teams)

**Others:** Mr J Killen DfI Roads

**P/097/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

An apology was received from Councillor R Burgess.

Councillor Tinnelly said he would leave the meeting for discussion on Item 7: LA07/2019/1279/F as he had not been present for the site visit and Item 8: LA07/20200492/F, as he had previously declared an interest in this application, and requested the Committee to appoint a Member to Chair the meeting for discussion on these items in his absence.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Doran it was agreed to appoint Councillor M Larkin to chair the meeting in Councillor Tinnelly's absence, for discussion on Item 7: LA07/2019/1279/F and Item 8: LA07/20200492/F.**

**P/098/2020:           DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Doran declared an interest in Item 7: LA07/2019/1279/F – new access and laneway to serve dwellings 27, 29 and 31 Islandmoyle Road - lands adjacent to 27 Islandmoyle Road Cabra Newry.

**P/099/2020:           DECLARATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANNING COMMITTEE PROTOCOL PARA. 25 – MEMBER TO BE PRESENT FOR ENTIRE ITEM**

Declarations in relation to Paragraph 25 of Planning Committee Operating Protocol – Members to be present for entire item:-

- **Item 6** – LA07/2019/1221/F –proposed Guest House Tourist Accommodation and associated site works. Assessed under PPS16, TSM3 – Land 10m North West of 180 Tullybrannigan Road Newcastle Co Down.  
**Councillors Brown, Harte, Murphy and Stokes did not take part in the discussion/decision on this application.**
- **Item 7** – LA07/2019/1279/F – new access and laneway to serve dwellings 27, 29 and 31 Islandmoyle Road - Lands adjacent to 27 Islandmoyle Road Cabra Newry.  
**Councillors Brown, Harte, Stokes and Tinnelly did not take part in the discussion/decision on this application**
- **Item 8** – LA07/2020/0492/F – proposed infill dwelling – 40m NW of 100 Lilbroney Road Rostrevor.  
**Councillors Brown, Harte, Murphy, Stokes and Tinnelly did not take part in the discussion/decision on this application.**

**MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**

**P/100/2020:           MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020**

Read:                           Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:                On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor O Hare it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 as a true and accurate record.**

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**P/101/2020:           ADDENDUM LIST**

Read:                           Addendum List of Planning Applications with no representations received or requests for speaking rights – Wednesday 18 November 2020. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED:                On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to approve the Officer recommendation in**

**respect of the following applications listed on the addendum list for Wednesday 18 November 2020:**

- LA07/2019/1551/O - proposed 1 1/2 storey dwelling & garage immediately east of 15 Mill Road Hilltown Newry BT34 5UZ. **APPROVAL**
- LA07/2020/0440/0 - change of use from offices on first and second floor to two apartments (amended description) - McGrath Centre 1 Margaret Street Newry. **APPROVAL**
- LA07/2020/0313/F - Environmental improvements to include: New granite kerbs, trims and ditched channels, asphalt footpath with stone chippings, new street lightning and removal of overhead wires - Dundalk Street from 42 Dundalk Street the Cosy Bar to 56 Dundalk Street, Dundalk Street from 43 Dundalk Street to 55 Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton. **APPROVAL**

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT -  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION**

**P/102/2020: PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION**

The following applications were determined by the Committee:-

**(1) LA07/2019/1221/F**

**Location:**

Land 10m North West of 180 Tullybrannigan Road Newcastle Co Down.

**Proposal:**

Proposed Guest House Tourist Accommodation & associated site works. Assessed under PPS16, TSM3

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

**Note:**

Previous site visit.

Councillors Brown, Harte, Murphy and Stokes withdrew from discussion/decision on this application.

**Power-point presentation:**

Annette McAlarney, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

**Speaking rights:  
(via Teams)**

**In support:**

Barry Fletcher Agent, and Tim Cousins Lisbane Consultancy, presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

## Issues raised:

- Works are required to achieve 45m sight splay including removal of hedge and verge lowered - agent confirmed landowner had agreed to allow these works to be carried out.
- Confirmed 6 dwellings showing on site location map which are forestry buildings.
- Plans were amended to include additional bedroom, however there appears to be a contradiction between what has been proposed in the description and what has been submitted in the proposed floor plan. Planning Department believe the proposed scheme under this application falls under the category for a self-catering establishment not a guest house.
- Council's Legal Advisor referred to the Legislation that governs the categories for tourism accommodation contained in the 1992 Tourism Regulations
- DFI Roads confirmed the red line had been amended and all requirements were contained within the red line as per the drawings. (Not contained within the red line)
- Noted the bridge is currently under consideration by DFI Roads in terms of a scheme to address narrowness and traffic volume issues.

Councillor Larkin proposed to issue a refusal in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1221/F, as per the information and recommendation contained in the Case Officer report presented to Committee. Councillor Hanna seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	7
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to issue a refusal in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1221/F as per the information and recommendation contained in the Case Officer Report presented to Committee.**

## (2) LA07/2019/1502/O

### Location:

Lands approximately 15m North of 115 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle.

### Proposal:

Proposed site for dwelling with associated site works.

### Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

### Power-point presentation:

Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Skype on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

### Speaking rights: (via Teams)

In objection:

Michael Holmes presented in objection to the application.

In support:

Tim Cousins Lisbane Consultancy and Paul Cunningham, applicant presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

**Issues raised:**

- The 2 existing structures on the site are considered as ancillary out buildings currently being associated as ancillary out buildings that would have been associated with a property, and while it is noted the structure has been in place for some time, no permission exists for any business use.
- DFI Roads requested 2x60 sight lines but previous approvals had been granted based on 2x45 which would be acceptable in this case.
- Noted that should the Committee overturn the Planning recommendation in this case, DFI Roads would require a policy reason as to why the Committee had voted against DFI Roads recommendation to Planning.

Mr McKay advised the Committee exercise care on how projects were described and stated no planning document sought to promote local living for local people but that Planning dealt with applications based on their planning merits and policy framework set by the Area Plan and said Members should focus on the reasons for refusal as presented.

Mr O Connor responded to a query regarding possible litigation risk to Council in the event a decision was taken to overturn Planning Officers recommendation with regard to this application and suggested the Committee should only principally be concerned with the reasons for refusal and should not veer away from the main issues which is the safety of the road for users in relation to the visibility splays in the access provided. He explained in the event of litigation arising in the future as a result of Council overturning the recommendation it would be up to a litigant to establish a case against the Council and would not be an issue for the Committee at this point.

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1502/O, contrary to Officer recommendation on the basis there would be no intensification of use of access subject to a condition being included that the 2 No. structures currently located on the site be removed before any work was commenced on site, there would be no risk on this section of road as it leads to a dead-end, and Planning to issue any other conditions as necessary. Councillor Doran seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands, and voting was as follows:

FOR:	7
AGAINST:	1
ABSTENTIONS:	3

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1502/O, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis there would be no intensification of use of access subject to a condition being included that the 2 No. structures currently located on the site be removed before any work was commenced on site,**

**and there would be no risk on this section of road as it leads to a dead end.**

**Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.**

(11.42am Councillor Tinnelly vacated the Chair at this point in the meeting)

(11.42am Councillor Larkin chaired the Meeting from this point)

**(3) LA07/2019/1279/F**

**Location:**

Lands adjacent to 27 Islandmoyle Road Cabra Newry

**Proposal:**

New access and laneway to serve dwellings 27, 29 and 31 Islandmoyle Road.

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

**Power-point presentation:**

Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

**Note:**

Previous site visit.

Under updated Protocol no further speaking rights permitted on this application.

Councillors Brown, Harte, and Tinnelly withdrew from discussion/decision on this application.

**Speaking rights:  
(via Teams)**

In support

Colin O'Callaghan Agent was present in the meeting via Teams.

**Issues raised:**

- Concerns for safety of children
- Possibility of laying a stone lane instead of concrete until vegetation is matured
- If lane was approved would it open the area up for further development?
- DFI Roads have no objection to proposed sight splays
- Mitigation measures for integration will be provided by new native hedgerow
- Planning opinion indicates the volume of traffic on the existing lane is low

Councillor McAteer proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1279/F contrary to Officer recommendation on the basis that original problems associated with flooding had been clarified, evidence had shown the existing lane was crowded and well used in terms of agriculture therefore establishing the need for a separate lane at this location, to address integration Planning impose a condition that the lane be of stoned surface until such times as vegetation has matured after which the surface could be changed, and Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any other relevant conditions. Councillor O Hare seconded the proposal.

Mr McKay referred to the proposal which indicated the reason for overturning Officers recommendation was because it was a crowded, well used lane and a need for it, and said this reason did not fit within the Planning policies that would allow the Committee to come to this conclusion.

With regard to the proposal to provide a stone/gravel lane with the opportunity to turn it into a concrete or tarmacked lane in the future, Mr McKay said a proposal was required to integrate now not in the future and added that Planning could not condition the use of gravel.

With regard to the proposal indicating the lane being crowded and well used, Mr McKay said this was not part of the policy reasons for refusal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	5
AGAINST:	1
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor O Hare it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2019/1279/F contrary to Officer recommendation on the basis that original problems associated with flooding have been clarified, evidence had shown the existing lane was crowded and well used in terms of agriculture therefore establishing the need for a separate lane at this location, to address integration Planning impose a condition that the lane be of stoned surface until such times as vegetation had matured after which the surface could be changed.

**Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any other relevant conditions.**

**(4) LA07/2020/0492/F**

**Location:**

40m NW of 100 Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor

**Proposal:**

Proposed infill dwelling

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

**Power-point presentation:**

Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Skype on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

**Note:**

Previous site visit.

Under updated Protocol no further speaking rights permitted on this application.

Councillors Brown, Harte, Murphy, Stokes and Tinnelly withdrew from discussion/decision on this application.

**Speaking rights:  
(via Teams)**

In support

Aaron Tinnelly applicant, and Colin D'Alton agent, were present at the meeting via Teams.

**Issues raised:**

- Officers provided details of level, and explained the impact the proposed house would have on the existing house and character of the area due to its elevated location – based on the design plans submitted conditions could not overcome the issues.
- Officers consider the proposal is not an infill opportunity.

Councillor Larkin proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/0492/0, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that a gap site existed due to the fact the yard had frontage to the lane from the boundary of the site up to the entrance of the yard and therefore complied with CTY8, and that Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose conditions with regard to house design and allow discussion between Planning, the applicant and agent to provide a house design that would be suitable for the site. Councillor McAteer seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	6
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of planning application LA07/2020/0492/F contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that a gap site existed due to the fact the yard had frontage to the lane from the boundary of the site up to the entrance of the yard and therefore complied with CTY8.**

**It was also agreed Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose conditions with regard to house design an allow discussion between Planning, the applicant and agent to provide a house design that would be suitable for the site.**

(12.09pm Councillor Larkin vacated the Chair at this point in the meeting)

(12.09pm Councillor Tinnelly chaired the Meeting from this point onwards)

**(5) LA07/2020/0608/O**

**Location:**

Site between 8 Tullydonnell Road and 2 O'Callaghans Road, Silverbridge, Newry

**Proposal:**

Site



## **Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

### **Power-point presentation:**

Andrew Davidson, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Skype on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

### **Speaking rights: (via Teams)**

#### In support:

John Feehan, agent presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

### **Issues raised:**

- Clarity on the legality of the small shed structure – it does not appear to have been the subject of any planning application. It is sited to the rear of the dwelling and does not have a common frontage to comply with CTY8.
- Agent explained the building is still in use, has been in place as long as the house, it is a separate building, has a common frontage and would be immune from prosecution.
- Planners consider the building had accompanying development to the rear, contrary to Policy.

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/0608/O, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that 3 buildings exist with frontages therefore meeting the requirement of planning policy in relation to infill and that Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions. Councillor Larkin seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by a show of hands and voting was as follows:-

FOR:	9
AGAINST:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	0

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Larkin, it was agreed proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/0608/O, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that 3 buildings exist with frontages therefore meeting the requirement of planning policy in relation to infill.**

**It was also agreed Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.**

## **(6) LA07/2020/0372/F**

### **Location:**

To rear of 71-73 Main Street Castlewellan

### **Proposal:**

Change of use of first floor storage to 4 self-contained residential units first floor.

## **Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

### **Power-point presentation:**

Annette McAlarney Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Skype on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

### **Speaking rights: (via Teams)**

#### In support:

Barry Hillen agent and Martin Duggan applicant, presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

### **Issues raised:**

- No dedicated car parking provided.
- Poor natural light provision
- Proposed size is below the minimum stated within Policy
- Relaxation of such schemes are needed to revitalise towns
- Reference was made to similar applications, one which was approved (LA07/2017/1773) and one recommended for approval (LA07/2020/0440)

Councillor McAteer proposed to issue a refusal in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/0372/F, as per the information and recommendation contained in the Case Officer Report presented to Committee. Councillor Larkin seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by a show of hands and voting was as follows:-

FOR:	11
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Larkin, it was agreed to issue a refusal in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020//F, as per the information and recommendation contained in the Case Officer Report presented to Committee**

(12.50pm – The Meeting adjourned)

(1.50pm – The Meeting resumed)

(Councillor Brown left the meeting)

## **(7) LA07/2017/0546/F**

### **Location:**

39 Castlewellan Road Newcastle Co Down BT33 0JY

### **Proposal:**

Proposed indoor amenity area, café and event rooms and associated car parking for use in conjunction with existing tourist facility (Golf Centre)

## **Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

### **Power-point presentation:**

Annette McAlarney Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

### **Speaking rights: (via Teams)**

#### In support:

Martin Bailie Agent, presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

### **Issues raised:**

- It was noted golf was seen as part of the tourism product in the area but the application was not connected to golf but was a stand-alone amenity centre/kids play area.
- Other opportunities had been explored but nothing suitable was available.
- Percentages were given for use by locals and use by tourists during summer and off peak times.
- Planning opinion was that the proposal was considered a facility for tourists. (Not considered a tourist amenity)

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2017/0546/F, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that it is accepted the proposal is primarily a tourist facility and given that one of the Council's strategic objectives is to create Newcastle as one of the main tourist hubs in the District, this applications will enhance the tourist product in this area. It was also accepted the proposal sat within a reasonably acceptable distance of the settlement area. Councillor Larkin seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by a show of hands and voting was as follows:-

FOR:	10
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2017/0546/F, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that it is accepted the proposal is primarily a tourist facility and given that one of the Council's strategic objectives was to create Newcastle as one of the main tourist hubs in the District, this applications will enhance the tourist product in this area. It was also accepted the proposal sat within a reasonably acceptable distance of the settlement area.**

**(8) LA07/2019/1202/DCA  
and  
LA07/2019/1186/F**

**Location:**

2-6 Downpatrick Road and 1-3 Irish Street, Killyleagh

**Proposal:**

Demolition of existing spar retail unit with petrol filling station and demolition of the existing adjacent dwelling at 6 Downpatrick Road and demolition of the modern rear extension at 1-3 Irish Street in Killyleagh to enable construction of a proposed replacement of the Spar retail unit and petrol forecourt

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Approval

**Power-point presentation:**

Anthony McKay Chief Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

**Speaking rights:  
(via Teams)**

In objection:

Brian Cassidy presented in objection to the application.

In support:

David Mountstephen Agent, Mark Adrain Henderson Group and Ashley Lamont Whittaker & Watt Architects presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

**Issues raised:**

- Light pollution at night
- Litter problems
- Clarification needed regarding signage, ie, type and height, as this is a designated conservation area
- Road safety – previous incident involving a lorry damaging a privately owned wall
- Enormity of the building in terms of height
- Resident was not aware of community consultation
- Planning advised that opening hours are subject to restrictions, ie, 6am to 11pm – no prospect of midnight opening. Deliveries are restricted not to happen between 9pm and 7am.
- Planning advised that lighting for the proposal has been assessed and found to be within guidelines
- Planning advised there was no requirement under Planning Legislation for a pre application consultation exercise

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Applications LA07/2019/1202/DCA and LA07/2019/1186/F as per the information and recommendations contained in the Case Officer Reports presented to Committee. Councillor Larkin seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by a show of hands and voting was as follows:-

FOR: 10  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Larkin, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Applications LA07/2019/1202/DCA and LA07/2019/1186/F as per the information and recommendations contained in the Case Officer Reports presented to Committee.

### **EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matter which related to exempt information by virtue of *Paragraph 1* of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any individual and the public, may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business. Lucy I just changed this because this was exempt under a different category – it's the one relating to an individual

#### **(9) LA07/2020/0760/F**

**Location:**

47 Bearna Park Meigh Newry

**Proposal:**

2 storey extension

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:**

Refusal

**Power-point presentation:**

Andrew Davidson Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

**Speaking rights:  
(via Teams)**

In support:

Michael McKeever NIHE presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

**On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matter which related to exempt information by virtue of *Paragraph 3* of Part 3 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).**

**P/103/2020: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP)**

Read: Report dated 18 November 2020 from Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer regarding progress on the preparation of the Local Development Plan, including detail on the next steps and revised timetable. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

**LA07/2020/0760/F – 2 storey extension – 47 Bearna Park Meigh Newry**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to issue an approval in respect to Planning Application LA07/2020/0760/F, contrary to Officer recommendation on the basis this application is an exceptional case where specific needs are required.**

**P/103/2020: Local Development Plan**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed note the content of Report dated 18 November 2020 from Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer and agree as follows:**

- **The draft revised Timetable (Appendix);**
- **That following Council approval, the Planning Department liaises with the PAC and other key stakeholders prior to submitting the revised Timetable to DfI for its agreement;**
- **That following agreement of the revised Timetable by the Department for Infrastructure, that it be made available and published in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**Noted:** Councillor McAteer requested his concerns be recorded regarding delays in publishing the Local Development Plan. He said prior to the Covid 19 pandemic there had been previous delays with the Plan and he felt a strategy was needed with DfI to send the right message out in terms of economic and infrastructure development for the area and in his view this should be explored and an interim Plan published.

**FOR NOTING**

**P/104/2020: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET**

Read: Planning historic action sheet. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Historic Action Sheet.**

**P/105/2020: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT  
OCTOBER 2020**

Read: Planning Committee Performance Report for October 2020.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Committee Report for October 2020.**

**P/106/2020: CURRENT APPEALS AND DECISIONS**

Read: Current Appeals and Decisions Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Report on Current Appeals and Decisions.**

The Meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.

For confirmation at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive**