

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AC/2024

**Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 February 2024,
at 4.00pm, in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick and via
Microsoft Teams.**

Chairperson: Ms B Slevin, Independent Chairperson
(Teams)

**In attendance
in Chamber:** Councillor C Bowsie Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance via Teams: Councillor J Brennan Councillor L Devlin

**Officials in attendance
in Chamber:** Mrs J Kelly, Director Corporate Services
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

**Also in attendance
via Teams:** Ms C Hagan ASM
Ms K Doey NIAO

AC/025/2024: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Marie Ward, Chief Executive. Councillor O'Hare had advised she would attend the meeting around 4.15pm.

AC/026/2024: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Items restricted in accordance with Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 5 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

The Chairperson advised that the following had been agreed while in closed session:

AC/027/2024: **KILBRONEY PITCHES**

Read: Report dated 26 February 2024 from Ms J Kelly, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Kilbroney Pitches (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to approve the following recommendations:**

- **That there would be no further independent services engaged on the complaint in relation to Kilbroney Pitches at this juncture.**
- **That this recommendation supersedes the recommendation per the draft minutes of the Audit Committee held on 1 February 2024.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.32pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 March 2024

Signed: **Ms J Kelly**
Director Corporate Services

Signed: **Ms B Slevin**
Independent Chairperson