

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 5.00pm remotely via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor L Devlin

In attendance:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor C Casey
Councillor D Curran	Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor O Hanlon	Councillor V Harte
Councillor O Magennis	Councillor C Mason
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor H McKee
Councillor H McKee	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor D Murphy	Councillor K Owen
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor B Walker

Officials in attendance: Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Strategy Policy & Resources
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McBride, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

SC/012/2021: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Doran.

The Chairperson advised members that the regulations which allowed the hosting of remote meeting expires on 6 May 2021, therefore action was required to allow meetings to still take place and the legal appropriate authority to do so. An amendment of Standing Orders was required in accordance with Standing Order 29.2 and would subsequently be adjourned without discussion until the next full Council meeting.

SC/013/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SC/014/2021: AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Read: Report from Mr F O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration (Acting) dated 28 April 2021, regarding the Amendment of Council Standing Orders **(Copy Circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Members agree to option 3 to amend Council's Standing Orders by the inclusion of the wording as set out in the Appendix to the officer's report to facilitate the continued holding of 'remote' Committee and Council meetings until the necessary legislation is in force.**

The meeting concluded at 17.04pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 04 May 2021.

Signed: Councillor L Devlin

Chairperson of Council

Signed: Ms M Ward

Chief Executive