

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

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

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**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 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 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.

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**Signed: Councillor L Devlin**  
**Chairperson of Council**

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**Signed: Ms M Ward**  
**Chief Executive**