

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022 at 5.30pm via Microsoft Teams & Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

In the Chair:	Councillor O Hanlon (Chamber)	
In Attendance in Chamber	Councillor G Hanna Councillor O Magennis Councillor D Murphy Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor A Lewis Councillor A McMurray Councillor B O'Muirí
In Attendance via Teams:	Councillor P Byrne Councillor R Howell Councillor D Taylor	Councillor H Gallagher Councillor M Rice
Non Committee Members in chamber:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor H McKee Councillor H Reilly	Councillor A Finnegan Councillor K Owen Councillor M Savage
Non Committee Members Via Teams:	Councillor J Brennan Councillor V Harte Councillor D Lee-Surginor Councillor L McEvoy Councillor M Ruane Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor W Clarke Councillor M Larkin Councillor G Malone Councillor G O'Hare Councillor G Stokes
Officials in Attendance In chamber:	Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive Mr A Cassells, Director of Sustainability & Environment Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director of Finance Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)	

SPR/145/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Burgess, Casey and McKeivitt.

SPR/146/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on item 3 which related to exempt information by virtue of paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a government department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council, and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

SPR/147/2022: TRADE UNION DISPUTE UPDATE

Read: Report dated 26 September 2022 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive regarding Industrial Relations Update (**Copy circulated**).

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported on the following decision that had been taken:

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin and following a recorded vote (copy of which is appended to these minute), the results of which were 11 FOR and 2 AGAINST, it was agreed to approve the local pay offer in full and final settlement of this current dispute.

It was also agreed to note the cost implications as set out in the officer's report and further agreed to an efficiency programme as set out at paragraph 2.6 in the officer's report.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.26pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 October 2022.

Signed: Councillor Oonagh Hanlon
Chairperson

Signed: Marie Ward
Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 26th September 2022 VENUE: Mourne Room & Teams MEETING: SPR Committee

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Trade Union Dispute Update

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P Byrne	x			
H Gallagher	x			
M Gibbons				x
O Hanlon	x			
G Hanna		x		
R Howell	x			
A Lewis		x		
O Magennis	x			
A McMurray	x			
D Murphy	x			
B O'Muirí	x			
M Rice	x			
G Sharvin	x			
D Taylor	x			
J Trainor				x
TOTALS	11	2	0	2