

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Special Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 27 August 2026 at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber, Downshire Civic
Centre**

In the Chair: Councillor C Bowsie

**In Attendance in
Chamber:** Councillor M Rice

**Committee Members in
Attendance via Teams:**

Councillor P Byrne	Councillor R Howell
Councillor A Mathers	Councillor S O'Hare
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor J Truesdale

**Non-Committee Members in
Attendance in Camber:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in Attendance
in Chamber:**

Mr A Patterson, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr C Haughey, Assistant Director of Healthy Living
Ms M Hughes, HR & OD Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Ms F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/136/2026: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors C King and Howie. An apology was also received from Ms A Jones, Director of Corporate Services.

SPR/137/2026: 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 Rice, seconded by Councillor Reilly, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 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).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Rice, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

SPR/138/2026: **LEISURE SERVICES RESOURCES – KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, regarding Leisure Services Resources – Kilkeel Leisure Centre. (Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Rice, seconded by Councillor Reilly, it was agreed to approve the proposed structure for the Kilkeel Leisure Centre and the associated additional payroll costs as detailed in the officer's report.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 5.20pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 September 2026.

Signed: _____
Councillor Callum Bowsie
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Marie Ward
Chief Executive