

## **NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Special Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 July 2023 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams & Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre**

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<b>In the Chair:</b>	Councillor L McEvoy (Chamber)	
<b>In Attendance in Chamber</b>	Councillor J Brennan Councillor R Howell Councillor D McAteer Councillor H Reilly	Councillor O Hanlon Councillor A Lewis Councillor A Mathers
<b>In Attendance via Teams:</b>	Councillor P Byrne Councillor T Kelly Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor C Enright Councillor S O'Hare Councillor D Taylor
<b>Non-Members in Chamber:</b>	Councillor P Campbell Councillor J Jackson	Councillor V Harte Councillor A McMurray
<b>Non-Members via Teams:</b>	Councillor T Andrews Councillor W Clarke Councillor G Hanna Councillor O Magennis Councillor K Murphy Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor C Bowsie Councillor L Devlin Councillor M Larkin Councillor D Murphy Councillor M Savage Councillor J Truesdale
<b>Officials in Attendance:</b>	Mrs J Kelly, Director of Corporate Services Mr A Cassells, Director of Sustainability and Environment Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding) Mr P Preen, HR Operations Manager Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting) Mrs L Cummins (Democratic Services Officer)	
<b>Also in Attendance Via Teams:</b>	Ms N Largey, Legal Advisor Belfast City Council	

#### **SPR/095/2023: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

There was an apology received from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive.

#### **SPR/096/2023: 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 Howell, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on item 3 deemed to be exempt under paragraphs 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014:**

**4. 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.**

**5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

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

**SPR/097/2023**

**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Read:** Report dated 24 July 2023 from Mrs J Kelly, Director of Corporate Services, regarding Industrial Relations Briefing Paper (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Brennan, that Elected members note the following:**

- The progress made to date on the ongoing negotiations and a further paper to be brought back to Council with regards to the Consultative Forum.**

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 8.06pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 August 2023.

**Signed:** **Councillor Leeanne McEvoy**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:** **Josephine Kelly**  
**Director of Corporate Services**