

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

In the Chair:	Councillor L McEvoy (Chamber)	
In Attendance in Chamber	Councillor J Brennan Councillor R Howell Councillor D McAteer Councillor H Reilly	Councillor O Hanlon Councillor A Lewis Councillor A Mathers
In Attendance via Teams:	Councillor P Byrne Councillor T Kelly Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor C Enright Councillor S O'Hare Councillor D Taylor
Non-Members in Chamber:	Councillor P Campbell Councillor J Jackson	Councillor V Harte Councillor A McMurray
Non-Members via Teams:	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
Officials in Attendance:	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)	
Also in Attendance Via Teams:	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