

March 9th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Thursday, 12th March 2026** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor O Hanlon **Chairperson**

Councillor D McAteer **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor P Byrne

Councillor C Enright

Councillor M Hearty

Councillor R Howell

Councillor T Howie

Councillor A King

Councillor C King

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor S O'Hare

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Rice

Councillor D Taylor

Agenda

1.0 Apologies & Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2026

 *SPR-Action Sheet arising from 2026 02 12.pdf*

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

4.0 Go Succeed NI Update

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *SPR Report - Go Succeed Funding 2026 2027.pdf*

Not included

5.0 NCCR Theatre and Conference Facility Update

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *SPR Report - NCCR Theatre and Conference Facility Update.pdf*

Not included

6.0 NCCR Theatre and Conference Facility – Operating Model

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 *NCCR Theater and Conference Facility Operating Model.pdf*

Not included

7.0 Delamont Country Park Caravan Site

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8.0 Monaghan Row Lease

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **SPR Repprt - Monaghan Row Lease.pdf**

Not included

9.0 Capital Programme - Client Side Project Managers

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **SPR Report - Project Management Procurement.pdf**

Not included

FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

10.0 Waste Contract Procurement Update

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **SPR Committee - Waste Contract procurement update- 11.03.26.pdf**

Not included

11.0 P9 Management Accounts

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **Management Accounts Q3 202526.pdf**

Not included

 **Appendix 1 - Management Accounts by Directorate for period ending 31 December 2025.pdf**

Not included

 **Appendix 2- Management Accounts by Assistant Directorate for period 31 December 2025.pdf**

Not included

 **Appendix 3 - Management Accounts by Expense code for period ending 31 December 2025.pdf**

Not included

12.0 Treasury Management

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Treasury Management and Accounts Closedown Group Procurement.pdf

Not included

13.0 Minutes of Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Board Meeting – 8th December 2025

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Minutes of Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Board Mtg - 08.12.2025 .pdf

Not included

For Noting

14.0 Minutes of Women's Working Group meeting on 11th February 2026

For Information

Women's Working Group Action Sheet - 11.02.26.pdf

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Mr Caolain Boyd

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Ms Marina Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Joanne/Noelle Johnston

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Cllr Aurla King

Cllr Cathal King

Ms Elaine Kirk

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Niall Lawlor

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Ms Carol McClean

Jonathan McGilly
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Mr Martin McKibbin
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Mr Colin Moffett
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Ms Alison Robb
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Mr Peter Rooney
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Mr Conor Sage
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Mrs Amanda Smyth
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Donna Starkey
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Ms Sinead Trainor
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Mr Conor Woods
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Cllr Helena Young
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<u>Minute Ref</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Actions taken / progress to date</u>	<u>Remove from Action Sheet? Y/N</u>
<u>ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) –</u> <u>Thursday 14 August 2025</u>					
SPR/135/2025	Business Case – Residual Waste Contract	It was agreed that the requested rates per tonnage be brought back before Members as discussed.	S Murphy	New rates not available until Procurement Process completed	N
<u>ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) –</u> <u>Thursday 13 November 2025</u>					
SPR/190/2025	Lease Arrangements – Delamont Country Park Caravan Park	It was agreed to defer the item to allow officers to bring further information on the proposed lease	C McClean	Lease not being renewed	Y
<u>ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) –</u> <u>Thursday 22 January 2026</u>					
SPR/011/2026:	Kilkeel Town Hall	It was agreed to defer this item to be tabled at a future Committee meeting.	C Boyd	In progress	N
<u>ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) –</u> <u>Thursday 12 February 2026</u>					
SPR/024/2026	Action Sheet of SPR meeting held 22/01/2026	It was agreed to note the action sheet	M Ward		Y
SPR/025/2026	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2026-27	The following was agreed: - The five draft performance improvement objectives 2026-27, as outlined in Appendix 1. - The proposed approach and timetable for publishing the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27, as outlined in Appendix 2, including approval to commence the consultation and engagement process on 13 February 2026.	G Byrne		Y
SPR/026/2026	Increase to EV Charging Infrastructure Capital Budget	It was agreed to increase the capital funding as detailed in the officer's report	C Sage		Y
SPR/027/2026	SLA Belfast Legal Services	It was agreed that Council enter into a one year SLA with Belfast City Council Legal Services Department from 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027 on a non-profit / cost recovery basis by virtue of the provisions of section 105 of the Local Government (NI) Act 1972 in relation to legal services as indicated at 1.4	E Kirk		Y

SPR/028/2026	Lease of Lands at Martins Lane, Newry	the following was agreed: - To formalise the lease in respect of the Original Lands (which includes the New Lands) at Martins Lane from 2017 – 2025 subject to the premium detailed within the report. - To enter into a lease in respect of the New Lands at Martins Lane for a term of 25 years from 2025, subject to the premium as detailed within the report.	E Kirk		Y
SPR/029/2026	Council Contributions to the LGSC 2026-27	It was agreed to approve the payment to the LGSC for the period April 2026 – March 2027.	M Hughes		Y
SPR/030/2026	Insurance Premiums 26/27	It was agreed to approve the payment of the insurance premiums for 2026/27 and the proposed Long Term Agreements as detailed within the officer's report.	C Sage		Y
		It was also agreed that a report regarding insurance claims and payouts would be tabled at a future Committee Meeting.	S Trainor		Y

**WOMENS WORKING GROUP
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2026
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor A. Quinn (Chairperson)
Councillor C. Bowsie
Councillor D. Finn
Councillor D. Taylor
Councillor C. Bowsie

In attendance: **(Officials)**
Sarah Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Patricia Murtagh, Corporate Communications & PR Manager
Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement
Alison Collins, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Martin McKibbin, Corporate Relationship Officer

1.0 Introduction & Apologies:

Apologies: Councillor O'Hare

Nomination of Chairperson

Councillor Howie proposed Councillor Quinn as Chairperson for the meeting, and this was accepted.

P: Councillor Howie
S: Councillor Bowsie

Declarations of Interest: None

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Item 2.0 – Action sheet of Women's Working Group of 2nd October 2025	Members were asked to note the Action sheet of the Women's Working Group meeting of 2nd October 2025. This was previously agreed at October SP & R Committee meeting. Cllr Quinn and Cllr Bowsie thanked S. Taggart for her work in making the recent Dragon's Deb event successful.			
Item 3.0 – International Women's Day – 8th March 2026	A Collins advised that International Women's Day will take place on Sunday 8th March with the theme of "Give to Gain" She advised that the Health & Wellbeing group had recently met and agreed a £1000 budget contribution towards it. There were suggestions from the Health & Wellbeing group around a lunch style meet and greet with a theme of empowering women. S. Taggart advised that the events held last year were quite expensive. M. Flynn said that the DEA's are holding an event on 5th March in partnership with external agencies and also an event on 12th March which is coming from the EVAWG budget. She said there may be a contribution available from this budget if an event was held.			

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	Cllr Quinn asked if there are any external events this year. S. Taggart advised that it was agreed last year that the International Women's Day would be the same as International Men's Day in that all events will be for internal staff. Cllr Finn asked if it was worth looking at asking Councillors if they wanted to do some social media with women within their DEA's to promote the day. S. Taggart said it may cause problems when you choose who to pick as others may feel left out. Cllr Howie said that the theme seems to be promoting wellbeing and she would encourage discussions with women and providing them with tools to improve wellbeing. S. Taggart advised that we could look at providing leaflets and signposting people to the necessary tools to help wellbeing. It was agreed that members will discuss outside of the meeting and have a plan for International Women's Day. Action: Members to agree a plan for International Women's Day.	All		
Item 4.0 – Ending Violence against Women and Girls update	M. Flynn presented the report. Cllr Quinn advised that the event held at Oliver Plunkett got very good feedback. M. Flynn advised that the events were			

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	delivered by Women's Aid and it had been delivered to a lot of groups. She advised that 16 projects are finishing up and there looks to be increased funding for the next financial year. M. Flynn advised that a play around coercive control is going out to schools on Monday and will also be in Newry Town Hall on 24th February. Video's will also go out on Council's social media channels. She advised that their showcase event will be held in the Canal Court on 25th March where they want to profile all the work done throughout the last year and invites will be issued for this soon. Cllr Quinn asked if the Women's Aid talks are done through EVAWG. M. Flynn advised that they had done some events in Crossmaglen, however over the next 2 years they will be resourcing them directly and extending these to the Castlewellan/Newcastle area. She advised that they are keen to make people aware if they know something to report it.			
Item 5.0 – AOB	None			
Item 6.0 - Next Meeting	Next Meeting: May 2026			