

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor S Doran	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor A Lewis	Councillor C Mason
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor W Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (HR & Safeguarding)
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of EER (ERT)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/1/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Howell.

SPR/2/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SPR/3/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 19 December 2019, be noted, and actions removed as marked.**

FOR NOTING

SPR/4/2020 SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019

Read: Report dated 16 January 2020 from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director of Corporate Planning and Policy, regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period October – December 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period October – December 2019.**

SPR/5/2020 SICKNESS ABSENCE

Read: Report dated 16 January 2020 from Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager, regarding Sickness Absence **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne requested that the names of the Directorates be included in future reports for clarity.

Noted: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Lewis, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/6/2020 FFNI OPERATIONAL COSTS

Read: Report dated 16 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of EER (ERT), regarding FFNI Operational Costs **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to proceed with option 3 which includes technical consultants and the appointment of 3 officers to deliver FFNI programme to the Council and businesses and residents in Newry Mourne and Down area at a cost of £50,000 for Newry Mourne and Down District Council with officers to bring back details of sites proposed to members for information ahead of the next Council meeting.

SPR/7/2020 NEWRY RAINBOW COMMUNITY

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

Agreed: It was agreed to note the verbal update provided with regards the Newry Rainbow Committee.

FOR NOTING

SPR/8/2020 ACTION SHEET FROM EWG MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Action Sheet from Efficiency Working Group meeting held on 17 December 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Noted: **It was agreed to note the action sheet arising from the Efficiency Working Group meeting held on 17 December 2019.**

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.33pm

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

Signed: **Dorinnia Carville**
Director of Corporate Services

