NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre

Councillor S O'Hare

In Attendance in Chamber: Councillor P Byrne Councillor C Enright

Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor T Kelly
Councillor A Lewis
Councillor A Mathers
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor T Kelly
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A Quinn
Councillor M Rice
Councillor D Taylor

Non-Committee Members

in Attendance in Chamber: Councillor J Truesdale

Officials in Attendance

In the Chair:

in Chamber: Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive

Mr A Cassells, Director of Sustainability and Environment Ms S Murphy, Director of Sustainability and Environment

Mrs J Kelly, Director of Corporate Services

Mr C Mallon, Director of Economy Regeneration & Tourism Mr A Patterson, Director of Active & Healthy Communities Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director: Capital and Procurement Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director: Finance and Performance

Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy

Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

Ms F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer

Officials in Attendance

via teams: Ms V Keegan, Head of Communications and Marketing

SPR/036/2024: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Howell, McEvoy and Reilly.

The Chairperson noted that Item 4 was to be tabled at April Committee, as agreed with the proposer of the original notice of motion.

SPR/037/2024: <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

SPR/038/2024: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY

15 FEBRUARY 2024

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee

Meeting held on Thursday 15 February 2024. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor

Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, to approve the action sheet from the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on

15 February 2024.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SPR/039/2024 NOTICE OF MOTION – ETHICAL PROCUREMENT

AGREED: It was agreed that this item be tabled at April

Committee.

FOR DECISION

SPR/040/2024 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ULSTER SCOTS

COMMUNITY NETWORK

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr C Moffett, Head of

Corporate Policy, regarding Officer Report on correspondence from Ulster Scots Community Network. (Copy circulated)

Mr Moffett presented the Report, highlighting the correspondence received and the subsequent discussions at the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group relating to the Ulster Scots Community Network.

In proposing the Officer's Report, Councillor Taylor noted the productive discussions that had taken place at the Working Group on 5 March 2024.

Councillor Lewis seconded the proposal noting his thanks to the Ulster Scots Community Network and to the Council staff who carried the work through to this stage. He queried the timeline for the review, how far reaching it would be and whether this review would result in similar funding being received as what was received by the Irish Language.

Councillor Sharvin noted the positive discussions that had taken place at the meeting and suggested researching what other local authorities' policies were regarding Ulster Scots. He noted the limited number of Councils who had an Ulster Scots Policy and welcomed the opportunity to work with other Councils who had also received this communication.

Councillor Hanlon reiterated the sentiments expressed and welcomed the recommendations. She noted that Council was leading the way with Irish Language Policy to date, and this was an opportunity to strengthen and show diversity in languages across the district.

Councillor McAteer noted how important this recommendation was to assist and promote the different cultures within the district

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded

by Councillor Lewis, it was agreed that Officers proceed to undertake a review of Council's

current approach to Ulster Scots, including consideration of the policy approaches being implemented within other local government authorities in Northern Ireland, and prepare a paper for consideration at a future meeting of the Councillor's Equality & Good Relations Reference Group.

SPR/041/2024: OFFICER REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION – ENDING

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr C Moffett, Head of

Corporate Policy, regarding officer report on Notice of Motion – Ending violence against Women and Girls. (Copy circulated)

Mr Moffett presented the Report, and noted the recommendations as outlined within the Report.

Councillor Hanlon, in proposing the Report, welcomed that Council were wholly supportive of the recommendations and able to use their influence to elevate awareness of the issue. She noted the importance of allowing victims to be both seen and recognised and giving them a chance to come forward was crucial.

Councillor Byrne, in seconding the Report, stated that this issue was too important not to utilise every opportunity to highlight, educate and raise awareness and asked that the proposed day of 25 November be focused on events, and not just on a media campaign.

Councillor Lewis noted his full Party's support on the issue and asked if consideration had been given to involving PCSP given their experience in organising awareness raising campaigns.

Councillor Quinn echoed the sentiments already expressed and noted her frustration at being unable to assist constituents that approached her with similar issues. She stressed the important role men had to play in raising awareness, and looked forward to the work that would be done on the issue on the Women's Working Group.

Councillor Kelly noted the importance of raising awareness on this prominent issue and was grateful that Council would create an environment where people feel supported and safe enough to come forward to speak about the issue.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Byrne that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council write to the Minister calling for the delivery of a fully-funded strategy to end violence against women and girls; and commits to instituting November 25th as Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls Day across the District with a series of events to help educate, raise awareness and end this abhorrent humanitarian abuse.

It was also agreed that the recommendation be forwarded to the Council's Woman's Sub-Committee to progress events to acknowledge

November 25th as Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls Day and Council undertake an exercise to determine what support Council is currently providing in relation to this.

SPR/042/2024: <u>HYBRID MEETINGS</u>

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Ms M Ward, Chief Executive,

regarding hybrid meetings. (Copy circulated)

Mrs Ward presented the Report stating it highlighted how Council would operate given the changes in legislation and outlined the resource implications.

Councillor Hanlon proposed the Report noting the importance and flexibility of hybrid meetings around issues such as maternity leave and caring responsibilities.

Councillor Byrne stressed the necessity of allowing public access to meetings, ensuring the transparency of Council. He supported the current resource requirements be kept in place until new legislation was reviewed regarding hybrid meetings.

Councillor Kelly seconded the Report welcoming the response from the Communities Minister regarding reviewing hybrid meetings.

Councillor Sharvin noted the importance of meetings being accessible but stressed the resource implications on the Council departments. He queried the use of MS Teams and asked whether resources were available long term to accommodate the hybrid meetings.

Ms Ward noted the ability of the current system to manage live streaming and officers were working to recruit an IT resource to manage same, as although Democratic Services had been managing the system well up to this stage, an IT resource would enable them to concentrate on their usual role within meetings.

Following a query from Councillor Sharvin regarding timeframes of recruitment, Ms Ward advised that she would bring a report back to the committee with options next month.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor

Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Kelly, to note the

contents of the report.

SPR/043/2024: MOURNE MOUNTAINS GATEWAY PROJECT – CONTRACT

FOR FUNDING AND FUNDING AGREEMENT.

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr C Mallon, Director of

Economy, Regeneration and Tourism, regarding Mourne

Mountains Gateway Project – Contract for Funding and Funding

Agreement. (Copy circulated)

Mr Mallon presented the Report which sought approval for the contract for funding and funding agreement. He advised that officials in Council and Department for the Economy had been engaged for some time on the agreement of the contract and funding agreement to allow the project to proceed to Full Business Case. He highlighted the current project

position whereby the Department continued to view the project as strategically important and one that would form a key part of Northern Ireland's overall tourism offering.

Mr Mallon outlined the next steps for Council regarding the project and advised, as had been previously acknowledged by Council, that any costs over and above the £30m BRCD contribution were to be met by Council. He stated both Council and the Department recognised that due to the early stage of the development of the project, there could not be absolute certainty over costs, however as the design developed, this would provide further information to inform decisions on budget requirements.

Mr Mallon asked Members to approve the recommendations as outlined within the Report.

Councillor Enright stated the Report was founded on an MOU which indicated that National Trust were not onboard and despite having asked for a risk register on a number of occasions, none had been forthcoming. He outlined the increasing costs of the project and stated his Party could not accept the recommendations without a full analysis of an updated risk register. He proposed that the Committee reject the recommendations of the report and do not approve the Contract for Funding or Funding Agreement until Committee was presented with a full analysis of an updated risk register for the project. This was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Councillor Hanlon stated this project was a fantastic opportunity and Councillors as custodians of one of the best natural assets within the District should seize this, particularly given the support it had received from the Department. She stated she understood there were concerns however recognised that these would be discussed as Council moved through the consultations and through the management of the project. She understood that the Project Board's role was to manage the project and to critically scrutinise it at every stage in order to ensure it was something that would serve the community and create jobs.

Councillor Hanlon continued stating this would be a world class tourism attraction and was a very positive project for the District, however, to have Parties being consistently negative about it was very disheartening. She stated Elected Representatives had a role to play in bringing investment into the area for residents and visitors alike and welcomed the support and work completed by the Department and Council officials to attempt to make this a very successful project. She highlighted that projects were not pitted against each other and there was space for all projects to be delivered.

Councillor Kelly stated the Alliance Party would not be supporting the recommendations as they could not sign off on a project that could potentially cost up to £50m. She stated there was no guarantee of planning approval with regard to environmental impact assessments or a lease with the National Trust or any other land-owners. She stated the Report essentially asked Councillors to sign a blank cheque to approve any future increase in costs and she was unsure as to why other Councillors and Parties were content to do so given some of the same Councillors voted against the largest ever rates increase last month.

Councillor Sharvin stated that Council had always strived to secure external funding to promote and delivery projects for the betterment of the District. He stated the message that would be taken away from the meeting would be that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had turned down funding of £30m from the Belfast Region City Deal which would be the wrong message to send out. He highlighted that the Mourne Gateway Project was much more than just the gondola and he recently had the opportunity to attend a Region City Deal session in Belfast where this project was one of the biggest beacons of the whole Deal being promoted. He stated other Councils, along with central government departments were envious of the project.

Councillor Sharvin addressed the statement that had been made about the National Trust stating they had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council and if they were not fully on board, they would not have completed this. He stated the Project Board was the forum to raise concerns and he understood the National Trust would become a stakeholder on this Board to continue discussions.

Councillor Byrne stated there was a lot of misinformation consistently coming through the Programme Board, Committee and full Council Meetings, despite receiving answers to questions, the same misinformation was being put forward which was reckless. He stated there was too much negativity about the Council which came from people thinking they were not liable in order to get headlines. He made a plea, as he had done before, for the negativity to stop and for people to respect the officers and staff in the Council who were working very diligently to try to deliver high class tourism projects for the District.

Councillor Byrne outlined that the Report being discussed would allow Council to move to the full business case, which would then make a determination on the value for money on the Project. He stated the risk register, as per previous projects, would be updated as the Project continued and recognised there would be risks as this was a game changer project, which were the words used by Departments of Finance and Economy. He addressed the issue around Councillors voting against the rates increase stating he had made it very clear at the time why the decision had been taken. He highlighted the additional funding that had come through the complementary funding on the back of the City Park, therefore there was likely to be additional funding coming to Newcastle in terms of transport and access which would stem from this project.

Councillor McAteer stated it was probably the first time that South Down and South Armagh were not being forgotten about which years ago would not have been considered.

Councillor Truesdale highlighted there was a quarter of a million shortfall that would have to be paid for by ratepayers which was an increase from the original 18% to 40% of the cost. She stated she was aware of how project boards operated and as a member of the Project Board had been told to reconsider her position or that her scrutiny had been termed as too detailed.

Councillor Lewis stated the debate had gone on for long enough and he was sure the information being discussed had already been debated at the Project Board.

Councillor Rice advised he was concerned at the attempts to derail the project, particularly given the jobs that would be brought into the District. He asked whether there was an opportunity to secure external funding to offset the expense on ratepayers.

In response to the queries raised, Mrs Ward advised that Council officers were in place to deliver on behalf of the Council and did so at the direction of Council. She stated the officers of the Council had faced significant criticism and scrutiny in the media which, on a lot of occasions was inaccurate information. She stated officers would provide answers to questions when asked, whether at programme boards, Committee or Council meetings. She stated however the challenge lay when the same questions were being asked repeatedly and the answers that were given, although correct, were not being accepted. She highlighted there may be a capacity issue in terms of Councillors' knowledge as to the operation of Council project boards and training could be organised to address same.

With regard to the risk register, she advised risk registers were presented to the project boards and those that sit on the boards had the advantages of full sight of the risk register and also the various consultants and project managers who explain the elements of the registers. She advised this was the governance process of Council and risk registers would not be tabled in full at Committee meetings. She highlighted the project risks were actually presented in the Report that there was a cost discrepancy between Council's professional consultants and that of the Department so was content that everyone should be clear on the risks set out.

Mrs Ward stated the delivery of this Project, like every project undertaken by Council was completed by going through the project systematically from conception to completion. She reinforced, as the Chief Financial Officer of the Council, that there would be absolutely no way any Councillor would be asked at this meeting, or any meeting, to sign a blank cheque. She stated this was wholly wrong, wholly inaccurate and something that should not be in the public domain.

She stated costs could change however the Project was not at that stage. Council was going through a process and would be looking at the appointment of an Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT) whose work would take Council to the next stage where Council could get to the point where they would conclude if it was the right or wrong thing to be doing either financially, or for the long-term investment in the District.

Mrs Ward highlighted that the Project had been considered of strategic importance for Northern Ireland and this was part of the move towards ensuring the District became the number one tourism destination in Ireland. She assured Councillors again that there was absolutely no one asking that a blank cheque be signed in respect of the project. She stressed that the National Trust had signed an MOU which outlined how both organisations would work together and have opportunities to make decisions as the project moved through various gateways.

In conclusion, Mrs Ward stated she would not ask anyone to sign up to anything that was not appropriate and would always present the detail to Members for their decision. In response to a query regarding the creation of jobs in the area, she stated the Project sets out that it would deliver improved educational skills and employability outcomes including training and opportunities for hard to reach, economically inactive groups including over 400 direct, indirect, operational and construction jobs in a rural area and an area of social and economic disadvantage. She stated anything that the Council would not damage the areas of outstanding natural beauty that exist as the jewels in the crown of the District. She referred to the Capital Projects report that had been released by the Northern Ireland Audit Office that stated the biggest challenge to capital delivery was delay as each time a project was delayed, the costs increased.

Councillor Taylor highlighted his frustration that at times when projects reached a certain level, people got nervous about taking them forward to the next level because something may go wrong. He proposed to accept the officer's recommendation but asked that another recommendation be added that Council also look at the opportunity of sourcing external funding. This was seconded by Councillor Lewis.

The Chairperson thanked all Members for their contribution and as there was dissent within the Chamber asked for a vote on the proposal by Councillor Enright not to accept the recommendations within the Report until a full analysis of an updated risk register for the project was presented. Councillor Enright asked that the vote be recorded, copy of which is appended to these minutes. The vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR: 2
AGAINST: 10
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was LOST.

The Chairperson then put Councillor Taylor's proposal to accept the officer's recommendations with the additional recommendation that Council also look at the opportunity of sourcing external funding. Councillor Enright asked that the vote be recorded, copy of which is appended to these minutes. The vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was CARRIED.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, the following was agreed:

- To note the project updates and next steps as outlined in the letter from DfE in Appendix 2
- That Council acknowledge that any costs over and above the £30m BRCD contribution for the MMGP are to be met by the Council.
- Approve the draft CFF and FA as per Appendix 3 and 4.
- Council also look at the opportunity of sourcing external funding.

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor

Quinn, 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 McAteer, seconded by Councillor

Hanlon, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

RESTRICTED - FOR DECISION

SPR/044/2024: BAD DEBT

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr G Byrne, Assistant

Director of Finance & Performance, regarding Bad Debt write

off at March 2024. (Copy circulated)

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Agreed:

Lewis, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to

approve the bad debt write off at March 2024 as

outlined in the Officer's Report.

SPR/045/2024: **16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of

Active & Healthy Communities, regarding Electricity Bills at 16

The Square, Rostrevor. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded

> by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the recommendations as outlined in the Officer's

Report.

SPR/046/2024: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LICENSE FOR

ADVERTISEMENT HOARDINGS AT NEWRY TENNIS AND

BOWLING FACILITY

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr P Rooney, Head of Legal

> Administration, regarding the proposed renewal of license for advertisement hoardings at Newry Tennis and Bowling Facility.

(Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor

> Taylor, seconded by Councillor Quinn, to grant a License to the party noted in the Officer's Report permitting them to operate the advertisement hoardings at Newry Tennis and Bowling Facility for a term of 3 years, subject to a yearly license

fee to be determined by Council's valuer.

PROPOSED LEASE OF LANDS ADJACENT TO ST SPR/047/2024:

NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL ARDGLASS FOR A BUS

SHELTER

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr P Rooney, Head of Legal

> Administration, regarding the proposed lease of lands adjacent to St Nicholas Primary School, Ardglass, for a bus shelter.

(Copy circulated)

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Agreed:

> Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, to enter into a lease with the party noted in the Officer's Report in respect of the lands outlined in red on the map attached to the Officer's Report for a term of 25 years subject to a one-off premium as

outlined within the Officer's Report.

SPR/048/2024: PROPOSED LEASE AT CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr P Rooney, Head of Legal

Administration, regarding Lease of the Monument Building and a building in The Grange Yard, Castlewellan Forest Park. (Copy

circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Lewis, the following was agreed:

 That the commencement date of Phase 4 of the 2021 Lease is brought forward from 2029 until 2024, as per the content of the officer's report.

 That Council grant the existing tenant identified within the officer's report, a lease until 31st December 2045 of the areas outlined in red on the map attached to the officer's report, subject to the yearly rent determined by Council's Valuer as set out at paragraph 1.6 of the Officer's Report.

SPR/049/2024: MOURNE MOUNTAINS GATEWAY PROJECT –

APPOINTMENT OF ICT

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr C Mallon, Director of

Economy, Regeneration and Tourism, regarding Mourne Mountains Gateway Project – Appointment of ICT. (Copy

circulated)

A show of hands vote was requested on the proposal to accept the recommendations as contained within the Officer's Report, and the voting was as follows:

FOR 10 AGAINST 2 ABSTENTIONS 0

The proposal was declared CARRIED.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by

Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder for the ICT at the tendered sum as outlined in section 4.1 of the Officer's Report, subject to updated approval

from Department of Finance.

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

SPR/050/2024: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS PERIOD 9

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director

of Finance & Performance, regarding Quarter 3 Management

Accounts Update. (Copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by

Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to note the quarter three 2023-24 Management Accounts.

SPR/051/2024: TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Read: Report dated 14 March 2024 from Mr G Byrne, Assistant Director

of Finance & Performance, regarding Prudential Indicators and Treasury management Update for Quarter 3. (Copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by

Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to note the quarter three Treasury Management Update.

FOR NOTING

SPR/052/2024: MINUTES OF WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP MEETING

HELD 01.02.2024

Read: Minutes of Women's Working Group Meeting held 01.02.2024

(Copy circulated).

Councillor Quinn proposed the minutes and noted her excitement in working and engaging with various groups to further progress the work of the Council relating to the Women's Working Group. She congratulated Councillor Harte on her successful International Women's Day event, noting especially the contribution of the panel of speakers.

Councillor Kelly queried how the decision regarding the keynote speaker was made for the International Women's Day event, and asked for a report be brought back to the Women's Working Group for Members to review the decision-making process to ensure the issue did not arise again.

Councillor Sharvin requested an apology and a retraction from Councillor Kelly following a public statement on social media, where he noted she accused him as Chairperson of 'shutting down any discussion in relation to International Women's Day at full Council meeting of 4 March 2024'. He noted that Members should recognise that under Standing Orders it was at the discretion of the Chairperson how a meeting was operated. He further noted that it was common practice for a Member who wished to note an item for Chairperson's remarks approached the Chair in advance of the meeting to discuss this. He advised that he had spoken

with Councillor Kelly and other members of the Alliance Party prior to the meeting with respect to another item of business, and no request regarding Chairperson's remarks was forthcoming.

Councillor Quinn noted the issues regarding International Women's Day, but also stated that the feedback she received all reported that the speakers at the event were fantastic, as was the event itself. She further advised the Women's Working Group would continue to promote events such as this and stated that in 2024 men should not be excluded from conversations promoting women.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was agreed to note the minutes.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 8.19pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 8 April 2024.

Signed: Councillor Siobhan O'Hare

Chairperson

Signed: Josephine Kelly

Director of Corporate Services

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 14/03/24 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: SPR Committee

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Item 8 – Proposal from Councillor Enright not to accept officer's recommendation, seconded by Councillor Kelly

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P Byrne		1		
C Enright	1			
O Hanlon		2		
R Howell				1
T Kelly	2			
A Lewis		3		
D McAteer		4		
L McEvoy				2
A Mathers		5		
S O'Hare		6		
A Quinn		7		
H Reilly				3
M Rice		8		
G Sharvin		9		
D Taylor		10		
TOTALS	2	10	0	3

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 14/03/24 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: SPR Committee

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Item 8 – Proposal from Councillor Taylor to accept officer's recommendation along with additional recommendation that Council look at opportunities for sources of external funding, seconded by Councillor Lewis

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P Byrne	1			
C Enright		1		
O Hanlon	2			
R Howell				1
T Kelly		2		
A Lewis				
D McAteer	4			
L McEvoy				2
A Mathers	5			
S O'Hare	6			
A Quinn	7			
H Reilly				3
M Rice	8			
G Sharvin	9			
D Taylor	10			
TOTALS	10	2	0	3