

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 1 July 2021 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors, Ashton, Buchanan*, Cuddy, Doris* Elattar, Kearney, S McAleer*, S McGuigan*, McLean*, S McPeake, Molloy*, Quinn*, Totten*

Officers in Attendance

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Mrs Dyson, Head of Human Resources
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Lowry Raymond**, Head of Technical Services
Ms Mezza**, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett**, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillor Bell* (7.42 pm)

* Denotes members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

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The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McKinney in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

PR134/21 Apologies

Councillors Forde and Gildernew.

Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development.

PR135/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

Councillor Buchanan declared an interest in agenda item 4 – Connecting Pomeroy project as he is a member of the committee.

PR136/21 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR137/21 Community Development – Connecting Pomeroy

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report on behalf of the Head of Community to accept funding from the Rural Development Programme to proceed with the court yard parking and amenity area at Pomeroy Forest.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Chief Executive that he operate his Delegated Authority Resolve under Section 3.3 of the Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers to accept funding from the Rural Development Programme, with match contribution and proceed with the court yard parking and amenity area at Pomeroy Forest.

PR138/21 Annual Progress Return – Equality Commission for NI (2020/2021)

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report asking members to consider Mid Ulster District Council's Annual Progress Report for the period 2020-21 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations duties as detailed within Section 75(1) and 75(2) of the N Ireland Act 1998. Deadline for submission is 31 August 2021.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Chief Executive that he operate his Delegated Authority Resolve under Section 3.3 of the Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers to approve that Council submits the Annual Progress Report (2020-2021) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

PR139/21 Council's Corporate Performance Improvement Plan: 2021-22 and 2022-23

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report to consider Council's Corporate Performance Improvement Plan for period 2021-2022 to 2022-2023.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Chief Executive that he operate his Delegated Authority Resolve under Section 3.3 of the Scheme of

Delegation for Senior Officers to approve the Council's Corporate Performance Improvement Plan 2021–2022 to 2022-2023.

PR140/21 Member Services

No Issues.

Matters for Information

PR141/21 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 10 June 2021

Members noted Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 10 June 2021.

Live broadcast ended at 7.09 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy

Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Member consider items PR142/21 to PR156/21.

Matters for Decision

- PR142/21 Economic Development: Legal Agreements
- PR143/21 Financial Report for 12 Months Ended 31 March 2021
- PR144/21 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR145/21 Firewall Replacement
- PR146/21 Desertcreat Lands
- PR147/21 Cot Lane Footbridge – Repairs
- PR148/21 Property in Dungannon
- PR149/21 Civic Offices Refurbishment Works
- PR150/21 ICT Fees - Update

Matters for Information

- PR151/21 Confidential Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2021
- PR152/21 Staff Matters for Information
- PR153/21 Labour Market Partnership
- PR154/21 Managing Attendance
- PR155/21 Contracts and DAC

PR156/21 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.05 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.