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**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 25 May 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson, Chair

**Members Present:** Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan (7.03pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr Tohill, Chief Executive  
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance

The meeting commenced at 7pm

**C96/17 Apologies**

None

**C97/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

**C98/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson read the undernoted statement on behalf of both himself and the Ulster Unionist Party in relation to the terror attack on Manchester;

"I extend our condolences and our support to the families of the victims and to those injured in the Manchester terror attack. Especially to the family and friends of Tommy McCollum, a native of Cookstown who was caught up in the bomb. He was there to collect his daughter and suffered abdominal injuries which required surgery. I wish Tommy a speedy recovery.

It was truly shocking to learn of the attack that killed 22 people, including children, who had been out enjoying a concert. The attack on Monday evening was barbaric. Seeking out the softest of targets – children. Targeting those who had set out on Monday evening to simply enjoy a pop concert is breathtakingly wicked. It has been deeply moving to hear the accounts of the survivors and of those who rushed to help. Taxi drivers who helped those who needed to go to hospital or get home, residents who offered up their own homes to those concert goers left stranded. Even in their darkest hour, the humanity of the people of Manchester shone through.

The people of Northern Ireland know only too well the effect terrorism has on communities and on individuals. We stand in solidarity with the people of Manchester in these darkest of times and we support them in facing down those who seek to bring terror on the population. Those who seek to destroy our way of life need to know they will not succeed. We must always condemn and resist terrorism. We must not allow our people to be frightened or allow perpetrators to succeed in changing the way we live.

It is clear from the reaction of the people of Manchester that they are a people who will not be broken. I hope their strength will hold firm in the difficult days ahead. They have borne the brunt of terrorism before after an IRA bomb in 1996 caused devastation. I know they will show the same resilience in recovering from this attack.

I cannot imagine the pain those bereaved families are going through at this time. I can only hope they will be able to draw some comfort and support from the huge outpouring of public support.

These are truly dreadful times for the community of Manchester. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all through the difficult days ahead.”

*Councillor Mallaghan entered the meeting at 7.03pm*

## **Matters for Decision**

**C99/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017**

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 (P043/17 – P047/17 and P053/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered as accurate and adopted.

*Councillor Doris entered the meeting at 7.03pm*

**C100/17      Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017**

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to item C73/17 regarding St Anne’s Church Clock, Dungannon advising that there was great public interest following the news story last month that Council were investigating how it could assist. Councillor Cuthbertson recalled that the legacy Council had fixed the Church clock on a number of occasions and sought an update on progress.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Officers had researched and collated legacy minutes as far back as 1996 which made reference to the Church clock. He stated that at present Council was not in a position to make a recommendation and was currently considering the rationale on previous investment, how assistance could be provided being mindful of setting precedents that Council could stand over and legally varies to implement Councils decision. He acknowledged the Environment and Property department were endeavouring to progress the matter and it was hoped a report would be presented in the near future.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 27 April 2017(C71/17 – C84/17 and C95/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C101/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017**

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved**      That the  
  
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 (P054/17 – P062/17 and P069/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C102/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2017**

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2017 (PR081/17 –

PR092/17 and PR100/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C103/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017**

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 (E114/17 – E137/17 and E142/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C104/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved:**      That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2017 (D095/17– D0113/17 and D118/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C105/17      Conferences and Seminars**

Approval was sought for the undernoted conferences for the attendance of Members and Council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred. The Head of Democratic Services drew Members attention to the Somme Association Messines Battlefield Tour and advised that the invitation received from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland was for a single event as detailed but Members attending the Somme Association tour may wish to represent Council at the aforementioned event.

**(i)      Member Approvals**

- **Somme Association Messines Battlefield Tour 2017**
  - Tuesday 6 June to Friday 9 June 2017
- **Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland - Battle of Messines Ridge: Centenary Event**
  - Wednesday 7 June 2017, Messines
- **Greystones La Touche Legacy Seminar – Creating a New State**
  - Launch Monday 29 May 2017, conference Friday 29 September to Saturday 30 September 2017 Greystones Golf Club, Greystones

(ii) Officer Retrospective Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fees
Jaipur Literary Festival	20-21 May	1	London	yes

**Resolved:** That the attendance of Members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attending Members and officers.

**C106/17 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson referenced the previously circulated report and sought approval for civic recognition requests for those groups and individuals listed in line with council Receptions Policy.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised he had nominated Cookstown Hockey Club and Rainey Hockey Club as detailed in the report and sought approval for the Rainey Under 15s to be included if they won the forthcoming Ulster Cup, scheduled to be played in the coming weeks.

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

**Resolved** That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition including the Rainey Hockey Club Under 15s should they win the Ulster Cup scheduled to be played in the coming weeks.

*Councillor Mullen left the meeting at 7.10pm*

The Chief Executive tabled a letter received on 24 May 2017 from the Tyrone Committee of the Super Cup NI requesting that Council host the launch of the Tyrone Junior and Premier teams early in July. He advised that Derry and Strabane had hosted the launch last year and like the former Milk Cup this would rotate between Councils. Councillor Cuddy suggested that Officers explore hosting the event in Dungannon Swifts Football Club as it was the only Premier team in the District and the location had been used for a similar event by the legacy Council.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved** That Council host a Chair's reception for the launch of the Tyrone teams participating in the Super Cup NI tournament.

**C107/17      Invitation to attend Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on UK withdrawal from EU: Wednesday 7 June 2017**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson drew attention to the previously circulated report inviting Council representation at the Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on the UK withdrawal from EU scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

In response to Councillor McPeake's suggestion that the Chief Executive attend with one Member the Chief Executive advised that it was his intention to attend but the invitation would permit both himself and two Members. As per protocol it was suggested that the Chair and Deputy Chair attend and if they are unavailable subsequent committee Chairs be requested to attend. Councillor McPeake requested that the process to confirm attendees be embarked upon as soon as possible given that the invitation is for 7 June.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved**      That Council accept the Invitation to attend Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on the UK withdrawal from EU on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

*Councillor Mullen returned to the meeting at 7.14pm*

**Matters for Information**

**C108/17      Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

**Resolved:**      The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

*Councillor Clarke declared an interest in the 'Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme'*

**C109/17      Correspondence**

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

Councillor Clarke drew attention to the letter received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council seeking support for their motion on the 'Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme.' He stated that given the effect the removal of the scheme had on farms Council should bring same motion. The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised that a motion would have to be brought to Council next month and sought clarity on Councillor Clarke's request. Councillor McPeake suggested Council support the motion as requested to write to Party Political Leaders, Farming Unions (UFU, NIAPA), NILGA and the Secretary of State advising that the Council support the motion moved by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council to reinstate the scheme to at least 2016 levels.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That Council writes to Party Political Leaders, Farming Unions (UFU, NIAPA), NILGA and the Secretary of State advising that they support the motion to reinstate the ANC scheme to at least 2016 levels.

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved:** That items C110/17 – C114.1/17 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes taken as confidential business at Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 May 2017
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business at Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017
- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business at Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017
- (vi) Greenvale Leisure Centre Management Contract Review

*The press left the meeting at 7.17pm*

### **C95/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.50pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 1 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Wilson, Chair (Outgoing) Councillor Ashton Chair (Incoming)
<b>Members Present</b>	Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Mr Boomer, Planning Manager Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Tohill, Director of Finance Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer Mrs Hobson, Executive Officer to Chief Executive

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

### **AC1/17 Apologies**

Councillors Mullen, Robinson and T Quinn

### **AC2/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **AC3/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson reflected on his year in office, stating that he felt he had fulfilled his promise in that he had represented all of the people of the district. He spoke of how he had been inspired by the huge number of volunteers without whose help many organisations would not function emphasising that Council should be grateful to them all and emphasised the importance of grant aid in their endeavours.

Speaking of the highlights throughout the year he made mention of the official opening of the Seamus Heaney Homeplace and his delight in recently welcoming their Royal Highnesses, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall to it. The Chair reflected on the honour it had been to represent Council at many events especially the commemorations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Advising that he had hosted six civic receptions he stated he was taken aback at the talent

which exists within the district. He spoke of the many engagements' he had attended including awards ceremonies, opening of new pitches, public realm schemes in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt not forgetting the Magherafelt By Pass. The Chair stated the one event that 'stood out' was Kilronan Special School Christmas Concert that was truly brilliant!

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the year had had its downsides highlighting the removal of the Union Flag from Magherafelt and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Teebane atrocity for which no one had yet been charged.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked the Chief Executive, Directors and staff, especially Jennifer and Louise together with those in the Communications Department for their help and advice throughout his term. He thanked his employer Lafarge for granting time off, his UUP colleagues for their confidence in him as Chair, all his fellow councillors and closed with a special thanks to his wife Jennifer together with their family for their support during what had been a very busy year.

In conclusion, the Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked the Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer stating that her support had enabled them to accept many more invitations. He wished the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair success for the incoming year trusting that they too would work together for the good of all of the people of Mid Ulster.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer spoke of the privilege it had been to fulfil the role of Deputy Chair and thanked her party colleagues and Councillor T Quinn for affording her the opportunity. Councillor McAleer commended the Chair for both the professionalism and great humour he had brought to the role and his support throughout the year. She extended her thanks also to the Chief Executive and all the staff for their support and encouragement, her line manager at Marie Curie for her understanding and last but not least her husband, children and grandchildren for not only their support but enthusiasm as she fulfilled her duties.

Reflecting on the year the Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer spoke of the groups she had visited and how she had been overwhelmed and indeed humbled by their work in the community. She emphasised that Council was truly at the heart of Mid Ulster and mentioned highlights of her year including the formation of the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, the launch of the ten year Community Plan, her first engagement at Tullyhogue Fort commemorating the inauguration of Hugh O'Neill whose burial place she had then visited whilst in Rome. The Deputy Chair concluded by reiterating her thanks to the Chair and extended best wishes to the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair.

Councillor McGinley on behalf of Sinn Féin congratulated both the Chair and Deputy Chair on the professional way they had fulfilled the roles and emphasised that they should both be proud.

Councillor Kearney on behalf of the SDLP expressed his thanks to both the Chair and Deputy Chair and commended them for the interest and enthusiasm they had brought to the role.

Councillor McLean on behalf of the DUP concurred with previous remarks stating that they had both done the Council proud!

Councillor Monteith concurred with previous comments stating that when you hear people within the community stating they ‘aren’t too bad’ you know they are doing a great job.

Councillor Glasgow, on behalf of the UUP stated that Councillor Wilson had been a fair Chair to all, had attended many events and had well and truly put Mid Ulster on the map making special mention of the recent Royal visit. He expressed the sincere thanks of the party emphasising that they had appreciated his work. Councillor Glasgow conveyed thanks also to the Deputy Chair stating that together they had made a great team.

#### **AC4/17      Positions of responsibility for periods 2017/18 and 2018/19**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, referred members to the meeting pack that had been circulated containing a grid for Positions of Responsibility for the periods 2017/18 and 2018/19, filled using the d’Hondt method, previously completed between Parties and if no one had any objections called for a proposer and seconder for the adoption of the grid.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved**      That the selected positions of responsibility set out in the grid below be adopted

	<b>Year 1</b> <b>2015/2016</b>	<b>Year 2</b> <b>2016/2017</b>	<b>Year 3</b> <b>2017/2018</b>	<b>Year 4</b> <b>2018/2019</b>
<b>Council</b>				
Chair	SF	UUP	<b>DUP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	SDLP	<b>UUP</b>	DUP
<b>Audit Committee</b>				
Chair	UUP	SF	<b>SDLP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	UUP	<b>SF</b>	DUP
<b>Development Committee</b>				
Chair	DUP	SF	<b>UUP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	IND	SDLP	<b>SF</b>	DUP
<b>Environment Committee</b>				

Chair	SDLP	DUP	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	SF	SF	SDLP	SF
Planning Committee				
Chair	SDLP	SF	SF	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	DUP	DUP	UUP
Policy & Resources Committee				
Chair	SF	SF	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	DUP	UUP	DUP	SDLP
Housing Council for NI				
1 Representative	SF	SF	SF	SF
Partnership Panel for NI				
1 Representative (term of Council)	SDLP			
Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for NI				
1 Representative	UUP	DUP	UUP	DUP
Policing & Community Safety Partnership - Mid Ulster				
10 Representatives  (term of Council)	SF		DUP	
	SF		DUP	
	SF		UUP	
	SF		UUP	
	SF		SDLP	

#### **A5/17 Nominations to hold Positions throughout 2017-2018**

The Chair Councillor Wilson sought the nomination for the incoming Chair. Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Kim Ashton.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stood down and Councillor Ashton took the Chair.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton expressed her thanks to her group leader Councillor McLean and fellow councillors for their faith in her to fulfil the role of Chair. She commended both the outgoing Chair and Deputy Chair for their year's work and

thanked them for the reception prior to the meeting. The Chair, thanked the people of the District Electoral Area, her husband, family and her employer for both their faith in her and their support. Emphasising that she was not one for long speeches the Chair concluded stating that she would live up to the Council's strap line and be 'at the heart of the community' throughout her term promising that she would put her all into the role and would operate in a professional manner.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton sought a nomination for the position of Deputy Chair, Councillor Wilson nominated Councillor Glasgow.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Glasgow thanked his party colleagues for their support stating that it is a great honour and privilege to take the role and he looked forward to working with the Chair, Councillor Ashton and putting forward the values of the Council.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton invited parties to nominate Members to hold the remaining positions of responsibility for 2017-2018.

<b>Positions of Responsibility</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Council, Chair	DUP	Councillor Ashton
Council, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Glasgow
Audit Committee, Chair	SDLP	Councillor McFlynn
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor B McGuigan
Development, Chair	UUP	Councillor Wilson
Development, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Doris
Environment Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor McGinley
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor M Quinn
Planning Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Mallaghan
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Robinson
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Councillor Molloy
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Buchanan
Housing Council for NI	SF	Councillor Elattar
Partnership Panel for NI <b>(term of council)</b>	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn

Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	UUP	Councillor Reid
Policing & Community Safety Partnership	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
	SF	Cllr Seán McPeake
	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
	SF	Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan
	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
	SDLP	Cllr Denise Mullen

#### **A7/17          Appoint of Councillors to Committees**

<b>Audit Committee</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Membership 2017-2018</b>
1. Chair	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn
2. Deputy-Chair	SF	Cllr Brian McGuigan
3. Member	SF	Cllr Cathal Mallaghan
4. Member	SF	Cllr Ronan McGinley
5. Member	DUP	Cllr Kim Ashton
6. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
7. Member	UUP	Cllr Trevor Wilson
8. Member	IND	Cllr Barry Monteith

Councillor McGinley advised that Councillor Niamh Milne who would be co-opted to Council to represent Sinn Féin was present at the meeting. The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed her to the Council.

Development Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	UUP	Cllr Trevor Wilson
2. Deputy-Chair	SF	Cllr Niamh Doris
3. Member	SF	Cllr Dominic Molloy
4. Member	SF	Cllr Sean Clarke
5. Member	SF	Cllr Kate McEldowney
6. Member	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
7. Member	SF	Cllr John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Cllr Niamh Milne
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Anne Forde
11. Member	DUP	Cllr James Shiels
12. Member	UUP	Cllr George Shiels
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr Sharon McAleer
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn
16. Member	IND	Cllr Barry Monteith



Environment Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Ronan McGinley
2. Deputy-Chair	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn
3. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McGuigan
4. Member	SF	Cllr Brian McGuigan
5. Member	SF	Cllr Joe O'Neill
6. Member	SF	Cllr Mickey Gillespie
7. Member	SF	Cllr John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Cllr Darren Totten
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Wilbert Buchanan
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
12. Member	UUP	Cllr Robert Mulligan
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Mark Glasgow
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn

Planning Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan
2. Deputy-Chair	DUP	Cllr Wills Robinson
3. Member	SF	Cllr Gavin Bell
4. Member	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
5. Member	SF	Cllr Sean Clarke

6. Member	SF	Cllr Kate McElDowney
7. Member	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
8. Member	SF	Cllr Seán McPeake
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Cllr James Shiels
11. Member	UUP	Cllr Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr Sharon McAleer
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Denise Mullen
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney

<b>Policy and Resources Committee</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>2017-2018 Membership</b>
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Dominic Molloy
2. Deputy-Chair	DUP	Cllr Wilbert Buchanan
3. Member	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
4. Member	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
5. Member	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Cllr Niamh Milne
7. Member	SF	Cllr Darren Totten
8. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McGuigan
9. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McPeake
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Kim Ashton
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Anne Forde
12. Member	DUP	Cllr Paul McLean

13. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn

In response to Councillor McGinley's question, on the change in party representation following Councillor T Quinn's resignation from the SDLP to become an Independent and the possible effect on the d'hondt allocation of positions, the Chief Executive advised that d'hondt is applied for the term of Council based on local election results.

#### **A8/17 Chair of Mid Ulster Policing & Community Partnership**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton drew attention to previously circulated report and sought a nomination from the UUP for position of Chair of Mid Ulster Community Policing Partnership.

Councillor Wilson nominated Councillor Reid.

#### **A9/17 Nominations for representation on Outside Bodies**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton sought changes to the nominations in the report on Outside Bodies.

Councillor McGinley outlined the undernoted changes to Sinn Féin representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor J O'Neill would represent Sinn Féin on National Association of Councillors;
- Councillor Doris represent Sinn Féin on PEACE Partnership.

Councillor Kearney outlined the undernoted changes to SDLP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor McFlynn represent SDLP on National Association of Councillors.
- Councillor McAleer replace Councillor Mullen on Tullyvar Joint Committee
- Councillor McAleer represent SDLP on Tyrone & Sperrins Joint Working Group
- Councillor Mullen represent SDLP on PEACE Partnership

Councillor McLean outlined the undernoted change to DUP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Robinson replace Councillor Buchanan on NILGA;
- Councillor Buchanan replace Councillor Burton on Rural Development LAG

- Councillor Robinson replace Councillor Burton on Tullyvar Joint Committee

The Chair Councillor Wilson advised there was no change to UUP representation

**Resolved** That the undernoted table be agreed as councillor representation on outside bodies for year 2017/2018.

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2017 General Meeting
Agewell Partnership	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP 1UUP 1SDLP	Elattar Clarke Burton G Shiels McFlynn
Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Sub Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Mallaghan McNamee Buchanan Wilson M Quinn
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	To be agreed 4	Mulligan Burton McAleer Gildernew
Coalisland and District Development Association	By Party Agreement  2	Reid  Doris
Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	Dungannon & Torrent DEAs	Ashton, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Molloy, Monteith*, Mullen, Doris, Gillespie, McGinley, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas	2SF, 1DUP, 1UUP, 1SDLP	Molloy J O'Neill Burton Mulligan McAleer
Cookstown & District Town Twinning Committee	Cookstown DEA	Bell McNamee T Quinn Wilson Buchanan Mallaghan
Cookstown Town Centre Forum	Cookstown DEA	Bell Buchanan Glasgow Mallaghan

		McNamee T Quinn Wilson
Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport	By Party Agreement 3	Burton McNamee Reid
Drainage Council	SF	Public Appointments Process (PAC)
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	By Party Agreement 2	Doris Ashton
Dungannon Regeneration Partnership	Dungannon DEA	Ashton Cuddy Cuthbertson Molloy Monteith Mullen
Flavour of Tyrone	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Gildernew Gillespie Burton Reid McAleer
ICBAN	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin UUP	Mallaghan McPeake Gildernew Mulligan
Rural Development Local Action Group	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin UUP UUP SDLP SDLP DUP DUP	Clarke, Gildernew McEldowney S McGuigan McPeake, J O'Neill G Shiels, Wilson Kearney McAleer Buchanan Forde
Local Government Forum: Northern Commissioning Group, HSCB	SDLP SDLP UUP Sinn Féin	C McFlynn M Kearney G Shiels B McGuigan
Lough Neagh Partnership Board	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	K McEldowney R McGinley W Robinson D McKinney M Quinn
Magherafelt Town Centre Forum	Magherafelt DEA	Clarke McFlynn McLean

		G Shiels, Totten
MUDC Community Plan	DUP DUP Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin SDLP UUP UUP	Burton Forde Doris Gildernew Mallaghan, B McGuigan McPeake, Kearney G Shiels Reid
National Association of Councillors NI	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP UUP SDLP	Molloy Gildernew J O'Neill Clarke J Shiels Cuthbertson McKinney McFlynn
NI Amenity Council	By Party Agreement 3	Gillespie G Shiels J Shiels
NI Local Government Association	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP DUP UUP SDLP	McPeake S McGuigan Mallaghan Burton J Shiels Buchanan Glasgow Kearney
NILGA Member Networks: • Community Planning • Planning	Community Planning (x1) Planning (x 1)	Glasgow Clarke
PEACE Partnership	DUP DUP Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin SDLP UUP UUP	Ashton McLean Bateson Doris McGinley McNamee McPeake Mullen McKinney Wilson
Pulse Contract Liaison Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	McEldowney Bateson McLean McKinney Kearney
The Honourable The Irish Society: Advisory Committee	By Party Agreement 2	G Shiels B McGuigan A Tohill (Officer)
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	Sinn Féin	McNamee

	Sinn Féin DU, UUP SDLP	J O'Neill J Shiels Glasgow McFlynn
Somme Association (Somme Advisory Council)	By Party Agreement 2	Mulligan J Shiels
South Tyrone Hospital Community Forum	By Party Agreement 2	Cuthbertson Molloy
Southern Child Care Partnership Trust Early Years Forum	By Party Agreement 2	Reid Molloy
Tullyvar Joint Committee	2SF, 1DUP, 1UUP, 1SDLP (from <i>Environment Committee</i> )	McGinley S McGuigan Robinson Mulligan McAleer
Tyrone & Sperrins Destination Joint Working Group	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Clarke Doris J Shiels McKinney McAleer
William Carleton Summer School	By Party Agreement  2	Mulligan S McGuigan
Workspace Draperstown	By Party Agreement	B McGuigan

## **A10/17 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2017/18**

The 2017/18 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings was noted.

## **A11/17 Representation on Working Groups**

The Chair Councillor Ashton drew attention to representation on working groups. Councillor Monteith stated that working groups were supposed to be 'task and finish' yet a number were now in operation for a few years and if this was the case their membership should be determined by d'hondt.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that reflecting on them some were short term whilst others had lasted longer but it was a matter for the Council to decide whether they should become sub committees of the main committee at which time d'hondt would be applied.

Councillor Monteith stated he had no difficulty with working groups but suggested that the parent committee review their status and if it was more than two years it would constitute a sub-committee.

Councillor McLean suggested placing the matter on a future agenda.

**Resolved** That the status of working groups be reviewed and the undernoted representation be approved in the interim.

<b>Working Groups</b>		
<b>Bonfire Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	No representative Cllr J O'Neill Cllr B McGuigan Cllr C McFlynn Cllr Walter Cuddy
<b>Tourism Development Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor F Burton Councillor Clarke Councillor Doris Councillor Kearney Councillor Cuddy
<b>Good Relations</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor McLean Councillor Bateson Councillor McGinley Councillor McNamee Councillor McPeake Councillor Doris Councillor Mullen Councillor McKinney Councillor Wilson
<b>Irish Language Implementation/ Ethnic Minority Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor McLean Councillor Bateson Councillor McGinley Councillor McNamee Councillor McPeake Councillor S McGuigan Councillor Kearney Councillor McKinney Councillor Wilson
<b>Wind Turbine Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Robinson Councillor Bell Councillor Clarke Councillor Kearney Councillor Glasgow
<b>Elected Member Development Charter</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor Doris



	<b>SF SDLP UUP</b>	Councillor Gildernew Councillor M Quinn Councillor McKinney
<b>Mid Ulster Skills Forum</b>	<b>DUP SF SF SDLP UUP</b>	Councillor Burton Councillor Molloy Councillor Elattar Councillor McAleer Councillor G Shiels
<b>Planning Forums</b>		
• <b>Lough Neagh</b>	<b>SDLP SF</b>	Councillor Kearney Councillor McPeake
• <b>The Sperrins</b>	<b>SF SF</b>	Councillor Clarke Councillor Mallaghan
• <b>Cross Border</b>	<b>SF SF SF SDLP</b>	Councillor Bateson Councillor Gildernew Councillor McPeake Councillor McAleer

#### **AC12/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.25pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow (8.48pm), Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McEvoy, Head of Development Plan & Enforcement  
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms Mullen, Council Solicitor  
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

**Applicant Speakers**

LA09/2017/0496/O	Mr Cassidy
LA09/2017/0354/O	Ms Curtin
I/2014/0074/F	Mr Ryan
	Ms Fowley
	Mr Ross
I/2014/0246/F	Mr Ryan
	Ms Fowley
	Mr Ross
LA09/2016/1279/F	Mr Ross
Consultation response to LA09/2016/0232/F	Ms Stevens

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm

**P070/17 Apologies**

None.

**P071/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

## **P072/17      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan expressed his thanks to Councillor Clarke, the outgoing Chair, stating that matters were dealt with as smoothly as possible and that he would hope to continue in this vein for the coming year.

The Planning Manager advised on the following applications which were on agenda for determination –

### **LA09/2015/0523/F    Retrospective application for retention of car park and pedestrian access via underground road tunnel in association with the Jungle NI, approx. 80m SE of 60 Desertmartin Road, Moneymore for Mr Robert Carmichael**

The Planning Manager suggested that having considered the latest submission in relation to this application the best way forward would be to arrange a site meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved**      That planning application LA09/2015/0523/F be deferred for a site meeting.

### **LA09/2016/1684/O    Expansion of existing care home facility to provide 4 individual care units and a new dwelling and garage in connection with the existing business at lands immediately SW of 19 Rocktown Lane, Knockloughrim for Mr C Maynes**

The Planning Manager suggested that an office meeting be held for this application.

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in this application advising that he had intended to speak but was content for an office meeting to be arranged.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved**      That planning application LA09/2016/1684/O be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager referred to paper circulated around table in relation to consultations received for Council response and how these should be dealt with. The Planning Manager advised that consultations will be a standing item on the agenda going forward.

Consultations received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council –

LA10/2016/1054/F

Location:              From 175m North west of 110 Ballagh Road Fivemiletown BT75  
OLE travelling in a southerly direction towards the townland of

Doogary and then veering south east towards 149 Teiges Hill Road Brookborough BT94 4ES passing through the townlands of Kiltermon, Killybane, Cleen, Agheeghter, Aghavoory, Foglish, Derrynavogy, Tattenahaghish, Tullykenneye, Derryintony, Doogary, Corlacky, Grogey, Curraghfad and Eshnasilloge More.

Proposal: 33kv overhead line comprising of 12.3 km of 3x200mm AAAC overhead line on wood poles. (Alterations/amendments to route/location of line).

LA10/2017/0538/F

Location: From 165m East of 196 Omagh Road Garvaghy travelling in a south west direction towards Rarogan Road Garvaghy. Passing through the townlands of Garvaghy and Rarogan.

Proposal: 33kv overhead power line on wooden poles with 3x200mm AAC conductor and opoc fibre

The Planning Manager suggested that these two consultations be left for officers response stating that there were no issues with these applications.

Consultation received from Department of Environment –

LA09/2015/0292/F

Location: Land approximately 12km to the west of Draperstown Co Derry/Londonderry, 2 km to the north of Broughderg, adjacent to the B47.

Proposal: Erection of 33 wind turbines (comprising 10 turbines with a maximum tip height of 136m and 23 turbines with a maximum tip height of 149m), associated transformers and switchgear at the base of each wind turbine, hardstanding areas for erection cranes at each turbine, internal access tracks and site access, operations building and wind farm substation compound and building, on site electrical cables, a parking area, two temporary construction compounds, five permanent meteorological masts and all ancillary works including borrow pits, peat storage, spoil deposition, forestry removal and minor works to the public highway between site and Magherafelt to facilitate turbine delivery. (Amended proposal).

The Planning Manager advised that Council had already made representation in relation to this application and that refusal was recommended, however, as revisions had now been made to the application it was advised that a report would be brought to a future committee meeting on this item.

Members were in agreement with the suggested administering of the above consultations.

The Planning Manager referred to the upcoming RTPI awards taking place in London in which it had been agreed at Council that the Chair and Vice Chair of Council would attend along with the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Planning Manager.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **P073/17      Planning Applications for Determination**

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination, he advised of a change to the order of the agenda as requested by the agent for the application. The Chair stated that as there were circumstances for the requested change it would be accommodated on this occasion but advised agents that this would not be tolerated as a normal practice going forward.

#### **LA09/2017/0496/O Dwelling and domestic garage/store at approximately 40m SE of 49 Mullaghboy Road, Bellaghy for Gavin Breslin**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0496/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that this application was submitted under Policy CTY2a (cluster) and meets all criteria of that policy.

Mr Cassidy referred to the officer's report which stated that the application is not associated with a local focal point and stated that there is an equestrian centre located opposite the application site thereby fulfilling this requirement. The case officer's report also stated that the proposal was not bounded on at least two sides and Mr Cassidy referred to aerial photography which showed development on north and west of site.

Councillor Clarke asked if cluster had to be on one side of road.

The Planning Manager advised that policy states there should be a suitable degree of enclosure and bounding on at least two sides with other development in the cluster. The Planning Manager felt that the proposed site was not that enclosed with a ribbon on one side of the road and an emerging ribbon on the other side but that this application could be developed based on rounding off. The Planning Manager questioned whether the application would make any obvious change to the neighbouring area stating that this would be a matter for Member's judgement.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved**      That planning application LA09/2017/0496/O be approved based on rounding off of current straight line of development. Conditions to be

attached in relation to access, planting and landscaping with a ridge height of 6m to be imposed.

**I/2014/0393/F      3 Pairs of semi-detached dwellings and 2 detached dwellings at 11 Killeenan Road, Cookstown for JDC Joinery**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved**      That planning application I/2014/0393/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/0523/F      Retrospective application for retention of car park and pedestrian access via underground road tunnel in association with the Jungle NI, approximately 80m SE of 60 Desertmartin Road, Moneymore for Mr Robert Carmichael**

Site meeting to be arranged in respect of this application as agreed earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2015/1075/O      Dwelling and garage 76m NE of 27 Tobermore Road, Draperstown for Teresa McNally**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1075/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved**      That planning application LA09/2015/1075/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/1215/F      24 dwellings at lands N of 21 Magherafelt Road and N of 15 and 40 Fairlee Heights, Moneymore for A N Property**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved**      That planning application LA09/2015/1215/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0652/O      Apartment block at 10-12 Park Road, Dungannon for Bullock Bros.**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that whilst he was not opposed to the application he did have some concerns in relation to the impact of development in a town centre and asked if this had been fully considered.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that the Area Plan for Dungannon allows for development in town centres provided it is in compliance with PPS7. Mr Marrion advised that this application had been fully considered against PPS7.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that his main concern in relation to this application was with parking provision and advised that parking is limited on Park Road.

Mr Marrion advised that it was indicated in the proposal that internal parking would be provided however this was an outline application and further detail would be made in reserved matters application.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/0652/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1065/F 5 no.2 storey dwellings, extension of Castle Place Road and realignment of existing car parking at lands to the S of no's 9 and 14/16 Castle Place, Castlecaulfield for Choice Housing**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1065/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1259/F Variation of conditions 3 & 4 of planning approval I/2000/0565/F adjacent to 46 Cookstown Road, Moneymore for Railway Hill Adventures Ltd**

The Chair referred to late request to speak against the application and felt that there had been adequate time to make this request. The Chair advised that the objectors concerns had been considered within the officer's report.

The Planning Manager advised that as there is a planning protocol in place it was difficult to make an exception.

Councillor Kearney advised he had received a phonecall in relation to this application and requested a deferral in order to provide an independent noise report, further to this, the objector also requested noise report compiled by Environmental Health department.



The Planning Manager advised that Environmental Health had verified that the modern type of karts proposed to be used emit less noise and that conditions have been attached in relation to the type and number of karts that can be used at one time. The Planning Manager advised that this application had been in the planning process for a long time and that a decision should now be made by Members.

In response to the Planning Manager's question Councillor Kearney advised that the independent noise report was not yet ready.

Councillor J Shiels felt that every point of concern had been dealt with in the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

To approve planning application LA09/2016/1259/F.

In response to Councillor Reid's question in relation to noise reports the Planning Manager advised that the Planning department had consulted with Environmental Health in relation to noise in respect of this application and that their advice had been taken on board in making a recommendation to approve with conditions.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1259/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and additional condition listed in addendum to report as circulated –  
"Within 60 days from the date of this permission a 2 metre high sound barrier fence shall be erected at the locations identified on drawing number ..... date stamped.... and shall be permanently retained thereafter. Full details of this fence shall be submitted to Mid Ulster District Council and agreed in writing before the fence is erected."

**LA09/2016/1326/F 2 apartments at 84 Orritor Road, Cookstown for Bell Contracts**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1326/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1346/F Replacement of dwelling with building for 5 self contained apartments at 1 Westland Road South, Cookstown for Westland Property Enterprises Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1346/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1609/F Amended design to approval M/2015/0166/F, including additional ground floor area for and off licence within the hop, a second storey over part of the scheme to provide staff facilities and offices and additional control booth for fuel pumps at Centra, 18-20 Augher Road, Clogher for McDade Retail Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1609/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1684/O Expansion of existing care home facility to provide 4 individual care units and a new dwelling and garage in connection with the existing business at lands immediately SW of 19 Rocktown Lane, Knockloughrim for Mr C Maynes**

Office meeting to be arranged in respect of this application as agreed earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2016/1747/O Dwelling on a farm adjacent to 37 Gorestown Road, Dungannon for Mr Samuel Wylie**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1747/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1789/O Dwelling adjacent to 69 Coole Road, Aughamullen, Coalisland for Patricia Dorman**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1789/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor McAleer proposed that the application to be deferred to allow further information to be submitted in relation to special circumstances for proposal.

Councillor Bell asked if there could be focal point (crossroads) attributed to this application.

The Planning Manager advised that the application did not meet clustering as there was not development on both sides of the proposed site. In respect of infill, it would be possible to get three plots from this site. The Planning Manager referred to the need to protect the countryside and that this development would erode rural character.

Councillor Kearney seconded Councillor McAleer's proposal to defer the application for an office meeting.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1789/O be deferred for an office meeting

**LA09/2017/0050/F Restoration and extension to B listed Church and reinstatement of original access at St Patrick's Church, 98 Loup Road, Moneymore for Rev Fr M McArdle**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

The Planning Manager advised that as this was a listed building application Council had to notify the Department of its intention to approve and that the application could not be approved outright tonight.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That Department be notified of intention to approve planning application LA09/2017/0050/F subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0086/F Extension to machine hire and repair business for to provide yard for storage of agricultural machinery, opposite 17 Moveagh Road, Cookstown for McCord Machinery**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0086/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Reid proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting as further information could be submitted in relation to second reason for refusal as per officer's report.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Reid's proposal.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0086/F be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2017/0229/F 3 town houses adjacent to 37 Coolmount Drive, Cookstown for Mr Malcolm Thom**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0229/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bateson proposed the refusal of the application.

Councillor McKinney asked if the proposal could be amended to two houses instead of three.

The Planning Manager advised that officers have to make assessment on what had been applied for.

Councillor Bateson stated that applicants/agents have adequate time to make their case and should make an effort to attend planning meetings.

Councillor McEldowney seconded Councillor Bateson's proposal to refuse the application.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0229/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0315/O Dwelling and garage at 38m E of 90 Moneysharvin Road, Maghera for Mr and Mrs Scullion**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0315/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0315/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0328/F Refurbishment, alteration to and extension of, (to include drive thru booths) at The Oaks Centre, Oaks Road, Dungannon for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0328/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0354/O Infill site for 2 dwellings and garages between 15 and 17 Quilly Road, Moneymore for Mr E and C McGuckin**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0354/O advising that it was recommended for refusal. Ms Doyle advised that whilst the wrong site had been identified on the case officer report, the correct site had been assessed by the case officer.

Councillor McPeake proposed that the application to be deferred as the wrong site had been identified on the report.

The Planning Manager advised that the assessment of the site had been correct.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the refusal of the application.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Ms Curtin to address the committee.

Ms Curtin stated she was of the opinion that an office meeting should be accommodated in respect of this application because the wrong site had been identified in the report.

Ms Curtin advised that the proposed site comprises of the entire gap between 15 and 17 Quilly Road which includes an established mobile home and associated laneway. Ms Curtin advised that neighbouring plot sizes vary considerably and that the proposal respects the existing development pattern and would integrate into the surrounding landscape.

In response to the Planning Manager's question, Ms Curtin advised that the mobile home referred to was established as detailed in case officer's report.

The Chair felt that as there were concerns in relation to the wrong site being identified it may be best to defer this application in order for the committee to be transparent.

In response to Councillor J Shiels question, Ms Doyle advised that the correct site had been assessed and that it was only the officers report in which the wrong site had been identified.

Councillor J Shiels seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application.

Councillor McAleer seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal to defer the application for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager advised he was content to further explore the context of the application.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application –

For – 2

Against – 11

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0354/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2017/0367/O Dwelling at 51 Drum Road Cookstown for Mr and Mrs Glackin**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0367/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Clarke proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting as there were medical grounds associated to the application.

The Planning Manager advised that if there were medical grounds other options could be explored at an office meeting.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor Clarke's proposal to defer the application.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0367/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**I/2013/0194/F 4 semi-detached dwelling, 1 detached dwelling and widening of archway to the rear of 65-69 Oldtown Street, Cookstown for Malcolm Thom**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved** That planning application I/2013/0194/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**I/2014/0074/F Alteration of existing access and laneway to the rear of 51 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown for Reid Engineering Ltd**

**I/2014/0246/F Retention of engineering workshop to include store and ancillary accommodation and storage yard at 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown for Reid Engineering Ltd**

*Councillor Reid declared an interest in these applications and withdrew to the public gallery.*

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning applications I/2014/0074/F and I/2014/0246/F advising that they were recommended for approval.

Members were advised of further response from Environmental Health as circulated at meeting and reminded that the applications had been given an adequate hearing at April Planning Committee. Members were advised to make their decision based on planning issues only.

The Planning Manager stated he would like to hear from the solicitor representing the objectors as to the legal arguments why the applications are unsound.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Ryan to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr Ryan stated that, if approved, these applications would have a negative impact on rural character and amenity of local residents. It was stated that the business had now outgrown its current site, that the decision made on the 2010 application was finely balanced and proposals now were excessive. Mr Ryan advised that the applications were contrary to PED3 and PED9 of PPS4 and referred to planning appeal decisions taken in respect of other applications. Members were asked to consider the inescapable impacts of the applications and the concerns of local residents.

Ms Fowley stated that objectors felt let down by the planning system and was failing the people it was designed to protect. Ms Fowley stated that the business had disregarded its 2010 approval and if these applications were also approved it would be seen that there is no deterrent to such action. Ms Fowley referred to discussion at April meeting in that if the applications were refused the business would close, Ms Fowley contended that the business would not close and could still build to proposal approved in 2010. Ms Fowley stated that the applications were contrary to planning policy and that local residents would be at a detriment if approved. Ms Fowley urged Members to refuse the applications.

The Planning Manager advised Members to consider the information before them and form their own view. He advised that the Committee were not held to approve this application because of the previous approval, however, they did need to take into consideration the history on the site before reaching a decision. The Planning Manager explained that these applications could be considered as minor and that Heffron Judicial Review referred to was for a much bigger extension.

Mr Ross stated he respected the comments of objectors but felt it was the job of the solicitor to frustrate the process, not offer solutions. Mr Ross advised that consultees had been consulted over and over again in respect of these applications and felt it was unfair for comparisons to be made in how other applications were dealt with. Mr Ross highlighted that these applications were brought as approvals in April and were coming back with the same recommendation tonight. Mr Ross stated he appreciated the work that had been undertaken in respect of the applications by the applicant, planning officers and consultees and felt the right decision was being taken. Mr Ross stated that the business was a continuing success which provides employment and asked objectors to engage in the process.

Councillor McKinney asked if there was any breach of PED3 and PED9 of PPS4.

The Planning Manager advised that actions had been taken to improve the design of the application. He also advised the Committee that an Enforcement Notice had been served and therefore if the application was refused and the shed was not taken down legal action would need to be taken against the applicant for non-compliance. The Planning Manager referred to the masterplan application which will be considered in due course on its own merits and stated that Members had all information related to the applications and encouraged them to make a determination.

Councillor Kearney proposed that both applications should be refused, that it was right to undertake a site visit regarding these applications which helped to confirm the objectors view – that the rural area had been harmed and that of neighbouring residents. Councillor Kearney felt that not enough action had been taken by the applicant and that previous Ministerial/PAC decisions should carry weight.

The Planning Manager asked Councillor Kearney if he was making a representation in relation to these applications and should declare an interest.

Councillor Kearney stated he was not making a representation but was expressing his opinion.

Councillor Robinson stated that he had attended the site meeting and proposed that both applications be approved as recommended.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Robinson's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that as this was a finely balanced case he would be content and was willing to defend whatever decision the committee made.

Councillor Mullen seconded Councillor Kearney's proposal to refuse both applications.

Members voted on Councillor Robinson's proposal to approve planning applications I/2014/0074/F and I/2014/0246/F –

For – 10  
Against - 3

**Resolved** That planning applications I/2014/0074/F and I/2014/0246/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

*Councillor Reid rejoined the meeting.*

**LA09/2016/0158/O Infill site for dwelling and garage, 40m W of 15a Tullyheran Road, Maghera for Ms Megan McGarvey**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/0158/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0783/F Retrospective application for car parking area, with existing entrance and new access onto Lissan Road, at lands at rear of 2-12 Moneymore Road, Cookstown for LCC Group Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.



Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/0783/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1034/F Change of house type from previously approved 2 storey dwelling and garage to 2 no. semi-detached units within same curtilage at 75 Killyliss Road, Dungannon for Mr Gary McCann**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1034/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1034/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1195/F Extension to Church building to provide church hall, toilet facilities, chair store and additional Sunday School rooms at Cookstown Independent Methodist Church, Morgans Hill Road, Cookstown for Rev Malcolm Patterson**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1195/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1279/F 2 no. semi-detached dwellings at 89 Moneysallin Road, Kilrea for Mr David Gordon**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1279/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Ross to address the committee.

Mr Ross stated he would welcome feedback as to why it was felt the application was not acceptable under policy CTY4, that there was a building there which the proposal would not change the look or character of.

The Planning Manager stated that this application was similar to an application which was refused earlier in the meeting.

Councillor McPeake referred to the similarity with other application but felt that as there was only a footprint for one house in this case then this application could be considered differently. Councillor McPeake stated he was loathed to see the application being refused as the building was already there, in relation to housing need, the Councillor advised that the proposal was located closed to Gulladuff and Clady and that there would be housing demand in those areas.

The Planning Manager stated that there was no suggestion that the current building be knocked down however there appeared to be an intention to maximise rental potential and these instances were not happening by accident. The Planning Manager indicated that a test on interpretation of policy was required by Planning Appeals in order to assist Council in making future similar decisions. The Planning Manager advised that the house could be used for living in as is as long as it was not an HMO.

Councillor McKinney asked if HMO was a planning issue.

The Planning Manager advised that traditionally houses could have up to six people paying rent however current planning law was not specific and was based on relationships. The Planning Manager advised that HMO was a big issue in Mid Ulster.

Councillor Bateson asked what precedent would be set in determining this application.

The Planning Manager advised that the manner in which the house was designed indicated that there was an intention to develop additional units. The Planning Manager stated that this application should go to appeal and that that decision would help to set precedent for the future.

*Councillor Glasgow entered the meeting at 8.48 pm.*

Councillor Bateson asked what the implications were of approving the application.

The Planning Manager stated that if this application were to be approved he felt there would be a lot more of this type of application in the future.

Councillor Kearney felt that Councillor McPeake had made a good case and that there would be housing need in the nearby area.

The Planning Manager advised that figures on housing need were received from Housing Executive and that this was indicated to be zero within the application area. The Planning Manager went on to explain policies CTY1 and CTY4.

Councillor Bateson felt that some clarification was required on how to determine this type of application.

The Council Solicitor urged the committee to be cautious and consider the implications of overturning the recommendation of the planning officer.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1279/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0053/O Dwelling and garage 150m SW of 283 Pomeroy Road, Lurganeden, Dungannon for Mr Colin Moore**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0053/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**P074/17 Response to Consultation from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on application LA10/2017/0365/F – sand and gravel extraction at Shantavny Road, Omagh**

Members considered previously circulated report in relation to Council's response to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's consultation on planning application LA10/2017/0365/F.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved** That Council issue response to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council stating that –  
“Mid Ulster District Council have no concerns in relation to the long term visual impacts of this development provided a robust and properly detailed restoration plan is agreed and conditioned for implementation within 2 years of the development commencing.”

**P075/17 Response to consultation from Department for Infrastructure on application LA09/2016/0232/F – Corlackey Wind Farm**

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report in relation to Council's response to Department for Infrastructure's consultation on planning application LA09/2016/0232/F.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the consultation had been received and invited Ms Stevens to address the committee.

Ms Stevens advised that the proposal is compliant with PPS6 and will have limited visibility within the Sperrin AONB. It was felt that the relationship with nearby Brockaghboy wind farm would help to cluster the development. Ms Stevens stated that monuments in the area would not be to any detriment through development of this wind farm. Members were advised of a significant community package

associated with the proposal and the rateable income over the lifetime of the project. Ms Stevens sought the support of the Committee for the proposal.

Councillor McEldowney stated that Brockaghboy Wind Farm was more visual than what Corlackey Wind Farm will be, she advised that the community were in support of the application and would benefit from reduced electricity costs.

The Planning Manager urged caution in relation to proposed community package associated to the application and that to approve an application on this basis would be *ultra vires*. The Planning Manager stated he would have some concern in stating that the Council were in support of the application.

Councillor McPeake advised he had attended site meeting for this application and felt there would be no significant additional impact to what already was there. The Councillor also felt there would be no negative impact on nearby monuments and stated he could not support the wording of the proposed response as circulated. Councillor McPeake felt that the fact there were no local objections to the application spoke for itself and that benefits to the local community should not be lost sight of.

Councillor McKinney asked if it was within the remit of the Committee to make a determination on the application.

The Planning Manager advised that determination of this application rests with the Department but that Council can submit a response to the consultation with an opinion in favour, against or neutral.

In response to Councillor McPeake's question, the Planning Manager advised that if Council wish to submit an opinion in favour of the application then further detail as to why it should be approved would have to be included based on planning grounds. If the opinion of Council is that the application should be refused then the reasons as circulated in report could be submitted. The Planning Manager stated that Council could also offer a neutral opinion to the application.

Councillor McAleer proposed that Council submit a neutral response to the consultation to LA09/2016/0232/F.

Councillor Bateson stated that wind farm proposals usually create hostility which is not the case for this application and felt that this should be highlighted in the response.

The Planning Manager stated that by submitting a neutral response then Council would not be raising any objections.

The Planning Manager suggested wording for response stating that Council notes the application and that no objections have been raised against it. The Council is also raising no objection to the application and therefore leaves the determination of the application to the Minister.

Councillor Kearney seconded Councillor McAleer's proposal to submit a neutral response.

Councillor McPeake asked if a comment supporting the application in principle could be included.

The Planning Manager stated that to support the application in principle Council would have to set out its reasons why and could be held to account in the future. The Planning Manager stated that a neutral response would indicate that Council had no objection to the application.

Councillor McKinney asked if comment in relation to community benefit could also be included within response.

The Planning Manager suggested wording stating that if the Department is minded to approve the application then associated community benefit package should be delivered upon.

The Chair suggested that wording for response be brought to June Council meeting for consideration.

Members were in agreement that wording for a neutral consultation response being made to application come back to June Council meeting.

**Resolved** That wording for neutral consultation response in relation to LA09/2016/0232/F – Corlackey Wind Farm be brought to June Council meeting for consideration.

*Meeting recessed at 9.23 pm and recommenced at 9.43 pm.  
Councillors Gildernew and Mullen did not return to the meeting.*

#### **P076/17      Planning Performance Indicators**

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which sought approval on the Planning Performance Management Framework for NI.

The Planning Manager suggested that the Council response should also be sent to NILGA.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That Council submit response to Department for Infrastructure as per paper previously circulated regarding Planning Performance Indicators. Council response to also be sent to NILGA.

## **Matters for Information**

### **P077/17 Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 May 2017**

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

### **P078/17 Verbal update on Local Development Plan**

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement advised that work was progressing on Local Development Plan and sought approval to hold a special Planning Committee meeting on 15 August 2017 to present report on consultations received related to Local Development Plan.

Councillor Bell proposed that special committee meeting be held on 15 August.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the content of this proposed meeting could be incorporated into the normal monthly committee meeting in August as there was not usually as full an agenda over the summer months.

The Planning Manager stated that depending on the schedule of applications to be brought to the August meeting it may be possible to include the consultation report on the agenda for the normal monthly planning committee, however, as adequate time and consideration would need to be given to the consultation report a decision would be taken nearer the time.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That consultation report for Local Development Plan be brought, if possible, to normal monthly Planning Committee to be held on 1 August.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson 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 Members consider items P079/17 to P085/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

P079/17 Receive report on Listed Building  
P080/17 Receive Enforcement Cases

### **Matters for Information**

P081/17 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 May 2017

P082/17	Verbal update on unauthorised peat extraction
P083/17	Enforcement Live Caseload
P084/17	Enforcement Cases Opened
P085/17	Enforcement Cases Closed

**P086/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 10.08 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 7 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.01 pm), Cuddy (7.02 pm), Elattar (7.01 pm), Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan (7.01 pm), McKinney, McLean, McPeake (7.01 pm), M Quinn and Totten (7.01 pm)

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Services  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Ms Kerr, Head of Finance  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Molloy, the Vice Chair, Councillor Buchanan took the seat.

**PR101/17 Apologies**

Councillors Milne and Molloy.

**PR102/17 Declaration of Interest**

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

**PR103/17 Chair's Business**

None.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR104/17 Unbudgeted Funding Request**

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise Members on correspondence received from Lough Neagh Rescue and to agree a suitable way forward.

Councillor McKinney enquired if all the neighbouring Councils were donating the same amount of funding.

The Director of Finance advised that he couldn't comment as he didn't know the answer, but that the intended funding would be to provide a shortfall for this financial year.

Councillor M Quinn advised that he had been approached by representatives of Lough Neagh Rescue regarding potential funding and stated that Mid Ulster Council was the only Council not providing any support to this invaluable service, which was operated on a voluntary basis. He said that the organisation had not received any funding since the amalgamation and felt that as this Council had the largest share that a commitment of £6k funding should be allocated.

Councillor McLean agreed that the organisation provided an invaluable service, but that in the legacy Magherafelt Council there was a question asked regarding the funding amount relative to the areas covered. He felt that going forward that an accurate amount of funding should be negotiated and scrutinised, but would like to see how the group are getting the opportunity for other funding opportunities. He said that he would be happy to agree to the £6k proposed but that there was a need to be careful due to Service Level Agreements.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed to allocate the £6k funding to Lough Neagh Rescue.

Councillor Cuddy advised that the organisation provided a vital service to the whole of the Lough Neagh area, but felt that there was a need to be cautious as other organisations submit invoices before funding was allocated. He said there needs to be a system put in place going forward to protect the Council from such eventualities in the future.

The Director of Finance advised that it the decision of Members on the best way to proceed, but if other Councils were making a contribution, then this Council must be seen to be considering the same. He said that in the future that he had no problem sitting down with Officers and representatives from Lough Neagh Rescue to discuss a way forward.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- a) Council providing funding of £6k for 17/18 from its 16/17 surplus
- b) Council working with LNR and the other Lough Neagh Councils to develop an SLA outlining future service level requirements and associated funding.

## **PR105/17 Conflicts of Interest Policy**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to receive and consider for approval a Conflicts of Interest Policy on the management of actual, perceived and potential conflicts of interest.

Councillor McPeake agreed that conflicts of interest should be encouraged but this can be sometimes overdone. He said Members sometimes can be approached by Officers encouraging them to declare an interest in certain issues and this can put Members in a very difficult position ie. if a situation arises where Welfare Reform is raised, does this mean a Member can't bring it to Council if someone in their family was in receipt of welfare benefit. He felt that this area was a minefield and as Members were elected to lobby such issues and leaves us in a very difficult position. He felt that this was all new to Members and that Local Government can sometimes be too stringent. He advised that although this was all generalised, such issues could be problematic in the future.

Councillor Cuddy said that Members want to make good sound decisions and this could result in them being reluctant to do so.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan said that it would be the case of Members using their common sense.

The Head of Democratic Services said that there was nothing new in the Policy only issues within the Code of Conduct and arrangements, which were put in place.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about screening and asked about the accuracy of numbers relating to minority languages within Mid Ulster and how they were identified.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that the numbers were from NISRA website, but would check to validate their accuracy.

#### **PR106/17     Annual Progress Report on Equality & Good Relations Statutory Duties**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask Members to consider Mid Ulster District Council's Annual Progress Report for the period 2016-17 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations duties as detailed within Section 75 (1) and 75 (2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Annual Progress Report (2016-17) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties.

#### **PR107/17     Draft Equality Action Plan & Revised Disability Action Plan**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek member's approval for Council's reviewed Disability Action Plan and draft Equality

Action Plan to be issued for public consultation. If approval is granted the plans will be opened for public consultation on 23 June 2017 for a 12 week period.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve that draft Equality Action Plan and reviewed Disability Action Plan for public consultation for commencement on Friday 23 June 2017.

#### **PR108/17 Performance Improvement Objectives 2017-18 & 2018-19**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- a) Update the committee on the findings and outcome of the consultation undertaken on the Council's proposed performance objectives 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- b) Consider for approval Performance Improvement Objectives for the period 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Councillor Cuddy enquired how many responses were received and felt that a larger catchment area should have been sourced.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that 41 responses were received over the 10 week period, with five internal responses. He stated that whilst it should not be used as benchmark, neighbouring Councils had indicated that they had received no responses.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the objectives for 2017-2018 and 2018-19 period as:

- a) To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district
- b) To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill
- c) To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online
- d) To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing the usage of Council recreational facilities

#### **PR109/17 Implementation of Rural Needs Act 2016 and Impact Assessments**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of statutory requirements resulting from the introduction of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

Councillor Cuddy enquired what this meant and if there was a need to look at the spend to see if residents have access to it i.e. Moy village beside Armagh City.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that the undertaking of rural assessments should have no additional cost on Council, other than Officer time.

*The Chief Executive entered the meeting at 7.32 pm.*

Councillor McPeake enquired as to how the rural definition compared with that used by Mid Ulster Rural Development Local Action Group.

Councillor McLean advised that he would be happy to propose to agree to the recommendation on the basis that concerns raised would be investigated.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the implementation of the suggested rural proofing mechanism as it relates to Mid Ulster District Council.

It is further recommended that the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs definition of rural (settlements of less than 5,000 residents) be noted and adopted by this Council as a definition for rural settlements in undertaking rural proofing, subject to the definition used by Mid Ulster Local Action Group being checked and cross referenced.

#### **PR110/17 Elected Member Development Steering Group: Update**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Councillor McPeake referred to rural proofing and advised that the principle was good but felt that it would be worthwhile giving consideration to providing training to members. He suggested that this could be something the group could take back to the meeting.

In response to Councillor McGuigan's query about training costs coming out of the personal budget of £750, the Head of Democratic Services advised that fees for mandatory training wouldn't be taken out of any personal budgets. He said if mandatory training was provided for all members that this would be taken out of the central budget.

Councillor McKinney referred to training costs and felt that it would be more worthwhile for the Council to consider providing an inhouse training facility as this would keep costs to a minimum.

The Chief Executive advised that this may not always be possible as Officers would always investigate most cost effective way forward for Councillors and Officers training.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the:

- (i) Report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2017.
- (ii) Recommendation of the Elected Member Development Steering Group to extend the Conference & Seminar Attendance Policy annual allocations for members to attend training courses relevant to their role.
- (iii) Elected Member Learning and Development Policy.
- (iv) Briefing on the out-workings of the Rural Needs Act 2016 be considered as part of future Councillor Training.

#### **PR111/17 Fleet Fuel – Legacy Fuel Variance Write Off**

The Director of Environment and Property Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to ‘write-off’ up to 3,541 litres of fuel used for the Council’s fleet due to historic variances between the gauge and book stock as at 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Councillor Ashton enquired if there would be spot checks being carried out going forward.

The Director of Environment and Property Services advised that there would be monthly stock-taking measures taken to prohibit such instances happening again.

Councillor Gildernew enquired how this happened in the first instance and why it was never discovered until recently.

The Head of Environment and Property Services advised that it was never discovered because there was a problem with the calibration of the tanks and over time this just continued to build.

Councillor McGuigan enquired what measures were taken when this first was identified.

The Director of Environment & Property Services advised that measures were taken by bringing the matter to the attention of the Internal Auditor and that everything is now above board.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to ‘write-off’ up to 3,541 litres of fuel used for the Council’s fleet due to historic variances between the gauge and book stock as at 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### **PR112/17 Rainey Street Public Toilet Replacement**

The Director of Environment and Property Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for funding from Council’s Capital Programme for the replacement of the Public Toilets at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

Councillor Gildernew advised in the legacy Dungannon Council Members agreed to an automatic toilet in Market Square on the recommendation of Officers and over time with maintenance and insurance etc, it has proven to be costly.

The Director of Environment and Property Services advised when costs were collated for the year, it came in the region of £30k to maintain and staffing and with that consideration it was felt that a masonry building would be more sustainable.

Councillor McLean raised concern about the proposed replacement toilets and said that they didn't look very big and if toilets were not pleasing to the eye then people would not use them. He enquired if this was the best option that was available. He said that the design of the toilets were very unappealing as the three doors open up onto the street as in the past there was a wall shielding the doors.

Councillor McPeake said that by looking at the sketch of the replacement toilets they looked a whole lot smaller than the original toilet block.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the automatic toilet in Dungannon Market Square and said although it wasn't cost effective it was still good to have toilet facilities in the town centre.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that the committee agree in principle to replace the existing toilet facility at Rainey Street and that Officers bring back cost estimates to this committee for consideration.

#### **PR113/17 Brand Visual: Roundel**

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for a re-design of the Council's brand mark for limited use in a roundel.

McLean recording his Parties disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the roundel design, the use of which is to be approved in advance and restricted to those rare circumstances when the Council's agreed logo format is not suitable.

*Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 8 pm.*

#### **PR114/17 Leisure Identity System**

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise of the introduction of a new identity system for the Council's leisure and recreational facilities.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the high percentage of other nationalities in the area and enquired if it was possible to incorporate other languages onto the large tall signage the same as the PSNI have done.

Councillor McPeake proposed that Members stick to the issue of dual language displayed tonight and possibly investigate this issue further in the future.

Councillor Elattar said that she would be happy to second Councillor McPeake's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy said that he had no issue with agreeing to what was recommended tonight but would like to see minority languages being implemented on Council signage in the future.

Councillor McKinney said that he would be happy to second Councillor Cuddy's proposal.

Councillor Bateson felt that other languages couldn't be incorporated into the Dual Language Policy and if this was the case a new policy would have to be created.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Elattar

To make a decision only on the issue of Dual Languages displayed tonight.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

To investigate adding minority languages to signage in the future.

Councillor McPeake's proposal was put to the vote:

<b>For</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>2</b>

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

<b>For</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>12</b>

**Resolved:** To make a decision only on the issue of Dual Languages displayed tonight.

Proposed by Councillor  
Seconded by Councillor

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the introduction of the identity system for leisure ensuring that:

- The facility name and graphic device are always presented as part of the Council's branding framework on promotional material.



- Leisure publications appropriate for presentation in dual language in their entirety are identified and agreed via the Regional and Minority Language Working Group.
- The external signage brand implementation programme includes the presentation of facility names in dual language.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **PR115/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017**

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017.

#### **PR116/17 Member Services**

No issues.

### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
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 Members consider items PR117/17 to PR125/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

- PR117/17 Loup and Pomeroy Re-Imaging Projects
- PR118/17 Lands at Railway Park, Ballysaggart
- PR119/17 Staffing Matters
- PR120/17 Multi-Function Device (MDF) Tender Report

### **Matters for Information**

- PR121/17 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017
- PR122/17 Contracts and DAC
- PR123/17 Financial Update (Month 12, 2016/17)
- PR124/17 Sickness Absence Update for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017
- PR125/17 Staffing Matters

#### **PR126/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.35 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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**E**

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present** Councillor McGinley, (Chair)

Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.08 pm), Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Totten

**Officers in Attendance** Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services  
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health  
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services  
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services  
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control  
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

**E143/17 Apologies**

Councillor Reid.

**E144/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

**E145/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair offered his thanks to outgoing Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson and Vice Chair, Councillor S McGuigan for a job well done in the past year in chairing the Environment Committee. Councillor McGinley advised that as it was the first time both he and Vice Chair, Councillor M Quinn had been elected to such roles he hoped to continue the good manner in which the Environment Committee meetings were run and sought the support of fellow Councillors and Officers for the coming year.

**Matters for Decision**

**E146/17 Emergency Planning – Support Arrangements**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on the review of a number of Emergency Planning Support Arrangements and sought approval for implementation of same.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to implement the following Emergency Planning Support Arrangements as previously attached to report –
- (I) District Council Mutual Aid Protocol
  - (II) Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and each district council regarding epizootic diseases
  - (III) Joint Protocol 'Emergency Call-Off Contracts' between Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Northern Ireland District Councils

#### **E147/17 Street Naming and Dual Language Signage**

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the renaming of a new residential housing development within Mid Ulster as follows –

Site off Tullynagee Road, Moneymore

Councillor McNamee proposed the name Carndaisy Lane and asked if occupiers had agreed to change of site name.

The Head of Building Control advised that normally occupiers would have to be consulted but in this case the dwellings were only at floor level with no occupiers therefore a name change was easier at this point.

Councillor McFlynn seconded the name Carndaisy Lane.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question the Head of Building Control confirmed that no dwellings within the development had yet been sold.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Tullynagee Road, Moneymore as Carndaisy Lane.

Councillor McNamee asked for update in relation to Dual Language Signage.

The Head of Building Control advised that to date, about a dozen applications had been received and that an update would be brought to meeting next month.

#### **E148/17 Land and Property Services – Property Addressing – Best Practice**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which sought approval for proposals from Land and Property Services (LPS) to introduce two Addressing Best Practice Papers for the purposes of strengthening and improving the joint activities of LPS and Local Authorities in the area of collecting and sharing addressing information.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to adopt the proposals submitted by Land and Property Services which are included within "Addressing

Best Practice” and “Addressing Best Practice – unverified address creation proposals” guidance papers as previously circulated.

*Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.*

**E149/17      Food Standards Agency Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency’s Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and proposed Council response to same.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to respond to the Food Standards Agency as outlined within report previously circulated.

**E150/17      Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide in our towns and cities – A consultation May 2017**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the ‘Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide in our towns and cities’ Consultation and proposed Council response to same.

Councillor Kearney referred to air quality monitor in Dungiven and asked if air quality is monitored in the District.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that Mid Ulster have three air quality management areas – two in Dungannon and one in Magherafelt. In these areas air quality is monitored and limits are in place. Council are duty bound to report any exceedance of these limits. In relation to the air quality management area in Magherafelt where the main contributor to poor air quality is traffic it is hoped that levels will be reduced due to recently opened bypass around town.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to respond to ‘Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide in our towns and cities’ consultation as outlined within report previously circulated.

**E151/17      Transport NI Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed 20mph Speed Limit, Cloneen and Cloneen Drive, Dungannon**

**E152/17      Transport NI Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Speed Limit Reduction – Tamnamore Road, Dungannon**

Members considered previously circulated reports which sought agreement in relation to proposals from Transport NI with regard to proposed 20mph speed limit at

Cloneen and Cloneen Drive, Dungannon and proposed speed limit reduction at Tamnamore Road, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals submitted by Transport NI in relation to proposed 20mph speed limit at Cloneen and Cloneen Drive, Dungannon and proposed speed limit reduction at Tamnamore Road, Dungannon.

Councillor Gillespie proposed that Council write to TransportNI with regard to reducing the speed limit outside schools to 20mph during drop off and pick up times.

Councillor Burton seconded this proposal as this issue had been brought up time and time again. Councillor Burton asked if enforcement of speed limits was a Police matter.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that Police had been consulted on the above proposals and were in agreement with them. The Director advised that TransportNI was the regulator of such proposals and that Police had enforcement powers.

Councillor M Quinn referred to previous initiative which sought to reduce speed outside schools.

The Director of Environment and Property advised of initiative “Safer Routes to Schools” which included a number of measures regarding traffic safety around schools. The Director advised that emphasis on this initiative could be included in correspondence to TransportNI.

Councillor Gillespie referred to previous pilot 20mph schemes outside some schools.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to Notice of Motion passed by Council in relation to 20mph speed limit outside schools and if a response had been received in relation to this.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated there were a number of avenues where this matter could be further explored including PCSP.

Councillor McFlynn felt there was more that could be done to improve road safety around schools.

The Director of Environment and Property reminded Members of meeting taking place with TransportNI at end of June.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to write to TransportNI with regard to reducing the speed limit outside schools to 20mph during drop off and pick up times.

## **Matters for Information**

### **E153/17 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

### **E154/17 Entertainment Licensing Applications**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

### **E155/17 Building Control Workload**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

### **E156/17 Launch of Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the launch to the Mid Ulster District Council Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme.

Members noted the content of the report.

### **E157/17 Current byelaws relating to the consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which provided update on the current byelaws relating to the consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had raised a matter related to this last month, however had not expected such a high number of areas to be identified. The Councillor asked how he could move forward with his concerns.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that a review of byelaws was last carried out in legacy Dungannon area in 2000 therefore any new facility developed since then would not be included within current designated list. The Head of Environmental Health advised that the process of designation was lengthy and highlighted guidance which states that byelaws should only be used where there is an existing, specific problem.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to recent problem at Castlehill and Earls pathway and getting these areas designated.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that Police have powers to deal with anti social behaviour and that focus should be given to specific problem areas.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that Council staff could provide more detail in relation to incident at Castlehill.



Councillor B McGuigan expressed the need to deal with anti social behaviour as similar types of instances occur across the District.

#### **E158/17      Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Group**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on progress of the Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Group.

#### **E159/17      Bus Shelters – Update**

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which considered the erection of bus shelters that have been requested at various locations throughout the District.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to proposed relocation of bus shelter at Dunlady Road/Kilrea Road, Crosskeys. The Councillor advised that the current bus shelter was put in place just over 2 years ago with consultations taking place at that time and determination being that this was the best location with good infrastructure being in place (footpath). Councillor B McGuigan stated he did not understand why this bus shelter needed to be relocated and that an alternative location would be difficult to find.

Councillor Kearney advised that he had been approached by a number of concerned parents whose children use this shelter and that a number of accidents had occurred at this location. Councillor Kearney advised he had been present at the bus shelter at a drop off time and that the scene had been chaotic at that time hence why a relocation of the bus shelter had been requested.

Councillor B McGuigan advised he had spoken with PSNI and that there was one recorded accident at the bus shelter location.

The Head of Technical Services advised that the proposal was brought forward due to the number of accidents stated to have taken place at that location and that the recommendation was to take the proposal forward to the next stages of process.

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question it was advised that it would depend on the condition of a bus shelter whether it could be relocated or a new one would be required.

Councillor M Quinn stated he would welcome the proposed relocation of bus shelter at Annaghmore/Reenaderry Road Junction, Kingsisland. In relation to proposed relocation of bus shelter at Annaghoboe Road, Clonoe Councillor M Quinn stated that this bus shelter had been there for a number of years and that the proposed relocation is to a very fast part of road. Councillor M Quinn also stated he did not understand why it was taking so long to get response from TransportNI with regard to proposals at Coole Road, Coalisland, Killeen Crossroads, Coalisland and Brocagh Crossroads, Coalisland and felt that rural roads were being put at a disadvantage to get bus shelters due to the level of infrastructure required to be put in place.

Councillor J O'Neill advised that bus shelter at Annaghoboe Road, Clonoe needed to be moved from that junction as the bus did not stop at the current location.

The Head of Technical Services advised that TransportNI were voicing difficulty with resources and being able to provide a timely response to consultations. It was advised that officers were meeting with TransportNI to try to put in place process which will ensure a more timely responses being received going forward.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure referred to infrastructure meeting taking place with TransportNI at end of June at which members might like to raise these issues .

Councillor Burton referred to requested bus shelters which have been in the process for a long time particularly Glendavagh Road/Tullybleety Road, Aughnacloy and Augher village.

The Head of Technical Services advised that there is a bus stop in Augher village however the layby adjacent to the bus stop is not a bus layby and is required to be redesignated.

Councillor Burton referred to the condition of some bus shelters and difficulty of access due to grass and weeds.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that there was a programme of grass cutting in place which included cutting around bus shelters.

Councillor Gillespie advised that bus shelter in Cappagh was corroded at the bottom and requested that this be investigated.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley referred to the disparity between the type of bus shelter used in urban/rural locations and felt all bus shelters should be the one standard across the District.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that there were a number of designs of bus shelters across the District which was due to legacy. The Director advised that a report would be brought to future committee meeting which will look at the design of bus shelters going forward.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposals to the erection of a bus shelter at the following locations pending completion of Stages 6, 7 and 8:

- The Square, Stewartstown
- Cappagh Road/Corlea Road, Galbally
- Duffs Corner, Battery Road, Coagh (relocation)
- Battery Road/Kinrush Road, Coagh
- Annaghmore Road/Reenaderry Road Junction, Kingsisland (relocation)
- Mayogall Road/Ballymacpeake Road Junction, Clady
- Innishrush, Clady
- Main Street/Primary School, Culnady
- Tirkane Road/Craigmore Road, Maghera
- Annaghboe Road, Clonoe (relocation)
- Dunglady Road/Kilrea Road, Crosskeys (relocation)

Dunnamore Road, Cookstown  
Hillhead Road/Quarry Road, Knockloughrim (relocation)

#### **E160/17      Health and Wellbeing – Ageing Well Model**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on the development of a future Ageing Well model for Mid Ulster.

Members noted the content of the report.

*Councillors Burton and McFlynn declared an interest in this item (Agewell).*

#### **E161/17      Bonfire Working Group – Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Mid Ulster District Council Bonfire Working Group.

Councillor McNamee requested an urgent meeting of the Bonfire Working Group, to include Cookstown DEA Councillors, in relation to bonfire at Killymoon. Councillor McNamee stated that residents did not want a repeat of last year and that he had visited the Killymoon site and that material was being stockpiled. The Councillor advised that Police had also met with residents and should be invited to the requested next meeting of the working group.

Councillor McNamee also referred to bonfire site at Monrush in which he had been made aware of hazardous material being dumped there at the weekend.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the working group had met on a number of occasions and had plans to meet again at the end of June. Members were advised that the working group had engaged with the statutory agencies and that these discussions had been constructive.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council were aware of the situation at Monrush in which asbestos material had been dumped at the weekend. The Director advised that Council had liaised with NIEA and Police in respect of this matter and that a quantity of material was removed by NIEA, with support from Police. The rest of the material was removed today and Police were following up on the matter.

#### **E162/17      Bin-Ovation App**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the usage and promotion of the Bin-Ovation App throughout the District.

#### **E163/17      Compost Awareness Week 2017**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Compost Awareness Week held from 8 to 13 May 2017.

#### **E164/17      Eco Speak Competition**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the annual Eco Speak Competition for Mid Ulster Primary Schools.

#### **E165/17      Closure of Magheraglass Landfill Site**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update regarding closure of the Council landfill site at Magheraglass, Cookstown.

#### **E166/17      Compliance Report of MUDC Property Fuel Tanks**

Members noted previously circulated previously circulated report which provided update on the level of Council compliance with the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 in regard to fuel storage arrangements on Council properties.

#### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee 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 Members consider items E167/17 to E171/17.

#### **Matters for Decision**

- E167/17      Tender Report for the supply of Grounds Maintenance Ride on Mowers
- E168/17      Tender Report for Play Park Consumables and Specialist Maintenance/Repairs
- E169/17      Installation of Memorial Benches on Council Property

#### **Matters for Information**

- E170/17      Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017
- E171/17      Contracts Update

#### **E172/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.10

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**F**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 15 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McNamee, Milne, Monteith (7.07 pm), T Quinn, G Shiels and J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism  
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure  
Mr Hill, Head of Parks  
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts  
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

British Telecom – Superfast Broadband  
Messrs Irwin and McManus

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**D119/17      Apologies**

Councillors Burton, Elattar and Molloy.

**D120/17      Declaration of Interests**

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

The Chair, Councillor Wilson asked members to consider Paper D - Community Development Report – Grants.

Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in Lough Neagh Partnership.

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Paper I – Sports Representative Grants-Terry Devlin.

**D121/17      Chair's Business**

No issues.

## **D122/17      British Telecom – Superfast Broadband**

The Chair welcomed representatives from BT to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

*Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.07 pm during presentation.*

Members questioned representatives from BT during which the following was noted -

Councillor McAleer referring to the plan presented asked if this would bring further inequality to rural areas and mentioned residents in Augher area.

Mr Irwin advised that in relation to provision in rural areas BT must look for the value for money aspect of any project emphasising that if the postcode has not been highlighted it was unlikely that provision will be made within the current plan.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question regarding government funding, Mr Irwin stated that from 2009 onwards, government funding had been in the region of 50% of costs. He advised that each case is taken on its merit and that the more rural the location, the more capital was required to deliver the project.

Mr McManus stated that within the current model BT payback would be in the region of a 20 year period.

Councillor Cuddy stated that gas providers get a return from the installation date and thus government needs to be lobbied to provide BT with more money.

Councillor J Shiels stated that physical infrastructure needs to be improved constantly.

Mr Irwin stated that technology was constantly changing, highlighting the examples of Sky moving away from a dish to use of broadband and terrestrial tv moving from an aerial.

Councillor Clarke stated that there should have been an exchange in the Broughderg area and was not content with current plans for broadband provision. The Councillor made reference to the need for investment in infrastructure to deliver broadband to rural areas and emphasised that you could live beside a green box and still not be able to access this service.

Mr McManus stated that there were 21 exchanges within the Mid Ulster area and that the aim was to design modern technology to ensure every home had fibre broadband. However, there was always going to be some exclusions to this as the region has some of the longest lines in the UK. He advised that if homes had fibre optic broadband there would be more choice of providers. Mr McManus stated that BT was keen to work in partnership with Council to investigate a funding programme, the alternative was to wait until government funding becomes available.

The Chair stated that he lived within an urban area and struggled to get good broadband speeds, he emphasised that there was a green box at the end of his road. The Councillor stated that a housing development nearby had fibre optic broadband yet he could not access same.

In response Mr McManus stated that such enquiries should be forwarded to email address provided for Members.

Councillor Doris requested a breakdown of funding provided to rural areas from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Mr McManus advised that £5million went to rural areas and an additional £2.3 million at a later date.

In response to Councillor Clarke's question with regard to housing development of approximately 30 houses Mr Irwin stated that both BT and developer contributed.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that there had been a number of conversations in recent months and that Council were not prepared to take a back seat and would work with BT to develop proposals which will be brought to committee for consideration. The Director made reference to current issues such as road infrastructure and energy provision stating that the programme for government was falling short and it hopes that the relevant Government departments would work with Council in the coming months.

Councillor Monteith emphasised that Council should be investing in both broadband and infrastructure stating that for generations provision in the areas had fallen short and that the onus was now on Council to get such matters sorted. He stated that, going forward, planners should be considering if sufficient infrastructure was in place, this in turn would create a mindset for developers.

The Chair thanked representatives for their presentation following which they left the meeting at 7.52 pm.

The Chair concurred with Councillor Monteith's recommendation to the Planning Committee, that developers must ensure that new houses are equipped with fibre broadband when an application is submitted. He also stated that Council should be supportive of BT in trying to move forward to find a solution to Mid Ulster's ongoing broadband problems.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D123/17      Service Improvement Plan, Culture & Arts Services**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Member approval for the Culture and Arts Service – Service Improvement Plan for 2017/18.



Councillor J Shiels sought clarification as to why Tullaghoge Fort budget 2017/18 was £10,000 whilst other service budget headings was considerably more.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised the budget was set as the result of previous studies and events and that this may increase in the future given recent development at the site.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Culture and Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2017/18.

#### **D124/17 Arts & Culture Strategic Support Programme**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to members the proposed participant organisations in the Arts & Culture Strategic Support Programme and proposed level of financial support identified for each participating arts organisation in 2017/18.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that the 7 organisations identified below receive support through the Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture Strategic Support Programme at a total cost of £90,000, with 50% of costs being met through the Arts Council Challenge Fund:

- Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore
- Brantry Cultural facility
- Carntogher
- Cornstore, Draperstown
- Benburb Priory
- CRAIC, Coalisland
- Open Door -The Hub BT80, Cookstown

#### **D125/17 Regional and Minority Language Bursary Scheme**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask for approval for the proposed:

- Regional and Minority Language Bursary Scheme allocation to be awarded to successful applicants for 2017/18.
- Delivery of Irish Language Activity Funding Programmes 2017/18 across Mid Ulster District Council.

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Gaelscoil Aodha Rua and Comhaltas Uladh (An Chaobh Rua).*

Councillor McNamee asked if there was any reason for the low number of applications for bursaries.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that applications were increasing year on year and had been widely advertised.

Councillor Cuddy asked if Council gives the bursary directly to the individual.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the bursary is allocated directly to the individual applicant but can also be allocated to the participating Gaeltacht if need be.

Councillor Cuddy asked how did Council know that the person had been to Gaeltacht.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the process is authorised and signed off by the participating Gaeltacht and also authorised by the Irish Language Development Officer Team who confirm that the individual has attended the Gaeltacht

Councillor McFlynn advised that the person does not get paid the bursary until they have attended the Gaeltacht.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

- Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:
- Regional and Minority Language bursaries for the 239 successful applicants identified with a total amount allocated of £30,000
  - Irish Language Activity for 23 groups with a total allocation of £45,000.

## **D126/17      Community Development Report**

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations and to update the Committee on Community Development.

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

- Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:
- 1) Grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations Programmes as per Appendix 1
  - 2) Note update report on Community Development.

Councillor Doris referred to anti social behaviour at Lineside, Coalisland and asked that CCTV be considered in that area.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that a report could be brought to a future meeting.

## **D127/17      Capital Discretionary Funding**

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek guidance on a proposed Capital Discretionary Fund for Mid Ulster Council.

Councillor McNamee suggested that a workshop be arranged and that findings be brought back to future committee.

Councillor Monteith stated that funding should also be considered for listed buildings and heritage sites to bring them back into use and this matter could also be considered and a list of viable options agreed at the proposed workshop

Councillor Cuddy suggested that NIEA should also be included in discussions.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to a Capital Discretionary Fund for Mid Ulster Council, pending agreement from Policy and Resources on a finalised budget. Workshop to be arranged to discuss viable projects.

## **D128/17      Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding 2017-2018**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to receive a request from Lough Neagh Partnership for Core Funding for 2017/18 and review the Lough Neagh Destination Management Plan.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to continue to fund Lough Neagh Partnership £22,000 as requested and subject to funding being secured from all 5 Councils around the shoreline.

## **D129/17      World Travel Market**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the Tourism Manager, Tourism Officer and Business Engagement Officer to attend International World Travel Market (WTM), Excel, London from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Tourism Officers to attend the event to increase and continue to

develop existing business relationships, create new leads/growth and network within trade organisations.

**D130/17      Drumnaph Community Nature Reserve**

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval and financial support for Drumnaph Community Nature Reserve Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) application.

Proposed by Councillor McEldowney  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to support the Drumnaph Nature Reserve application for LCF funding as a special designation project with a committed total contribution of £85,000 over the three year period of the project, subject to successful application.

**D131/17      Sports Representative Grants**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to members the proposed Community Grant Allocations for the range of:

- Sports Representative Grants – Team and Individuals

Councillor Wilson referred to previous issue regarding a hockey team and stated that at a previous meeting it had been requested that the criteria for the sports representative grants would be brought back to committee for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the recommendation for Sports Representatives Grant Allocations.

**D132/17      Sports Development Report**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members on the Sports Development Summer Programme, Junior Park Run in Magherafelt area and to seek permission to proceed with the Everybody Active (EBA) 2020 Small Grants Draft Programme.

In response to Members questions the Head of Leisure stated that the programme was still at draft stage and that Council was endeavouring not to clash with other summer camps in the District.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the review and development of a grant programme to avail of the additional SNI investment.

#### **D133/17 Economic Development Report**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) **Brexit and the Northern Ireland/Ireland Border Corridor**
- 2) **Ofcom Mobile Summit**
- 3) **Mid Ulster Business Start Programme & Update on NIBSUP**
- 4) **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes**
- 5) **Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes**
- 6) **Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Minutes**
- 7) **Village Renewal Project**
- 8) **Commencement of Rural Needs Act**
- 9) **Gas to the West Project**
- 10) **Mid Ulster Telecommunications Study**
- 11) **Bluebox Telecoms Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council**

Councillor Clarke stated that Bluebox was worth considering in the short term as it is the only broadband service within his locality.

Councillor McFlynn referred to poor broadband in Loup and also queried the Bluebox service stating that it was in use in the Ardboe area.

- 12) **Report on Innovative Approaches to Reducing Dereliction and Vacancy Levels in Dungannon Town Centre**

Councillor Monteith requested that a meeting be arranged with Members to discuss and progress potential options to move forward.

- 13) **Maghera Development Framework and Action Plan (2017-2030)**

- 14) **Sponsorship Request for Runway Magherafelt Fashion Show**

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) **Brexit and the Northern Ireland/Ireland Border Corridor**  
Note content of report, brochure and presentation slides.
- 2) **Ofcom Mobile Summit**  
Note content of report.
- 3) **Mid Ulster Business Start Programme & Update on NIBSUP**

Note update on NI Business Start Programme and the Mid Ulster Business Start Programme including the contribution of the current Contract with Mid Ulster Enterprise Partnership to provide 30 Plans per month at a cost of £400 per Plan from 1 April 2017 until a delivery agent is appointed for the regional programme or 31 December 2017.

**4) Magherafelt Town Centre Forum**

Note minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum on 29 March 2017.

**5) Cookstown Town Centre Forum**

Note minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum on 30 November 2016.

**6) Dungannon Regeneration Project**

Members to note minutes of Dungannon Regeneration Partnership on 10 March 2017.

**7) Village Renewal Project**

Note progress.

**8) Commencement of Rural Needs Act**

Note correspondence from DAERA.

**9) Gas to the West Project**

Note progress.

**10) Mid Ulster Telecommunications Study**

Approve Council's recently completed Telecommunications Study for Mid Ulster and actively pursue all avenues of funding to address deficiencies in provision.

**11) Bluebox Telecoms Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council**

Note content of Bluebox proposal. Officers to investigate and explore wider options pursuant to improving telecoms in Mid Ulster, prior to any commitments being made to individual suppliers.

**12) Report on Innovative Approaches to Reducing Dereliction and Vacancy Levels in Dungannon Town Centre**

- Approve Report focusing on Innovative Approaches to Reducing Dereliction and Vacancy Levels in Dungannon Town Centre.
- Dungannon be selected as a pilot town in Mid Ulster to develop the first Pilot Dereliction Project(s) and source funding through Department for Communities (DfC), Council and/or others in advance scheme(s) as a matter of urgency.
- Arrange meeting with Members to discuss and progress potential options to move forward.

**13) Maghera Development Framework and Action Plan (2017-2030)**

- Approve the Maghera Development Framework and Action Plan (2017-2030)
- Proceed to appoint a consultant team to initiate early design work to prepare for an application for funding to Department for Communities

#### **14) Sponsorship Request for Runway Magherafelt Fashion Show**

Approve request for £500 sponsorship towards the Runway Magherafelt Fashion Show on Thursday 12 October 2017, the same arrangement as per previous years.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **D134/17 Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017**

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017.

In response to Councillor Monteith's question the Head of Parks stated that as directed, any proposed scheme for Ballysaggart Lough was being considered through the Capital Projects Steering Group.

Councillor Monteith was emphatic that Ballysaggart Lough be an item on the agenda for the next Development Committee meeting and asked that a meeting be arranged with Dungannon DEA Councillors.

#### **D135/17 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership**

Members noted previously circulated report, which provided an update on interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

**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 Members consider item D136/17.

#### **Matters for Information**

D136/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017

#### **D137/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.25 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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<b>Report on</b>	Conferences & Seminar – June 2017
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	<b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members</b>
3.1.1	<b>NILGA Annual Conference &amp; Gala Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 12 October 2017 at La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh</li> <li>Cost £170 plus Vat, accommodation, travel and subsistence</li> </ul> NB If three places are booked prior to 30 June, Council receives a further three places free of charge
3.2	<b><u>Officer Approvals</u></b>  There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
	<b>NILGA Annual Conference &amp; Gala Awards</b>  In relation to Gala Awards, Guidance notes are attached appendix A which contain details of Award Categories together with template for submission. All submissions must be received by NILGA by 30 June 2017.

<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial:  Human:
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Recommendation(s)</u></b>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Documents Attached &amp; References</u></b>
<b>6.1</b>	Appendix A      Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B      Officer Approvals

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**FOR DISTRIBUTION - DIARY DATE**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**  
**LA MON HOTEL, CASTLEREAGH**

Dear Anthony,

The 2017 NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Gala Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh.

**“Local Enterprise, Global Reach - Sustaining Communities, Strengthening Democracy and Developing the Future of Northern Ireland”** is aimed at identifying the key role councils play in supporting communities, the NI economy and how this role needs to be developed into the future.

Councils and local economies are increasingly at the forefront of investment and enterprise in Northern Ireland. With the increased services, functions and responsibilities of the 11 councils, significant global opportunities are now available to transform the local government sector.

We very much welcome the attendance of councillors and officers from your council at the flagship local government conference and gala awards dinner. To support this we are offering an early bird discount offer...

**BOOK 3 PLACES AT THE NILGA CONFERENCE & GALA AWARDS DINNER  
BY**

**30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 & GET 3 PLACES FREE...**

*(please see attached booking form)*

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mark Maher, Communication and Engagement Officer at the NILGA office. We are looking forward to a great event!

Yours sincerely,



**Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA**

*Enc. NILGA conference booking form, outline draft conference agenda & Local Government Awards application form.*

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## ***Local Enterprise, Global Reach***

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## SESSION ONE - OPENING

*Host TBC*

830 - 930	<b>Registration</b>
930 - 935	<b>Welcome to Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City Council</b> <i>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City Council</i>
935 - 955	<b>Ministerial Keynote Address – A partnership approach to government</b> <i>Ministers</i>
955 - 1010	<b>NILGA Welcome &amp; Address</b> <i>Alderman Arnold Hatch, NILGA President</i>
1010 - 1020	<b>SOLACE Address</b> <i>SOLACE Chair, Dr Theresa Donaldson</i>
1020 - 1035	<b>Principal Sponsor's Address – Local Enterprise, Global Reach</b>
1035 - 1100	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors</b>

## SESSION TWO - SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES - COUNCILS SHAPING PLACES & INSPIRING PEOPLE

1100 - 1115	<b>Keynote Address - Department for Communities – Putting the Programme for Government into Practice</b> <i>Minister / Permanent Secretary</i>
1115 - 1135	<b>Community Planning</b> <i>Getting it Right – Inspired Outcomes</i> <i>Championing what's local – Creating a Sense of Place and Pride</i>
1135 - 1200	<b>Innovative Investment Solutions, Locally Led</b> <i>Fresh Thinking, Real Outcomes – Local Partnerships &amp; SIB</i> <i>Growing an Effective Enterprise Landscape – Invest NI</i>
1200 - 1220	<b>Panel Debate</b>
1220 - 1345	<b>Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>

## SESSION THREE - STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY – Local Government in a Global Context – Power with Outcomes

1345 - 1405	<b>Keynote Address Commonwealth Local Government Forum - Investment in Municipalities</b> <i>Dr Greg Munro, General Secretary, CLGF</i>
1405 - 1450	<b>The Programme for Local Government in Northern Ireland</b> <i>Building Citizens and Communities into Government: EER Partner Region of Southern Denmark and Stratagem NI</i>
1450 - 1505	<b>Panel Q &amp; A</b>
1505 - 1530	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors</b>

## SESSION FOUR - IS NI FIT FOR THE FUTURE? HOW GLOBAL ISSUES CAN ACHIEVE LOCALLY LED OUTCOMES

1530 - 1555	<b>Brexit Made Local, Brexit Made Real (Repatriation, Post Great Repeal Act, Funding, Devolution)</b>
1555 - 1625	<b>Globalisation: Entrepreneurship in Business, Politics and Councils – How to rewire our Public Services</b> <i>Dr Ken Nelson, Inter Trade Ireland, Mr Steve Thomas MBE, WLGA CEO</i>
1625 - 1640	<b>Plenary Session / Q &amp; A</b>
1640 - 1655	<b>Closing Challenge / Address - Brilliant Public Services through Councils</b> <i>VIP / Minister:</i>
1655 - 1700	<b>Conference Close</b>
	<b>Conference Close &amp; Local Government Gala Awards Prelude</b>

**NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER**  
**12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017. LA MON HOTEL, CASTLEREAGH.**  
**BOOKING FORM - MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OFFER

**BOOK 3 PLACES AT THE NILGA CONFERENCE  
& GALA AWARDS DINNER BY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 &**

**GET 3 PLACES FREE...**

**(NAMES CAN BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE).**

Please return booking forms by Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> June 2017 to: Sarah Little, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB or via email to [s.little@nilga.org](mailto:s.little@nilga.org)

**All Day Delegate including Gala Awards Dinner (Per Person): £170 + VAT**

Contact name of person responsible for bookings and payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for \_\_\_\_\_ places at the 2017 NILGA Conference & Exhibition as detailed.

Name	Phone	Email	Dietary/access requirements	
				£170 + VAT
				£170 + VAT
				£170 + VAT
				FREE
				FREE
				FREE
Additional places will be charged at the standard £170 + vat rate.				

Please invoice me at the address provided for (the total amount) £\_\_\_\_\_ quoting order no. \_\_\_\_\_ OR I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to NILGA.

***Please note that all council invoices will be issued one week after the event.  
By signing the form I accept the terms and conditions as detailed below.***

**Authorised Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodation:** Please contact reservations at La Mon Hotel on 028 9044 8631 to arrange accommodation at preferential rates quoting NILGA. (£79.00 single B&B, £99.00 Double / Twin, B&B & £129.00 Triple B&B). Accommodation is offered on a first come, first served basis.

**Terms and Conditions: Cancellations** made after the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be liable for the full delegate fee. **Substitutions:** Substitutes will only be accepted if NILGA is informed in writing two weeks prior to the conference; otherwise the full price will be charged to delegates not on the official list.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND



GUIDANCE NOTES &  
APPLICATION FORM  
2017






# Introduction

The Local Government Awards Northern Ireland showcase the best examples of service provision, new initiatives and personal commitment from councils, councillors and officers. The awards show public recognition while awarding excellence in front line local government public services. The categories are designed to acknowledge innovation, individual commitment and to highlight the best working practices, while providing opportunities for those working within local government a chance to step forward and shine.

## Guidance notes

- Submission must be no more than 2,000 words including any appendices which must be incorporated into a single document.
- The 2,000 words exclude the wording contained within this template.
- The 150 word Executive Summary is compulsory.
- The overall file size should be no larger than 2MB maximum
- Photos should be attached (if successful, these may be used at the award event) but maximum size should not be exceeded
- Submissions can be entered in more than one category if appropriate - these must be noted on the AWARDS CATEGORY box
- Projects submitted to these awards must have commenced after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- Submissions will be marked by independent judges using a standard scoring template.
- Applications should contain input from partners or service users e.g. comments and user feedback.
- Each submission must have a title.

## Scoring matrix

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- 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY UP TO 10%  
Is the summary clear and concise? Are all key components of the submission identified?
  - 2 BACKGROUND UP TO 30%  
Is the content explained? Are aims and objectives highlighted? Are initial problems and barriers noted and the methods of overcoming them detailed?
  - 3 IMPROVEMENTS ACHIEVED UP TO 45%  
What are the benefits? Is there evidence?
  - 4 FUTURE TARGETS & GOALS UP TO 15%

The judges will be looking for clear evidence that your submission meets the criteria set out in this guidance and reflects the provision of excellent services. They will also take into account any visible benchmarks of achievement such as independent auditors' reports, achievement of IIP or ISO 9000 etc.

Application forms can be downloaded from the following websites: [www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk) and [www.nilga.org](http://www.nilga.org). Examples of submissions, providing guidance on content, are available from APSE - contact Mo Baines at 0161 772 1810 or at [mbaines@apse.org.uk](mailto:mbaines@apse.org.uk)

## Date for submission & presentation

Please note that all submissions must be returned by 4pm, Friday 30th June 2017 and submissions must follow the template format. When complete [within the 2,000 word limit] all forms must be emailed to [mbaines@apse.org.uk](mailto:mbaines@apse.org.uk). An email receipt for your entry will be sent, if you do not receive a formal receipt by email within two working days, please contact Mo Baines at APSE on 0161772 1810. The winners will be presented at NILGA's Annual Conference on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh.

## Further information

If you require further support to complete this submission or with any other element of the submission, please contact Mo Baines at APSE on 0161 772 1810 or at [mbaines@apse.org.uk](mailto:mbaines@apse.org.uk)

# APPLICATION TEMPLATE

## COVER: CATEGORY AND CONTACT DETAILS

Each submission must have a title and one of the categories overleaf must be included in the relevant section of the application form. If it is being entered in more than one category, all categories entered must be included. Contact details for the author of the submission must be clearly entered. Submissions may be entered for more than one category.

# 1

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An Executive Summary is compulsory and will be included in the awards booklet produced for the awards dinner. If you do not include an appropriate summary [of up to 150 words within the overall 2,000 word count limit] promotional details of your entry will not be highlighted in the booklet should you reach the final. This should be a short précis of the key points from the overall submission.

## BACKGROUND

This should provide an overview for your submission detailing the historical context and the key issues identified for action and should contain details on:

- Why the initiative or service development was instigated;
- The context of the team or individual who participated or managed this project;
- Aims and objectives;
- Practicalities - how the initiative/ project/ team/ individual works, what it delivers;
- Initial barriers and problems faced and how they were overcome.

## IMPROVEMENTS ACHIEVED & CHALLENGES OVERCOME

To promote the achievements of the initiative, service or individual through a range of sourced evidence such as customer feedback, performance outcomes, internal/external benchmarks and management data.

The submission should address the following:

- What are the benefits for the service user/ citizen?
- What are the benefits for/ to the organisation?
- What are the benefits for/ to the councillors/officers?
- What are the benefits for/ to the wider community/ partners?

# 4

## FUTURE TARGETS & GOALS

This section should include aims/ targets for the future, any proposed or considered changes impacting from change of circumstances on the service, team or individual and how they will develop in coming years.

# AWARD

## CATEGORY DETAILS

### BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE TEAM

*Sponsored by Association for Public Service Excellence [APSE]*

Submissions will be accepted from teams providing both larger scale services such as refuse collection, street cleansing, environmental health or leisure services, and smaller teams responsible for, for example, community safety, abandoned vehicles or cultural services.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

*Sponsored by the William Johnston Memorial Trust [WJMT]*

This category is intended to give public recognition to employees, who, through their enthusiasm, activities, innovation, commitment or other positive attributes, have made a commendable contribution to the performance of the council.

### BEST ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE BY A COUNCIL

*Sponsored by Enterprise Northern Ireland*

This award recognises an enterprise initiative that demonstrates partnership working which has resulted in an enhancement of the economic landscape in the Council area. Submissions should highlight the innovative nature of the initiative and how it has achieved all its KPIs. Submissions should also detail what sets the initiative apart in terms of profile and positioning in the council area and include examples of PR activities, outreach events and media coverage.

### BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY PLANNING INITIATIVE

*Sponsored by the Northern Ireland Branch of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers [SOLACE NI]*

This award will include all initiatives that have resulted from a Community Planning Partnership, where councils have been involved with other organisations in the wider public, private or voluntary sector. This category highlights the benefits of collaborative working. Submissions should note the advantages gained from initiatives where councils and partner organisations have worked together using a community planning approach and highlight the benefits to citizens, partners, councillors, staff and the wider community.

### BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY DIGITAL INTEGRATION PROJECT

*Sponsored by Oracle*

This award will include all initiatives that have resulted from the integration of Digital technology within the Council to improve services, processes and collaboration with internal departments and / or external partners. This will also include projects that have utilised digital integration to better serve the community.

Submissions should note the advantages gained and how this has helped citizens, partners, councillors, staff and the wider community. Also, including what the future plans are for the project.

### BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

*Sponsored by the Northern Ireland Local Government Association [NILGA]*

This award seeks submissions from councils which demonstrate councillor led work resulting in improved corporate performance. Initiatives which highlight improvements in governance, in scrutiny, in communication, in member / officer partnerships are welcomed. Innovative approaches led by elected members which demonstrate strong learning outcomes, better management of resources and effective results for the council and its constituents, internally and externally, will be welcomed.

### BEST INITIATIVE BY A COUNCILLOR/ COUNCILLOR GROUP

*Sponsored by the National Association of Councillors [NAC]*

This award will be presented to the most innovative project led by a councillor or councillors which contributes to the well being of the local community. Entries will be accepted in relation to social, environmental or economic projects.

### BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY TOURISM INITIATIVE

*Sponsored by Tourism Northern Ireland*

This award will be presented to the most innovative tourism project or initiative by a council, which can demonstrate significant economic benefit to the local area and contributes to Tourism Northern Ireland's objectives of increasing external visitor numbers and spend. Submissions can cover a wide range of initiatives and may include capital development, events, marketing initiatives or industry development programmes.

Submissions should also detail how the initiative enhances the visitor experience and how it may contribute to the future growth of tourism in the district.



# CATEGORY & CONTACT DETAILS

Each submission must have a title and one of the categories on the previous page must be included in the relevant section of the application form. Submissions may be entered for more than one category, in this case all categories entered must be included. Contact details for the author of the submission must be clearly entered. Projects submitted to these awards must have commenced after 1st April 2015. All completed forms must be emailed to [mbaines@apse.org.uk](mailto:mbaines@apse.org.uk) by 4.00pm on Friday 30th June 2017. An email receipt for your entry will be sent, if you do not receive a formal receipt by email within two working days, please contact Mo Baines at APSE on 0161 772 1810.

## PROJECT, SERVICE, TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL NAME

## AUTHOR NAME

## AUTHOR POSITION

## AWARD CATEGORY [see page 4]

## COUNCIL / ORGANISATION

## ADDRESS

## TELEPHONE NUMBER

## EMAIL ADDRESS

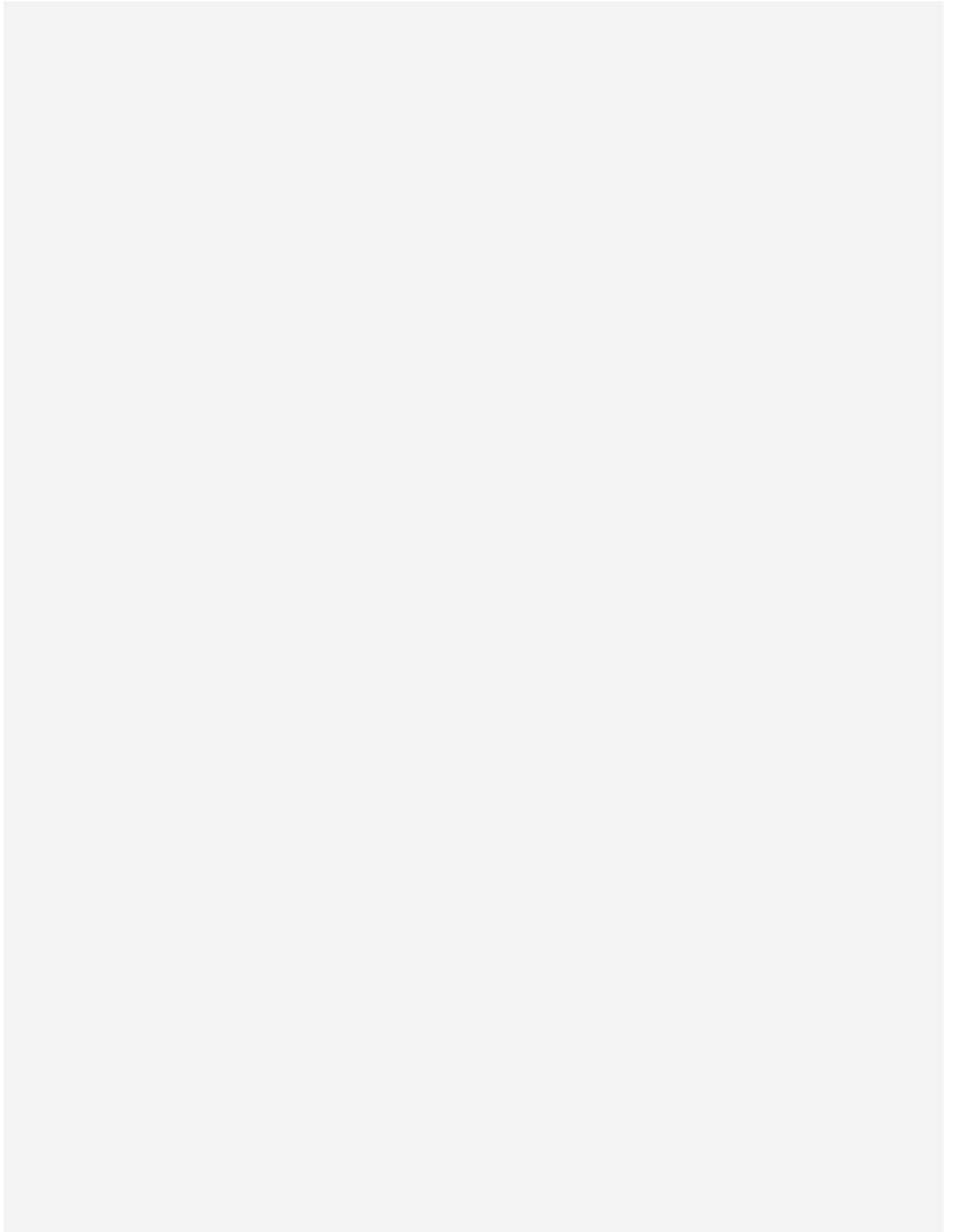
# SECTION 1

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## SECTION 2 BACKGROUND

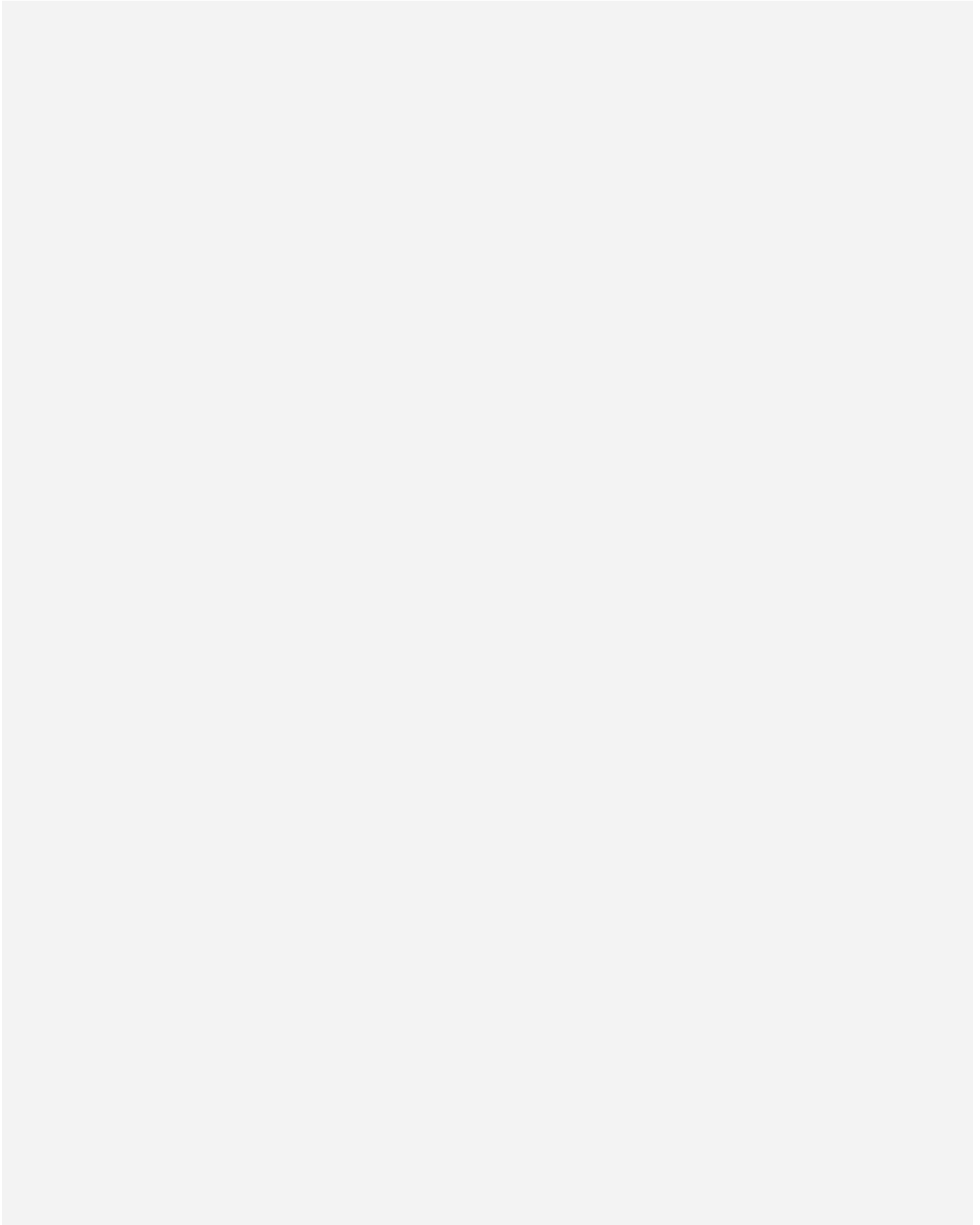
This should provide an overview for your submission detailing the historical context and the key issues identified for action.



# SECTION 3

## IMPROVEMENTS ACHIEVED

This section should promote the achievements of the initiative, service or individual through a range of source evidence such as customer feedback, performance outcomes, internal/external benchmarks or management data.



## SECTION 4

# FUTURE TARGETS & GOALS

This section should include aims/targets for the future, any proposed or considered changes impacting from change of circumstances on the service, team or individual and how they will develop in coming years.



## Appendix B Approval Sought

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
A Legal Guide To Successful Joint Ventures	5/7/17	1	London	Yes

### Retrospective Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Adult Safeguarding	15/6/17	1	Armagh	No

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<b>Report on</b>	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – June 2017
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Receptions Policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at the December 2016 council meeting. All requests for civic recognition are to be now forwarded to Democratic Services to appear on a report for presentation to council for consideration and approval.
2.2	The policy confirms 3 categories of reception offered by the Council:  (1) Civic Receptions (2) Chair and Deputy Chair Reception (3) Civic Awards
2.3	Appendix A to this report details those request(s) received for notification to and approval by council. The request(s) have been categorised in line with established conditions/ criteria required to be met to receive a Civic Reception, Chair & Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Award.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Implementation of the Receptions Policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	Civic Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: Not Applicable  Human: Not Applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>

4.3	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix A    Submitted Requests

## June 2017 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

### Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Johann Muldoon	2017 Winner of the European Women in Construction & Engineering Awards – Best Woman Architect	CLRs McFlynn & Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won at European competition level within the field of business</li> </ul>	For: N/A  Date: N/A
Derry GAA Senior Hurling Team	2017 Winner of the All Ireland - Nicky Rackard Cup	CLLr McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won at an All Ireland competition level</li> </ul>	For: N/A  Date: N/A
Jack Eakin	Irish National Champion (Gymnastics Elite Level One) Five Gold Medals and Two Silver	CLLr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won at an All Ireland competition level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A

### Category: Civic Award

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt Under 14C Ladies Football Team	2017 Ulster Champions Masita Cup Winners	CLLr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For: Under 18s boys winning the McRory Cup</b>  <b>Date:</b> Approved April 2017
Corick House	NI Tourism Awards – Best Hotel Restaurant 2017 Best Country House Dining Experience 2017	CLLr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
John Toner	Aer Lingus Viscount Awards in association with Ulster Business - Ulster Business person of the year sponsored by Aer Lingus	CLLr Mallaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual who has brought distinction to himself and their industry</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A

Tyrone Ladies GAA	Ulster Championship	Cllr Mallaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Blessingbourne Estate	NI Tourism Awards - Self Catering Awards	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Keith Black	Ulster Hockey Player of the Year	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual who has brought distinction to himself and his Sport</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Greg Allen	Ulster Hockey Leading Goal Scorer in Ulster League	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual who has brought distinction to himself and his Sport</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Cookstown Hockey Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> XL	Ulster Hockey Junior League 3, Junior 3 League Cup and Junior Shield	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> Another Club team winning the Ulster Premier League, Anderson cup, Nigel Cheevers Memorial trophy and the Ulster Indoor title.  <b>Date:</b> Approved May 2017
Anna Henry	Miss Northern Ireland 2017	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Castlecaulfield Horticultural Group	Recipient of The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> Britain in Bloom  <b>Date:</b>
Niamh Louise Foundation	Recipient of The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
The Hub BT80	Recipient of The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A

Superstars, Cookstown	Recipient of The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Military and Police Support of West Tyrone (MAPS) (Covers the Clogher Valley Area)	Recipient of The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A

### Category: Chair & Deputy Chair Reception

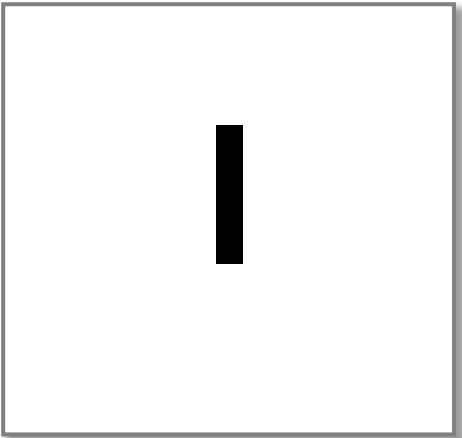
Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged

### Other: Letter from Council Chair

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
<i>Julian Costelloe</i>	<i>Member of the Ireland Masters Hockey Team</i>	Cllr Wilson
Andy Barbour	<i>Member of the Ireland Masters Hockey Team</i>	Cllr Wilson
Michael Millar	<i>Member of the Ireland Masters Hockey Team</i>	Cllr Wilson

End.





<b>Report on</b>	Council Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 & 2018-19
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services A Tohill, Chief Executive
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Lisa Jenkins, Performance & Quality Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To receive and consider approval of the Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Council is bound by the Local Government (NI) Act 2014 to develop and have arrangements in place to secure continuous improvement when carrying out its functions.
2.2	<p>The June meeting of Policy and Resources committee considered and approved a recommendation to council to adopt 4 Performance Improvement Objectives for 2017-18 &amp; 2018-19, having also reflected on the findings and outcome of a consultation undertaken on same objectives. The Performance Improvement Objectives considered and approved as recommendation to council are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district</li> <li>• To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill</li> <li>• To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online</li> <li>• To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing the usage of council recreational facilities</li> </ul>
2.3	A Performance Improvement Plan for the period has now been developed to operationalise the objectives.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Statutory Guidance requires Council to publish its Improvement Plan as soon as practicable after the start of the financial year. The draft plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19 complete with details on how Council will deliver on its 4 improvement objectives (how Council operationalises the objectives) is attached as Appendix A to this paper. The proposed plan will span a two year time frame complete with actions, measures and targets which will be reviewed at the end of year 1.
3.2	

3.3	<p>In summary the proposed improvement plan details Council's performance improvement arrangements. Each improvement objective has a project delivery plan, overseen by a member of senior management team, documenting clear milestones, activities, resources and associated risk mitigation. Each project plan identifies who the Council will work in partnership for each objective to be successful to deliver outcomes for citizens.</p> <p>In addition to the improvement project delivery plans, the improvement plan also states how council will annually report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• performance measures (statutory indicators and standards) as set by NI Assembly</li> <li>• a number of corporate performance indicators.</li> </ul>
3.4	<p>Implementation of the Improvement Plan will be subject to NI Audit Office assessment and reported on after end of financial year 2017-18. The Audit Office will also undertake a review and assessment to ascertain if arrangements in place are sufficiently robust to meet the General Duty to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>Consideration has been given to "equality" in relation to the "Fairness" improvement aspects which council must pay consideration to in setting improvement objectives under the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>The Plan has had risk exercises undertaken against each of the 4 improvement objectives and their aligned project plans (which will deliver on the outcomes matched against the 4 performance improvement objectives). Details of the risk management approach are within the Improvement Plan complete with outlying risks identified, associated mitigation activity and the risk rating.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>That the Committee considers and adopts the Performance Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	<p>Appendix A: Mid Ulster DC Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 and 2018-19.</p>

**Mid Ulster District Council**

**Performance Improvement Plan  
2017-18 and 2018-2019**

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## Foreword

Our Performance Improvement Plan sits within a hierarchy of plans and strategies to provide focus and direction on the council's delivery of services. To contribute towards the delivery of outcomes for citizens this improvement plan has been aligned to Mid Ulster's Community Plan and Council's Corporate Plan, ensuring that we work towards a shared vision with our community planning partners, stakeholders, and citizens to contribute towards delivering our vision for Mid Ulster as *"... a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe, educated and skilled, where our economy is thriving; our environment and heritage are sustained; and where our public services excel"*.

This improvement plan sets out the Council's arrangements for embedding a culture of continuous improvement, with a focus on continually improving the delivery of our services.

The council will focus on how best to deploy its improvement efforts to ensure the district thrives and prospers with projects underpinned with our determination to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of all Mid Ulster citizens. We will continue to focus our energies on challenging our services and changing the way the services are delivered in order to deliver better outcomes for our citizens. We look forward to working with all our partners in delivering on our improvement objectives.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

This improvement plan is Mid Ulster District Council's response to delivering on its duty under the Local Government (NI) Act 2014 (the Act) to secure continuous improvement. Every year the council prepares and publishes an Improvement Plan setting out its arrangements for underpinning continuous improvement through a set of improvement objectives for improving how it carries out its functions. This plan will span a two year time frame with actions, measures and targets reviewed in 2018.

The plan is supported by service plans (which demonstrate planned improvements in our day-to-day activities) and corporate project plans, where we are seeking to bring about improvement across the council. The council will judge its success by monitoring progress against the activities, outcome indicators, projects and targets contained within this improvement plan, which will help us measure the difference made to local people.

## **2.0 DEVELOPING OUR IMPROVEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES**

### **2.1 Setting Our Improvement Objectives**

The Council's Policy and Resources Committee oversaw the development of this 2017-18 & 2018-19 Improvement Plan to ensure the plan's publication as soon as practicable following the 1<sup>st</sup> April, in line with Department for Communities guidance.

The process of developing the Council's improvement objectives involved engagement between Senior Management and Heads of Service culminating in a workshop in February 2017. This engagement identified 19 potential areas for improvement across the council from which 4 proposed improvement objectives were identified for consideration and approved by elected members as a focus for continuous improvement.

To lead the delivery of our improvement objectives council has established project teams to drive the objectives forward; under the direction of a Senior Responsible Officer from senior management team, appointed by the Chief Executive. The proposed improvement objectives, rationale and associated links to the Community and Corporate Plan were considered and approved by elected members at their March 2017 Policy & Resources committee meeting for public consultation.

The outcome of the consultation undertaken throughout March to May and report on the final improvement objectives were considered by Senior Management and subsequently considered by elected members for approval at their June Policy & Resources Committee before being considered by council.

## 2.2 Consultation

Consultation undertaken on our proposed improvement objectives, rationale for their inclusion and associated activities for the period of the plan, was undertaken between 10<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Our consultation involved a survey made available for completion and submission online and by post to the council. To ensure maximum engagement, the process was promoted through a variety of communication channels including; council social media outlets, internal staff meetings, the council website and local press releases. 41 responses were received in relation to the consultation.

## 2.3 What the Consultation told us

- 90% of respondents agreed with Objective 1: *To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district*
- 98% of respondents agreed with Objective 2: *To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill*
- 95% of respondents agreed with objective 3: *To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online*
- 93 % of respondents agreed with objective 4: *To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing the usage of Council recreational facilities*

With such significant support for the four proposed improvement objectives, together with additional commentary provided, the council has developed its 2017-18 and 2018-19 Improvement Plan around them. When reviewed, respondent commentary did not warrant the removal, amendment to or addition to the objectives proposed. Additional commentary and views provided is informing our wider improvement activity across services.

## 3.0 OUR IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

Our Improvement Objectives 2017-18 and 2018-19:

1. To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district
2. To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill
3. To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online
4. To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing the usage of Council recreational facilities

## **Improvement Aspects**

Each corporate improvement objective has been developed to focus improvement on at least one of the seven improvement aspects detailed in the Local Government (NI) Act 2014:

- Strategic Effectiveness
- Service Availability
- Sustainability
- Service Quality
- Fairness
- Efficiency
- Innovation

## **Community Plan**

The improvement objectives have been developed to align with the district's Community Plan and our Corporate Plan (2015-2019), whilst being influenced by regional strategies and areas identified by council services which are a focus for improvement throughout 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Community Plan aims to improve the wellbeing of the Mid Ulster district. An engagement with communities, partners and other stakeholders has been undertaken on the development of the new Community Plan framework at a district level and through our local forums. This engagement process has led to the development of 5 themes and 15 associated outcomes.

## **Statutory Indicators**

In addition to the improvement objectives and associated actions used to measure our performance the Northern Ireland Assembly has set a series of performance measures (indicators and standards) which the council will report on annually. Where relevant, the council's improvement objectives incorporate statutory performance standards and indicators for Economic Development, Planning and Waste Management. These are also set out as Appendix 1 to our plan.

## **Corporate Indicators**

Some corporate performance indicators are in place and being measured by the council. This suite of corporate level indicators are set out as Appendix 2 to our plan. The council is engaged with the Department for Communities along with other local authorities to inform the development of a benchmarking framework for local government. This will focus on areas where the greatest overall benefit in terms of delivering outcomes can be achieved. Activity has begun with Council Heads of Service to identify performance measures within annual Service Plans.

# **4.0 DELIVERY & SCRUTINY OF OUR IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES**

A series of processes and policies are used by the council to inform how it delivers effective services to its communities. This helps the council to plan, govern and drive service delivery. The following provides information on these key processes and some activities which we have been involved in strengthen them.

## **4.1 Service Planning, Managing Risk and Improvement Reporting**



The Council's service improvement planning process establishes clear links between the district Community Plan, Corporate Plan priorities, the corporate level Improvement Objectives, Project Plans and Service Plans. It ensures everyone working for the Council is able to see how their work contributes to the work of the organisation.

Each Improvement Objective has a project delivery plan, overseen by a member of senior management team, documenting clear milestones, activities, resources and associated risk mitigation. Each plan also identifies who the council will work in partnership with for each objective, thus ensuring the successful delivery of outcomes for citizens. The improvement project delivery plans will be regularly reported to Senior Management and Council, along with statutory performance indicators and the suits of corporate measures.

Service Plans are in place across Council, setting out key programmes of work being progressed throughout the year along with resources required to deliver on the identified actions. Services regularly monitor their plans and where they are involved in one or other of the improvement objectives, within this improvement plan, the Service will report this through to the senior management team and council's Policy & Resources Committee on progress to date.

A mid-year report (April to September 2017) on progress against this year's Improvement Plan objectives and how we have performed against the statutory performance indicators and standards for Economic Development, Planning and Waste, as well as progress against corporate measures will be presented to council's Policy & Resources committee.

By 30 September 2017, the council will publish a self-assessment report setting out how we have performed against the Improvement Plan for 2016-17 and where possible, the council will benchmark indicators against the performance other Councils.

## **4.2 Audit, Inspection and Regulation**

The council is inspected by the Northern Ireland Audit Office to challenge and examine its performance and effectiveness.

The Local Government Auditor (LGA) in March 2017, confirmed, following an audit and assessment of council's performance improvement responsibilities, that it had discharged its duties in connection with (1) improvement planning and (2) publication of improvement information in accordance with section 92 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014. It also identified that the council had sufficiently acted in accordance with Department for Communities guidance, including its guidance on the publication of improvement information in 2016-17.

LGA made no recommendations under section 95(2) of the Act and were not minded to carry out a special inspection under section 95 (2) of the Act.

## 5.0 IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES

### Improvement Objective 1

#### 5.1 *To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district*

*“I strongly agree with this objective. This district has so many wonderful assets that visitors would enjoy, but I think it is often overlooked by tourists who tend to go to larger cities or coastal areas. As a new resident here, we’ve enjoyed showing our new surroundings to the visitors we’ve had since we moved here.”*

(Resident; Mid Ulster Councils Corporate Improvement Objectives Survey; May 2017)

**Link to District Community Plan Theme:** *Economic Growth*

*We have more people working in a diverse economy*

**Link to Corporate Plan Theme:** *Sustaining our Environment*

*Realising tourism potential of Mid Ulster, being clear upon the opportunities and targeting resources.*

**Performance Improvement Aspects which this improvement objective aims to deliver against**  
*Strategic Effectiveness, Service Quality, Service Availability, Efficiency, Innovation*

**Lead Officer:** *Director, Business & Communities.*

### Why have we chosen this Improvement Objective?

Tourism has been recognised as an economic driver by the Council. Enhancing the role of tourism as an economic activity will require local agencies, stakeholders and residents to understand its’ potential to sustain and increase the 3,000 plus tourism and tourism related jobs in the district. In 2014 the number of visitors to the district stood at 214,000 with a visitor spend of £27 million, equivalent to only 4.6% of NI overnight trips and 3.6% of NI spend in 2014. In essence, Mid Ulster is a developing destination and as such has not yet fulfilled its potential. Opportunities for tourism growth lie in building on existing and new tourism propositions into a single tourism product or destination by capitalising on Mid Ulster’s central position in Northern Ireland. The challenge is to bring together Mid Ulster’s tourism assets and attributes, support the dispersal of visitor spend and investment across the area and provide an offering for visitors to visit and stay in our district.

## What have we done so far?

- Seamus Heaney HomePlace opened on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The new Arts and Literary centre in Bellaghy was officially opened with poets, literary figures, extended family and friends and prominent politicians among the attendees. As of April 2017, more than 27,000 people had visited the attraction. The centre was promoted by Council staff at 13 consumer and trade shows at domestic and international level, attracting seven world tour operators to visit HomePlace.
- In 2016 to 2017 Council successfully delivered 22 Hallmark events such as; the Continental Markets, Cookstown Comedy festival, Cookstown 100, Halloween, Christmas events and the Hidden Heritage Programme, attracting over 95, 100 visitors.
- Council has established a Tourism Development Group, with 51 businesses' now signed up to participate in moving the Local Tourism Strategy 2016-2021 forward and during 2016-17 three networking events were undertaken throughout the district.
- Council has also re-positioned staff to manage thematic tourism clusters within the Tourism Strategy around five developmental Tourism areas, namely; Seamus Heaney, Heritage, Outdoor Hubs, Food and Events.
- The Mid Ulster Tourism Strategy was launched by Council in March 2017, generating attendance of 100 tourism businesses and attracting high profile national and regional press coverage.
- Bellaghy achieved World Host Village Destination status and ten Council staff and 10 people from the district have attained Open College Network (OCN) level 2 award in tour guide skills and a total of 107 staff in local trades have achieved World Host Ambassador Award training.
- Cookstown Visitor Information Centre (VIC) was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 32 networked regional VIC's by scoring highly in mystery shopper survey.

## Actions - What are we going to do?

What are we going to do?	Timescale	What difference will it make?
<b>Visitor Information and Interaction</b>  <b>1.</b> Baseline current Visitor Information Centres (VIC's) in relation to visitor figures and develop standardised performance management reporting framework.	Oct 2017	Fit for purpose reliable, accurate and informed visitor data.

2. Develop Corporate VIC action plan in order to improve the quality and quantity of VIC's in the district.	March 2019	Enhance and extend visitor information centre offering.
3. All Council VIC's to obtain Tourism Northern Ireland's Minimum standard and achieve 90% positive rating from mystery shopper surveys	March 2019	Centres achieve industry excellence standard and improves their mystery shopper scores.
4. As part of 5 year strategy achieve "World Host Destination Status" for two areas within the District: (i) Clogher Valley by 2019 (ii) Cookstown by 2021	March 2019	Introduce a destination wide focus on quality and service delivery
5. Mid Ulster to adopt a "Digital First" approach to Tourism delivery, marketing & promotion through implementation of digital content channels and a tourism portal	March 2019	Industry leading utilisation of digital and content channels
<b>Improve &amp; Increase visitor experience</b>		
1. Baseline current Council's Heritage, Culture & Arts facilities, Visitor Attractions, Tourism Related Facilities and their associated product in relation to current visitor experience and journey.	Oct 2017	Increased understanding of customer experiences, customer journeys and customer offerings.
2. Develop a plan to improve the visitor experience at Council's Heritage, Culture & Arts facilities, Visitor Attractions and Tourism Related Facilities.	March 2018	Focused and innovative tourism facilities and products.
3. Lead the Heritage Lottery Fund £3 million "Heart of Ancient Ulster" Project Phase One.	Nov 2018	Development of Landscape Community Plan to include new and evolving products, services
4. Complete the Phase 2 upgrading of "US Grants" to achieve 4/5 star Tourism NI grading and increase visitors by 2,000 by 2019	March 2019	Creation of high quality memorable experience to include redevelopment and improvement of product to wider audience.

5. Launch the upgraded “ <i>Carleton Trail</i> ” in Clogher Valley.	Sept 2017	Enhanced visitor experience
6. Deliver 20 Corporate Strategic events across the district per annum and increase attendance figures by 5% by 2019.	Annually March 2019	Attract and grow hallmark events, raising the profile of the area and bringing economic benefits to the district.
7. Undertake a series of travel industry shows and familiarisation visits to upskill trade staff in sales promotion	Annually March 2018	Enhance brand promotion, product visibility and upskill local tourism trade on a world stage.
8. Support & engage the Tourism Development Group and established 5 tourism cluster groups	Bi-monthly	Places tourism as an economic driver in the Mid Ulster Economy by creating stronger partnerships.
9. Lead the development of “ <i>Dark Skies</i> ” heritage product plan in Davagh Forest and its hinterlands	March 2018	Develop investment in a catalyst tourism project
10. Achieve as a minimum 4 and 5 star visitor attraction grading’s for <i>Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Burnavon, Ranfurly House &amp; Hill of the O’Neill</i> (As designated by Tourism NI) by 2020	March 2019	Attainment of excellence standard ratings scheme recognised by the tourism industry

## How will we know?

- Number of visitors who participate in and access Council tourist, cultural facilities and natural attractions.
- Increased visitation numbers due to Corporate events
- Number of new visitor experiences launched.
- Number of Operators and Centre’s accredited under recognized quality schemes
- Increased visitor satisfaction
- Increased visitor spend
- Number of reports and plans developed
- Number of Tourism Development Group Meetings
- Number of visitor attraction upgrades
- Number of trade staff upskilled

## **Improvement residents, businesses or visitors expect to see**

Delivering a destination wide focus on excellent customer care, intelligent quality information, enhanced product development and improved access at our Visitor Information Centre's. Engaging with our tourism partners, and local traders through participation opportunities in trade and industry shows/events and availing them of acquiring accredited quality schemes and training, thereby placing tourism as an economic driver, by attracting investment, visitor numbers and tourism spend into the Mid Ulster economy.

## **Partnerships: Who do we need to work with?**

Tourism NI, Tourism Ireland, DfC (Historic Environment Division), NISRA, National Trust, Transport NI, Sport NI, Sperrins Gateway Partnership, Ancient Heart of Ulster, Lough Neagh Partnership, Tourism Development Group, DAERA, Councillors, Strategic Arts Partners, Mid Ulster residents and visitors, schools, colleges, universities, Arts Culture & Heritage groups, local traders, and local authorities

## **What risks do we need to manage?**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation Activity</b>	<b>Risk rating</b>
Failure to reach Milestones identified within timeframes	Regular internal meetings and delivery team structures with identified project leads to ensure timely achievement of milestones identified	Low
Failure to secure adequate resources to deliver proposed activity	Ensure all activity is adequately resourced and secured observing the appropriate internal protocols and procurement processes	Moderate

## Improvement Objective 2

### 5.2 To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill

*“Clear advertising and education programmes should be encouraged for all households and within local schools, companies.”*

(Resident; Mid Ulster Councils Corporate Improvement Objectives Survey, May 2017)

**Link to Community Plan Theme:** *Infrastructure*

*We are better connected through appropriate infrastructure*

**Link to Corporate Plan Theme:** *Delivering for Our People*

*High performing services focused on customer and value for money*

**Performance Improvement Aspects which this improvement objective aims to deliver against**  
*Strategic Effectiveness, Service Quality, Service Availability, Sustainability, Efficiency, Innovation*

**Lead Officer:** *Director, Environment & Property*

#### Why have we chosen this Improvement Objective?

The UK has agreed to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill to prevent as far as possible any damage to the environment caused by landfilling. Legislation aims to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill by finding ways to recover value from waste and developing sustainable management practices. Disposal to landfill is the least preferred option in the waste hierarchy and is only be used as a last resort after re-use, recycling and recovery options, as an escalating scale of taxation on materials being sent to landfill has made this an increasingly expensive option. We generate tonnes of waste every year in and all councils are set targets for the amount of waste that goes to landfill and these are lowered every year. Throughout 2015 and 2016 the Council only used 72.8% of its NI Landfill Allowance Scheme allowance (15,530 tonnes) of biodegradable local authority collected municipal waste permitted to be landfilled, placing it 3<sup>rd</sup> in overall performance out of 11 Councils. It will be challenging but the Council wants to further reduce this amount.

#### What have we done so far?

We currently have data for the amount of household waste landfilled for Mid Ulster District Council for the period April 2015 to March 2017. In 2015/16 the Council landfilled 38.01% of all its household waste. For the 2016/17 fiscal year the corresponding figure was 36.13%. Whilst this may appear to be a 1.88% reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill this must be set against an overall increase in the total amount of household waste collected in excess of 3,000 tonnes or 4.30% against a reduction in the tonnage landfilled of only 231 tonnes (-0.86%). Essentially, against a background of waste growth the Council is basically running to stand still.

## Actions - What are we going to do?

What are we going to do?	Timescale	What difference will it make?
<p>Recycle/compost at least 51% of household waste by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Processing additional residual waste by diverting waste from landfill and extracting more recyclates</li> <li>2. Diverting residual waste to other waste streams</li> </ol>	March 2018	Recycling is more sustainable than landfill. The overall cost of recycling is lower than landfill and creates greater economic benefits
Restrict the amount of Household Waste landfilled as a percentage of total amount to no more than 35% (27,406 tonnes based on 2016/2017 tonnages)	March 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to Sustainable Development and the Circular Economy
Relaunch the brown bin scheme to increase the amount of food waste collected for composting through Education and Awareness Campaigns including the provision of information to all households and on vehicle advertising.	March 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to Sustainable Development and the Circular Economy
Close Magheraglass Landfill Site (and to award the contract for the final capping of the site)	June 2017 & March 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to environmental regeneration, Sustainable Development and the Circular Economy
Close Tullyvar Landfill Site	June 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to environmental regeneration, Sustainable Development and the Circular Economy
Construct a Waste Transfer Station at Drumcoo Recycling Centre, Dungannon in preparation for the Closure of Tullyvar Landfill Site	June 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to a more sustainable waste collection service by reducing vehicle mileage and by bulking waste close to its source
To award new contracts for the processing of residual wastes, bio-waste and mixed dry recyclates	March 2018	Demonstrates the Councils commitment to more sustainable waste treatment by utilising third



		party processes and contracts to increase recycling rates.
To deliver the annual Recycling Awareness Communication Plans to local schools and communities	March 2108	More awareness of schools and communities to the environmental and economic benefits of landfill diversion and recycling

## How will we know?

Measure	Current Performance (date)	Comparative Performance (date)	Target for 17/18	Target for 18/19
<b>How Much Did We do? (number)</b>				
Tonnes of Household Waste Landfilled	2016/2017: 26,514.04 t	2015/2016: 26,745.19 t	25,684.42 tonnes (based on 2016/2017 total)	22,015.22 tonnes (based on 2016/2017 total)
<b>How Well did we do It? (%)</b>				
% of Household Waste Landfilled	2016/2017: 36.13%	2015/2016: 38.01%	35%	30%

## Improvement residents, businesses or visitors expect to see

A high media profile in relation to recycling, composting and food waste segregation and collection. A reduction in the wider environmental impacts of landfill particularly in the proximity of Magheraglass and Tullyvar landfill sites.

## Partnerships: Who do we need to work with?

Other Councils, Private sector waste management companies and Northern Ireland Environment Agency, schools, and local communities.

## What risks do we need to manage?

RISK	Mitigation Activity	Risk rating
Failure to meet statutory landfill diversion and household waste recycling targets	<p>(1) Contracts in place for treatment of residual waste arising and processing of recyclable material across Council area</p> <p>(2) Network of Recycling Centres in operation across Mid Ulster</p> <p>(3) Environmental Education Programme delivered across local schools, community groups etc.</p> <p>(1) Reporting of landfill diversion and recycling performance via Waste Dataflow system</p> <p>(2) Extension of bio-waste kerbside collections, improvements to Recycling Centres to increase recycling materials being collected.</p> <p>(3) Implementation of Recycling Environmental Education Awareness Communications Plan</p>	Moderate

## Improvement Objective 3:

### 5.3 To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online

*“Where possible online services should be available to those who want them, but face-to-face and telephone services should also be available, as not everyone has a computer or knows how to use one.”*

(Resident; Mid Ulster Councils Corporate Improvement Objectives Survey, May 2017)

**Link to Community Plan Theme:** *Health and Wellbeing*

*We have better availability to the right service, in the right place at the right time.*

**Link to Corporate Plan Theme:** *Delivering for Our People*

*Increase Access to services and customer experiences across the district.*

**Performance Improvement Aspects which this improvement objective aims to deliver against**  
*Strategic Effectiveness, Service Quality, Service Availability, Fairness, Efficiency, Innovation*

**Lead Officer:** Director, Finance

### Why have we chosen this Improvement Objective?

Our customers, communities and businesses want to experience the Council which provides a single seamless journey from initial enquiry right through to the required support. The council wants to increase the range of on-line transactions, simplify our processes and engage with our customers, whilst providing appropriate support for those who interact with our services in non-digital ways such as face-to-face, written correspondence or by telephone. We will not leave anyone behind, however, over time, the success of better designed digital services will allow Council to reduce the scale and profile of less convenient, less effective and less efficient contact methods

### What have we done so far?

- Customers can now submit applications of Building notices and regularisation certificates on line
- Camping facilities at Dungannon Park and the Ballyronan Marina complex can now be booked on line
- Council suppliers can now submit their paperwork on-line to Council in relation to tenders over the value of £30k.

- An on-line application for grants for Community Financial Assistance Programmes is also now available.
- Launched 'Bin-Ovation App' with a library of over 300 household items with photographs, instructions, and which bin/recycling centre to dispose of the item in bin reminders to your phone or tablet, so you never forget to put your bin out. The App also has notifications of holiday bin collection timetable changes, straight to devices and useful tips on how to reduce, re-use and recycle, including links to external websites as well as Opening hours and GPS directions to local recycling centres in the Mid Ulster. Contact options are also available.

## Actions - What are we going to do?

What are we going to do?	Timescale	What difference will it make?
Complete scoping exercise to develop project plan on online provision	May 2017	Route map designed to achieve objective
Analysis and examination of good practice of online services	Aug 2017	(1) define and design online services and systems around customers
Review and assessment of Council's online service provision	Oct 2017	(2) To understand service demand and customer transaction process in detail
Develop a prioritised programme of work through SMART " <i>Online Accessible Services</i> " Action Plan	Nov 2017	Plan to automate and make digital services online, where practicable
Conduct a review of SMART " <i>Online Accessible Services</i> " Action Plan - review and revise for year 2 and beyond	Mar 2018	Fit for purpose prioritised plan
Implement an online facility to pay invoices	Jun 2018	Mid Ulster Website operating a payment interface for the customer
Implement an online facility to pre-pay and account manage commercial waste disposal at identified Recycling Centres - Cookstown, Drumcoo and Magherafelt	Feb 2018	Access to prepaid operational online customer portal for civic amenity site commercial waste disposal

Increase use of existing online services in Dog Licencing and Building notices Regularisation applications	Mar 2018	Reduced transactional costs for council
Implement an online facility to submit service requests i.e. Building Control Inspections and Environmental Health Complaints and Registrations	May 2018	Reduced administration for back office systems and processes
Consistent presentation of online services	Jun 2018	Consistently presented online services which are easily found, user friendly and responsive to mobile devices
Transact with suppliers electronically	Sep 2017	Electronic orders issued directly to suppliers in an accurate manner that enhances efficiencies of invoice payment processes
Leisure services accessible online and Greenvale Leisure Centre functionality maintained from September 2017	Sep 2017	Continuation of Greenvale Leisure Centre facility offering
Consistent advertising and booking opportunity for bookable activities across all facilities	Sept 2018	Consistent online leisure facility offering
Provision of mobile responsive tourism industry and customer related digital platforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of digital Tourism Industry HUB project</li> <li>• Provision of Tourism Local Information Portal</li> <li>• Provision of Tourism Visitor Information Portal</li> </ul> Provision of Digital Carleton & Heaney trails	Dec 2017  Dec 2017  Dec 2017 (Carleton) Dec 2018 (Heaney)	The addition of an engaging tourism portal for tourism industry, visitors and citizens across mid ulster
Provide work placement opportunities online	Mar 18	Consistent and online advertisement of work placement opportunities

Extend E-Tenders NI applications to all tenders	Sep 17	Consistent and online advertisement of tender opportunities
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## How will we know?

- “Online accessible services project plan” developed by November 2017
- Completed % progress against the Council’s “On line Accessible Services” Project Plan by March 2019
- No. of Additional Online Council Services; such as report it, pay for it, book it and request it online
- No. of customers completing transactions online
- No. of electronic orders issued
- No. of invoice payments received
- % increase in online Dog Licensing and Building Control Regularisation applications
- No. of work placements advertised online
- No. of tenders advertised online
- Greenvale Leisure Centre online facilities maintained by October 2017
- No. of apps available.
- No. of digital projects completed

## Improvement residents, businesses or visitors expect to see

Providing the platforms to support online applications is a must for us as an organisation, as our customers increasingly expect “always on services”. Residents, visitors and businesses will have access to a greater range of consistent and user friendly online services which will increase accessibility and availability 24/7, utilising a self-service approach to pay, report, book and request services. This will let members of the public interact with our services using the Internet at their convenience, even when we are closed.

## Partnerships: Who do we need to work with?

Staff from various service areas across Council, web designers (depending on functional capability of existing website), Citizens, Statutory/voluntary/community groups/bodies to ensure online functionality satisfies their requirements

## What risks do we need to manage?

RISK	Mitigation Activity	Risk rating
Failure to reach key milestones by agreed timeframes	Lead Officer appointed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assume responsibility for delivery of each milestone.</li> </ul>	Low

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of appropriate team to deliver milestone.</li> <li>• Report back regularly to Senior Responsible Officer.</li> </ul> <p>Senior Responsible Officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend bi-monthly meetings and escalate areas of uncertainty to appropriate authority where required.</li> </ul>	
Failure to secure adequate resources (human and financial) to deliver Year 2 milestones	<p>Senior Responsible Officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that resource implications are identified and fully explained to relevant authority (Chief Executive and Senior Management Team) prior to Rate estimates being finalised in February 2018</li> </ul>	Low

## Improvement Objective 4

### 5.4 To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing usage of Council Recreational facilities

*“Yes people should be encouraged to use Council Recreational facilities, however people should also be encouraged to live healthier lifestyles at home in terms of exercise and eating habits. Programmes could be developed to encourage this for example with school children and community groups”*

(Resident; Mid Ulster Councils Corporate Improvement Objectives Survey, May 2017)

**Link to Community Plan Theme:** *Health & Wellbeing*

*We are better enabled to live longer healthier more active lives.*

**Link to Corporate Plan Theme:** *Delivering for Our People*

*High quality responsive indoor and outdoor recreational services with increased customer numbers and satisfaction.*

**Performance Improvement Aspects this improvement objective aims to deliver against?**

*Strategic Effectiveness, Service Quality, Service Availability, Fairness, Efficiency, Innovation*

**Lead Officer:** *Director, Leisure & Outdoor Recreation*

### Why have we chosen this Improvement Objective?

The important role that sport and physical activity plays and the availability of accessible, high quality sport and leisure programmes is recognised as enhancing the quality of life, health and well-being of our district's citizens. It is key to helping the council build strong and safe communities with active and healthy people. Participation is a major contributor to personal health and wellbeing with the potential to develop personal lifelong physical and social skills.

Locally, core wellbeing levels are below Northern Ireland averages and while 80% of the population rate their health as good (Northern Ireland wide those rating their health as good stands at 79.5%), approximately 20% of the population have life limiting illnesses, in absolute terms long term health issues continue to exert pressure on communities, affect overall health outcomes and create challenges for the public services. Within our district obesity rates in children and adults are increasing coupled with it being an area with the highest proportion of deaths due to circulatory diseases, pointing us towards a need to increase participation in local health and well-being programmes. Council wants to help people to adopt and continue to develop healthy lifestyles and is a pillar within the district's Community Plan We have chosen this objective based on what our local communities have told us, whilst taking into account our identified health inequalities within the district, accessibility opportunities and participation rates.



## What have we done so far?

- 200 participants within the Environmental Health “Make a change” programme, where participants are encouraged to make lifestyle changes to include diet and exercise
- 20 community groups engaged to raise awareness of increased physical activity and 17,200 participants have taken part in 9 Sports Development Programmes.
- Current usage of facilities is 1.6 million, with the number of compiled programmes and events both internal 113 and external 64, haven taken place
- Mystery shopping visits throughout leisure facilities have averaged a 76% satisfaction rate
- Leisure Marketing Strategy available and each leisure facility has its own marketing plan
- Procuring consultancy teams to develop project designs for Gortgonis and Dungannon Leisure Centre & Railway Park

## Actions - What are we going to do?

What are we going to do?	Timescale	What difference will it make?
Develop baseline of current Health & Well Being programmes	Sept 2017	Increased participation and healthier lifestyles by greater numbers attending Health and Wellbeing programmes
Develop a plan of aligned future programmes	Dec 2017	
Baseline report of usage statistics established	March 2018	Increased participation and healthier lifestyles by greater numbers attending recreational facilities
Audit undertaken of facility usage for women/girls, disabled, those living in areas of social need	March 2018	
Audit of potential activity and promotions completed	March 2018	
Appoint Sales Officer	Sept 2017	
Customer survey developed for users and non-users by September 2017	Sept 2017	
Facility programmes plan developed	Sept 2017	

<p>Leisure marketing review complete by June 2017.</p> <p>Revised leisure marketing strategy (if required) and associated marketing action plans complete by November 2017 for implementation from April 2018.</p> <p>Develop Parks marketing strategy and marketing action plans</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>November 2017</p> <p>April 2018</p> <p>January 2018</p>	<p>Increased participation and healthier lifestyles by more people being aware of recreational facilities and programmes</p>
<p>Establish programme of work for Key Capital Schemes including:</p> <p>(I) Gortgonis</p> <p>(II) Dungannon Leisure Centre</p> <p>(III) Railway Park</p> <p>Establish programme of work for Key Capital Schemes including</p> <p>(I) Play Parks</p> <p>(II) Parks</p>	<p>March 2018</p> <p>March 2019</p>	<p>Improved quality recreational facilities in MUDC</p>
<p>Working with Corporate Improvement Objective 3 Group</p> <p>Review completed baseline of existing services provided online.</p>	<p>March 2019</p> <p>March 2018</p>	<p>Improved customer satisfaction by delivering efficient 24/7 online services.</p>
<p>Undertake a Year 1 review report</p> <p>Undertake a Year 2 project plan</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>March 2018</p>	<p>Implementation of developed project plan on target.</p>
<p>Greenvale Leisure Centre to become under Council management</p> <p>Organisation structure and process in place</p> <p>Roll out customer survey developed for other facilities</p>	<p>Sept 2017</p> <p>Sept 2018</p> <p>March 2018</p>	<p>Implementation of developed project plan on target.</p> <p>Harmonisation of service standards.</p>
<p>Strategies approved.</p> <p>Develop action plans for capital programme</p>	<p>Sept 2017</p> <p>March 2018</p>	<p>Improved quality recreational facilities in MUDC and accessible for all sections of society.</p>

## How will we know?

- Number of participants within the “Make a change” programme.
- Number of community groups engaged to raise awareness of increasing physical activity
- Number of participants within Sports development Programmes
- Number of Sports development programmes
- Usage figures of current facilities
- % increase satisfaction rate from Mystery Shopping exercises
- Number of compiled programmes and events both external and internal
- Production of an up to date Marketing strategy and number of up-to-date facility marketing plans by April 2018.
- 3 associated Capital Project Designs developed

## Improvement residents, businesses or visitors expect to see

An increase in leisure facilities provision, and improved planning for enhanced capital projects. Increased customer awareness of health, fitness and wellbeing programmes designed around our communities, targeting specific health inequalities and growing knowledge of how to increase physical activity and improve wellbeing.

## Partnerships: Who do we need to work with?

Community groups, General Public, Sports Governing bodies, Sports groups and organisations, Internal Council staff (e.g. Capital projects team, Marketing & Communications team, Finance), External consultancy teams, other council improvement projects groups (on-line accessibility & facilities).

## What risks do we need to manage?

RISK	Mitigation Activity	Risk rating
Increased competition from private sector	Strategic marketing plans developed and implemented. Sales and Marketing Officer appointed. Ongoing monitoring of performance and competition by management teams	Moderate
Resource availability & usage – staff, funding and infrastructure	Ensure the resource implications are identified and explained to Chief Executive and senior management team prior to rates estimates being finalized. Provide rationale and business case to support allocation of capital and revenue costs.	Moderate

## Contacting Us

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## Appendix One – Statutory Performance Indicators and Standards

Local Government (Performance Indictors and Standards) Order (NI) 2015 has specified performance indicators and standards for Mid Ulster District Council on Economic Development, Planning and Waste Management.

Reference	Statutory Indicator	Standard to be Met (annually)
ED1	The number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity. (Business start –up activity means the delivery of completed client led business plans under the Department of the Economy’s Regional Start initiative or its successor programmes)	210
P1	The average processing time of major planning applications. (An application in the category of major development within the meaning of the Planning Development Management ) regulations (NI) 2015 (a))	Major applications processed from date valid to decision or withdrawn within an average of 30 weeks
P2	The average processing time of local planning applications. (An application in the category of local development within the meaning of the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (NI) 2015, and other applications for approval or consent under the Planning act (NI) 2011 or any Regulations made under the Act	Local applications processed from date valid to decision or withdrawn within an average of 15 weeks.
P3	The percentage of planning enforcement cases processed within 39 weeks. (Enforcement cases are investigations into alleged breaches of planning control under Part 5 of the Planning act (NI) 2011 or any regulations made under the Act).	70% of all enforcement cases are progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint.
W1	The percentage of household waste collected by district councils that is sent for recycling (including waste prepared for reuse)	50% by 2020
W2	The amount (tonnage) of biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste that is landfilled.	NI Landfill Allowance Scheme (19,131 tonnes in 2017/2018 and 18,032 tonnes in 2018/2019)
W3	The amount (tonnage) of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste arisings (The total amount of waste collected)	Actual Tonnage 73,384.06 2016/2017 70,357.48 2015/2016

## Appendix Two –Corporate Indicators 2017-18 & 2018-19

Reference	Corporate Indicator	Standard to be met (annually)	Reporting Framework
CORP1/F01	Creditor Payment Process		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of invoices paid within 30 day target</li> <li>Number of invoices paid within 10 day target</li> </ul>	95%  90%	Quarterly & Annually  Quarterly & Annually
CORP2/DS01	% of Freedom of Information Requests responded to with 20 days	90% of all information requests responded to within 20 days	Quarterly & Annually
CORP3/OD01	% loss time rate (sickness absence)	5%	Quarterly & Annually

Further details on corporate indicator reporting are available on the council's web site at [www.midulstercouncil.org/performance](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/performance)

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<b>Report on</b>	<b>Mid Ulster Council's response to a consultation request from DFI for a proposed windfarm at lands approx. 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road. Ref LA09/2016/0232/F.</b>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Melvin Bowman
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Dr Chris Boomer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek full Council's approval for the following consultation response to the Department who are presently considering of the above wind farm application.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Department for Infrastructure had previously requested a consultation response from Mid Ulster District Council on planning application LA09/2016/0232/F for the Erection of a windfarm development comprising 11 (3 blade) wind turbines, each up to a maximum of 149.9m tip height, with a total installed capacity of up to 36.3MW, a newly created site entrance, access tracks, crane hard standings, control building and substation compound, electricity transformers, underground cabling, energy storage containers, a number of off-site areas of widening to the public road and all other associated ancillary development. During construction there would be a number of temporary works including a construction compound with car parking, an enabling works compound, temporary parts of crane hard standings, welfare facilities and 3 temporary guyed lattice type meteorological masts.
2.2	Having heard a report at the 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 Committee meeting from officers recommending that the Council express its concerns with the proposal to the Department, members proposed that a site visit be undertaken before the Councils response was agreed. That visit took place on the 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, two members of the Committee attended. A number of critical viewpoints were examined during the visit.
2.3	Since that visit the Department have written to the Council on the 16 <sup>th</sup> February advising that it has withdrawn its Notice of Opinion to refuse the application originally served on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017. This is to allow additional environmental information dealing with noise, visual impact and built heritage submitted by the applicant on the 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2016 to be considered. The Council have been consulted on this information also and have been invited to comment.



<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Having discussed the proposal at the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 members agreed that the following response should form the consultation reply to the Department:</p> <p><b>Mid- Ulster District Council have no comments or objections to make in relation to this proposal and note that there have been no local objections to it. The Council would ask the Department to determine whether the proposal is acceptable taking into account all relevant material considerations.</b></p> <p><b>If the Department is minded to give favourable consideration to socio-economic benefits, this these should be delivered through a formal planning agreement.</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Human:</p>
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p><u>Not anticipated</u></p>
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That members agree the suggested response to the Department.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Consultation response as presented to Planning Committee on 6 June 2017

<b>Report on</b>	<b>Mid Ulster Council's response to a consultation request from DFI for a proposed windfarm at lands approx. 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road. Ref LA09/2016/0232/F.</b>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Melvin Bowman
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
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<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Members were previously alerted to officer's concerns in relation to the proposal and the following suggested reasons for refusal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mid Ulster District Council have concerns with regards to the impact on the visual amenity and landscape character of this part of the Sperrin's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by reason of the number, scale, size and siting of the turbines and the high sensitivity of the landscape and this is contrary to Policy RE1 of Planning Policy Statement 18 and the SPPS.</li> <li>2. Mid Ulster District Council is concerned that the site lies in the Sperrin's AONB and are concerned the proposed windfarm would be detrimental to the environmental quality of the AONB by reason of lack of sensitivity to the distinct character and the landscape quality of the area and when its impacts are considered in relation to already consented wind energy development in the local area and would therefore also be contrary to PPS2.</li> <li>3. Mid-Ulster Council have concerns that the proposal is likely to have an unacceptable detrimental impact on the conservation interests of Carntogher SLNCI.</li> </ol>
3.2	<p>I note that the recent consultation response from Shared Environmental Services has advised the following:</p> <p><b>Sites considered for Habitats Regulations Assessment:</b></p> <p>Two European sites were identified for consideration: Carn Glenshane Pass Special Area of Conservation (SAC) due to proximity to the proposal and the Bann Estuary SAC</p> <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p>Carn Glenshane Pass SAC represents a large area of intact blanket bog within the Sperrin Mountains and blanket bog (EU habitat code 7130) is the primary selection reason for the site. The SAC is located in close proximity to the proposal, approximately 60m from the red line boundary. However, it is upslope of the proposal and not considered at risk from construction related pollutants as hydrological flows are moving away from it. No works are planned nor permitted within the designated site. Any such works would require consent from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency Conservation Designations and Protection unit (NIEA CDP).</p> <p>Having considered the nature, scale, duration and location of the project, it is concluded that the proposal would not be likely to have a significant effect on Carn Glenshane Pass SAC.</p> <p>Given this response from SES it is my view that the third reason for refusal above is no-longer necessary.</p> <p>As yet Historic Environment Division have not formally responded to the additional environmental information, their previous comments however where as follows:</p>

3.3	<p><b>Historic Environment Division: Historic Monuments (HED: HM)</b> has reviewed the <i>Archaeological and Cultural Heritage</i> section within the Environmental Statement submitted with this application.</p> <p>HED: HM advises that on the basis of the information provided this proposal is contrary to policy BH1 of PPS 6 and would have an unacceptable adverse impact upon the integrity of the settings and public views on approach to and from the State Care monuments of Knockoneill Court Tomb (LDY 026:052) and Tamnyrankin Court Tomb (LDY 026:013), with particular reference to section 3.6 of PPS 6. The proposal would also have an unacceptable adverse impact upon the integrity of the settings of the nearby scheduled monuments of Knockoneill Rath (LDY026:053) and Slaghtneill Wedge Tomb (LDY 032:024), which would also be contrary to Policy BH 1.</p> <p>This development cannot be made acceptable using conditions or adequately mitigated under the proposed scheme.</p>
3.4	<p>I have examined the additional information submitted in relation to addressing Landscape and Visual impact. This information has attempted to address the extensive size and nature of the proposal and its impact on the AONB. RES (the agent) argue that the wind farm is located some distance from the AONB's core, that there are already consented farms in the AONB and that the extension to Broackaboy wind farm was consented after the publication of the SPPS which has introduced a more cautious approach to wind energy proposals in AONB's. RES also consider that the proposal close relationship with the adjacent Brockaghboy wind farm is visually beneficial and helps to cluster the development</p> <p>Members will be aware of my concerns in relation to the impact of the proposed development and its visual extension of these significant structures along the very distinct unspoilt ridge line extending SW from the site. The importance of this was emphasized during our site visit. I do not consider that the additional arguments presented by RES overcome the reasons for refusal presented at Par. 2.4 of this report.</p>
3.5	<p>Environmental Health Department of Mid-Ulster Council has responded to the additional information. Subject to some further clarification and appropriate conditions there appears to be no objection on noise impact grounds.</p>
3.6	<p>My previous report to the Committee outlined the Socioeconomic Benefits being put forward by RES. Whilst notable, my conclusions however in relation to these benefits remain unchanged in relation to the potential for the proposed wind farm to impact on the AONB and its impact on local State care / Scheduled monuments.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Other Considerations</b></p>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Human:</p>

4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p><u>Not anticipated</u></p>
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>That members note the latest position and that the additional environmental information has not overcome the impact of this proposal on the AONB, or in light of HED's comments on the impact on State Care Monuments, and that the following reasons for refusal represent the views of the Council:</p> <p><b>1. Mid Ulster District Council have concerns with regards to the impact on the visual amenity and landscape character of this part of the Sperrin's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by reason of the number, scale, size and siting of the turbines and the high sensitivity of the landscape and this is contrary to Policy RE1 of Planning Policy Statement 18 and the SPPS.</b></p> <p><b>2. Mid Ulster District Council is concerned that the site lies in the Sperrin's AONB and are concerned the proposed windfarm would be detrimental to the environmental quality of the AONB by reason of lack of sensitivity to the distinct character and the landscape quality of the area and when its impacts are considered in relation to already consented wind energy development in the local area and would therefore also be contrary to PPS2.</b></p> <p><b>3. This proposal is also contrary to policy BH1 of PPS 6 and would have an unacceptable adverse impact upon the integrity of the settings and public views on approach to and from State Care monuments and on the integrity of the settings of nearby scheduled monuments.</b></p>
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Location Map.





# CORLACKY HILL WIND FARM

## FIGURE 1.1 SITE LOCATION

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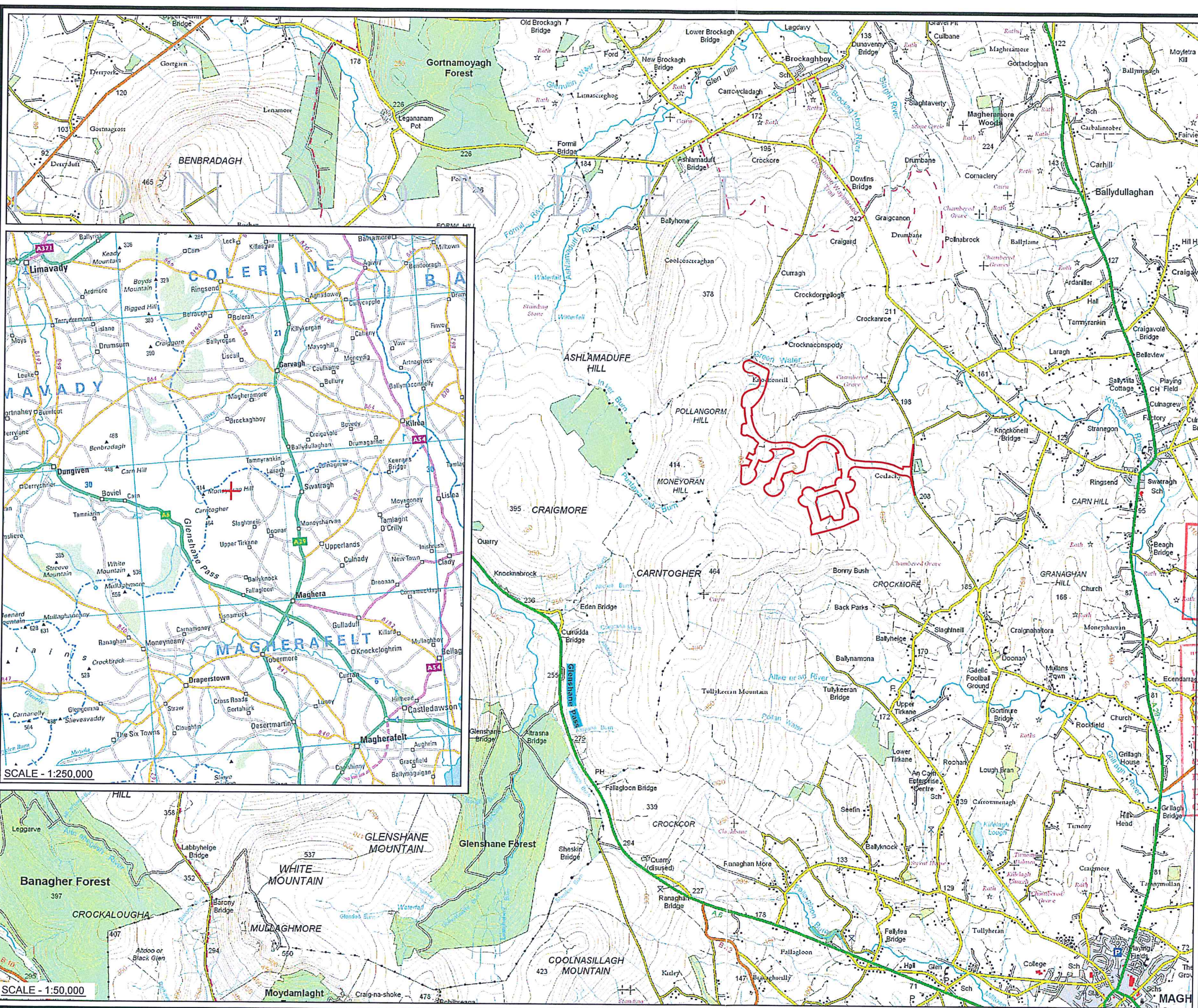
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<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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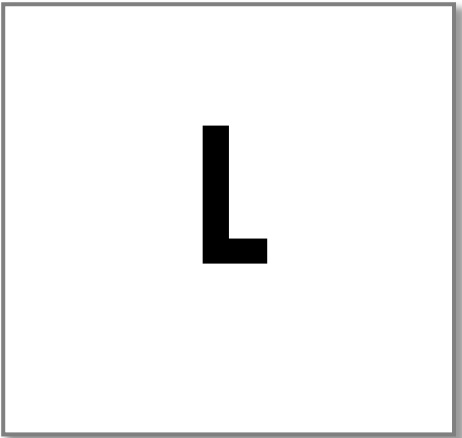
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: N/A  Human: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  Not Applicable
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  Not Applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.



6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

## Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Draft Disability Action Plan	The consultation invites comments on Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Draft Disability Action Plan.	10 August 2017	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://consultations.antirmandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/organisati-on-development/draft-disability-action-plan-2016-2020">https://consultations.antirmandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/organisati-on-development/draft-disability-action-plan-2016-2020</a>		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Derry City and Strabane District Council	Local Development Plan	The Preferred Options Paper (POP) is the first formal consultation stage in the preparation of the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) for Derry City and Strabane District and sets out the Council's initial proposals and policy direction.	22 August 2017	Yes-by Planning Section
	Link to Consultation	<a href="http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Preferred-Options-Paper-(POP)">http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Preferred-Options-Paper-(POP)</a>		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Area-based Schemes Review of Decisions process	This consultation relates to the proposed change to the Department's Area Based Schemes Review of Decisions process. The scope of this consultation is for applications received relating to the 2017 Area Based Scheme Year onwards.	4 August 2017	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>		

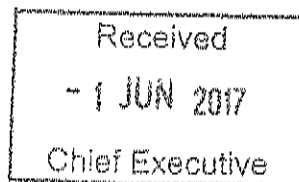


<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – June 2017
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b>Correspondence from Northern Ireland Water</b>
3.1.1	NI Water attended a meeting of council on 30 March 2017 to provide an update on their activities within the area. A letter is attached in response to issues raised by members present at the meeting (appendix A).
3.1.2	<b>Correspondence from NILGA</b>  The Council, at its May 2017 meeting, agreed to support a motion previously carried by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on the <i>Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme</i> . The letter attached as appendix B confirms that council support for this motion was scheduled to be considered at NILGA Executive meeting held on 9 June.
3.1.3	<b>Correspondence from BT – Notification of Removal of Payphone</b>  BT has corresponded with Council to give notification of its intention to permanently remove a payphone from service. The letter is attached as Appendix C and refers to a payphone and box at Longfield Road, (at Church), Desertmartin, Magherafelt, BT45 5LP – which is notified as being damaged beyond repair.  BT is undertaking a 90 day consultation seeking representations from interested parties. They have identified the Council as a consultee under Ofcom regulations. A notice was placed at the Payphone by BT advising the public to submit any views to the Council within 42 days of the notice placed. As of the date of this report no submissions had been submitted with council (although the 42 public consultation period has not been exhausted).

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: Not applicable  Human: Not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  Not applicable
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  Not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A Letter from Northern Ireland Water (25 May 2017) Appendix B Letter from NILGA (5 June 2017) Appendix C Letter from BT (23 May 2017)



Northern Ireland Water  
Westland House  
40 Old Westland Road  
Belfast  
BT14 6TE

Tel: 0345 300 6461

25 May 2017

Dear Mr Tohill,

On behalf of NI Water, may I thank you for permitting us the opportunity to appear before Mid-Ulster District Council on 30 March 2017 to update your members and officials about our work in the area and how we are delivering what matters for the entire community across the Council area? It is our hope that this session was considered to be useful and interesting by those present.

Various members raised a number of queries on that occasion, and responses to these are outlined below. I would be grateful if you could convey these responses to the elected members in question.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about any plans which NI Water may have to sell Castlehill Reservoir in Dungannon. This site remains in service and there are no plans to sell it off.

Councillor McGinley raised issues surrounding our Smart Leak App for download to smartphones and other handheld devices. The app was launched in mid-2015, but take-up was low, notwithstanding promotion online via social media networks and other means. However, the feedback of those who did download and use the app was positive.

Councillor Reid had concerns surrounding sewerage capacity in the Newmills area, as well as attendant prohibitions on development in the village, alongside any potential upgrade to the wastewater pumping station at Carland. I can report that our Developer Services team will be happy to meet with Councillor Reid on-site, as well as the prospective developer(s) in order to advise in relation to NI Water's current policies on requisitions, development pressure and interim options, which may include adoptable package wastewater treatment. Councillor Reid should contact our Elected Representatives Line on 0345 3006461 in order to arrange a meeting.

Councillor McGuigan enquired about water supply issues affecting constituents in the Fivemilestraight area near Maghera, where several properties are on a single shared water supply. Residents are required to contribute to the costs of any public watermain extension if they seek individual connections, but some customers are unwilling to do so. The Scheme of Charges as approved by the Utility Regulator and the Department for Infrastructure currently binds NI Water, and we are unfortunately unable to spend more than the allowable Reasonable Unit Cost (RCU) as indicated in the current Scheme of Charges; this document can be found on [www.niwater.com](http://www.niwater.com).

We will be happy to meet with Councillor McGuigan to discuss this matter further, and he should contact us on 0345 3006461 to arrange a suitable date and location.

Councillor McLean raised points relating to sewerage incapacity in the Magherafelt area, with particular reference to the consultation property developers have with NI Water. I am in a position to report that NI Water is a statutory consultee, and is routinely consulted by the relevant local planning authorities about any and all potential development. Developers and their agents are offered a pre-development enquiry service in which they are advised as to the availability of water and wastewater infrastructure to service the proposed development.

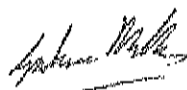
NI Water requires developers to obtain relevant statutory approvals from other agencies and bodies, including the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Rivers Agency and Transport NI. Detailed drainage designs for proposed new developments must be submitted to NI Water for approval before a connection to the public sewerage system is authorised. All new development must be designed and constructed with separate foul and surface water systems in place. The terms and conditions of any approval to connect to the public sewer include the agreed point of connection and the provision of the developer to requisition an extension to the public sewer if necessary.

Councillor McLean also raised points relating to a desire for individual connections from the watermain to properties at Westland Road in Magherafelt. A meeting with Nigel McDowell, NI Water's Connections Manager, may be of use to Councillor McLean in order to discuss this matter. Nigel will be happy to arrange a technical assessment and advise on the procedure for making a connection to the public water main. This meeting can be arranged by dialling 0345 3006461.

Councillor McLean raised additional points relating to NI Water's consultation with Transport NI, following a perception that newly laid road surfaces are all too often being dug up. NI Water is a member of the Northern Ireland Roads and Utilities Committee (NIRAUC), which meets regularly to discuss and resolve matters of common interest. Like other utilities, NI Water avails of Transport NI's Symology system, which requires all local utility companies to notify Transport NI about proposed schemes that will require apparatus to be installed in the public domain. This ensures that Transport NI are aware of any planned programme of works and thus aim to co-ordinate any additional planned works in the area insofar as possible. However, it is possible that on occasions, work of an emergency nature may be necessary in order to ensure that the standards of service that our customers expect is maintained.

I hope that you and your members will find these points useful. Should you require any additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Elected Representatives Line on 0345 3006461. Members of the public should contact us via Waterline by dialling 03457 440088.

Yours Faithfully,



**Grahame Millar**  
**Head of Wastewater Networks Capital Delivery**  
**NI Water**

Cllr Trevor Wilson  
Chair  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Ballyronan Road  
Magherafelt  
BT45 6EN

5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Cllr Wilson,


**Re: Motion – Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme**

Thank you for your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, regarding the recent meeting of Mid Ulster District Council members supported the motion from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council that the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme be reinstated.

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the letter and let you know that the original letter from Fermanagh and Omagh has been placed on the agenda for the next NILGA Executive Meeting to take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Magherafelt Civic Offices, Magherafelt.

We will be in touch after this meeting to inform you of the discussion and any agreed action.

Yours sincerely,



**Derek McCallan**  
Chief Executive







Planning Department  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Magherafelt Office  
Ballyronan Road  
Magherafelt  
BT45 6EN

23 May 2017

**TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED**

Our reference: - JB-02879633082

Dear Sir or Madam,

**REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE:**

I am writing to advise you that the above mentioned kiosk has been damaged beyond economical repair. As our records indicate the payphone has received little use during the past twelve months we are proposing to permanently remove the service at this location.

Our obligation to provide a Universal Service will be maintained, as there are other kiosks within the vicinity. The nearest alternative kiosk is at Main Street Desertmartin Magherafelt BT45 5LN, which is 2382 meters away.

Before we can remove a kiosk we have an obligation to consult with relevant public bodies on the proposed removal. As part of the consultation process it is a requirement that the Council reply in writing to BT within 90-days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community. Further information on the consultation process can be found at:

[http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing\\_callboxes.pdf](http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing_callboxes.pdf)

If you do not reply, it will be taken that the council and interested parties have no objection to the permanent removal of this payphone.

A notice of our proposal is being displayed in the kiosk and a copy is enclosed with this letter for your information.

If you require any further information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [btpcfo@bt.com](mailto:btpcfo@bt.com)

Yours faithfully

Jim Blanch

BT Payphones - Commercial Field Officer