



27 September 2018

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in
The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular
Road, DUNGANNON, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 27 September 2018 at 19:00 to
transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

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Notice of Motions

- 14 Councillor G Shiels to move:

"That this council writes to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health, requesting a meeting to explain to Council how the Department intends to deliver the promise made personally by the Prime Minister, relating to the root and branch review of the state of mental health within the workplace, the review which she commissioned.

That nationwide review was named "Thriving at Work" and Mrs May promised at the publication of the review that she would as a first step introduce the ground-breaking proposals contained in the review to the NHS and the Civil Service. This would benefit up to two million public sector workers.

The question is would that promise travel and would workers in Northern Ireland benefit. If not, why not?"

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Matters for Decision

15. Confidential minutes of Council held on 23 August 2018
16. Confidential minutes of Planning Committee held on 4 September 2018
17. Confidential minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 6 September 2018
18. Confidential minutes of Environment Committee held on 11 September 2018
19. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 13 September 2018
20. Confidential minutes of Audit Committee held on 18 September 2018
21. Portglenone Angling stands / Access paths
22. Mechanism for Economic Growth
23. Document for Sealing - "Treatment of Residual Waste with Regen Waste Ltd"

24. Document for Sealing - "Lease of Lands situated at the rear of Clogher Primary School between the Select Vestry Committee and Mid Ulster District Council (Lease and Counterpart Lease)"
25. Document for sealing - "FP McCann - Contract for repair of Maghera Leisure Centre"

Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 23 August 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor McPeake

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Mallaghan, McEldowney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, , Mulligan, J O'Neill, T Quinn, M Quinn, Robinson, G Shiels and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Mr A Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications
Mr P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C187/18 Apologies

Councillor Bateson, Elattar, Mullen Kearney McAleer, McGinley, McLean, Reid and Wilson

C188/18 Declarations of Interest

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

C189/18 Chair's Business

None

Matters for Decision

C190/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2018

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 26 July 2018 (C159/18 – C172/18 and C186/18) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had not been in attendance at the previous Council meeting at which discussion on the scoping study for potential sites for traveller provision took place. Councillor McFlynn requested an update.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that an internal meeting had been held on the matter on 24 July at which some actions had been proposed. He advised that the notes of the meeting had yet to be ratified and that due to staff leave some progress had been made, however as business resumed after the holiday period more progress could be expected.

Councillor McFlynn asked if a report would be presented at the Environment Committee in September or October regarding the issue. In response the Chief Executive stated that he had not spoken to the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure and thus could not commit but assured the meeting that the Working Group would be established and progress made at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to the motion moved in June 2018 on a Brexit Working Group being set up and sought an update. In response, the Chief Executive stated that Brexit was discussed regularly at SMT and that a paper to establish a Working Group would be brought to Development Committee in September. He also referred to a suite of papers issued earlier in the day concerning Brexit.

C191/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2018

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 7 July (P102/18 – P106/18 and P111/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C192/18 Referral from Planning Committee of a Planning Application for 2 No. additional broiler poultry sheds (to contain in total 74,000 broilers taking the total farm capacity to 148,000 broilers) with 4 No. feed bins, 2 No. gas tanks, biomass boiler shed and pellet bin, ancillary building and proposed cattle shed with underground slurry tank (to contain 80 beef cattle) new covered silage pit, covered yard area and general farm storage building at 300m North West and 100m South West of 27 Terryscollop Road, Annagh, Dungannon for CAP Farms Ltd

The Planning Manager recommended that the paper presented be deferred to the Planning Committee. He apologised, advising that the Department for Communities (DfC) had been endeavouring to change legislation in relation to application processes and that Planning Managers had not been consulted. He outlined that the council’s Planning Committee had delegated powers in relation to planning applications and thus this application should be deferred back to September Planning Committee in line with

the Planning Protocol. He further advised that the issues raised by the Department of Communities were to be discussed at SOLACE.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That the application aforementioned be deferred to the September Planning Committee.

C193/18 Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme

Councillor McKinney stated he had been contacted by a number of constituents who had received 'time-bound response' correspondence from the Department for the Economy regarding the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme and proposed that council write to request a meeting to discuss the responsiveness and accessibility of departmental officials on the matter.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake clarified that it was in relation to the Boilers and concurred with Councillor McKinney.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he would second the proposal for a meeting and emphasised that companies needed answers and that he too had received a number of enquiries in relation to the matter.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That Council write to the Department for the Economy requesting a meeting regarding the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme with relation to time bound response correspondence being received by companies.

C194/18 Revised Timetable for the production of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Mid Ulster District Council Area

The Planning Manager requested that the report be deferred back to the planning committee advising that excellent progress was being made on the Development Plan but that following the release of the report it had come to light that some further work was required to be undertaken on the plan before it being considered for approval. He assured Members that the Local Development Plan for the Mid Ulster District Council area would be presented to committee and council in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the revised Timetable for the production of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Mid Ulster District Council area be deferred.

C195/18 A29/A31 Bypass

Councillor Cuddy made reference to a recent motion moved and carried at June Council regarding a bypass for Dungannon and asked if there was a timetable and process in place to identify a route for this.

The Chief Executive advised that following the motion he had met with senior officials from the Department for Infrastructure to discuss the issue and highlighted that it had been discussed with regard to community planning and as part of the council's aspirations for economic growth. He outlined that in tandem with the community plan the Department is preparing a regional strategic road network plan that would incorporate proposed road schemes including the A29 and other enhancements around Moneymore. He emphasised that work was ongoing and that from the outset Council has put forward a case for the inclusion of Dungannon. The Chief Executive noted that other bypass plans have progressed further than the Dungannon scheme but if council have it included within its plans it would help. He also stated that Council had investigated how it could assist the fruition of a scheme and to date progress was positive.

The Planning Manager stated it was important to have the Dungannon bypass proposal on the agenda and that he had looked at potential options taking into account issues, such as topography, areas of conservation, houses, settlements, dwellings in the countryside and thus the options narrow down to two or three possibilities either to the east of the town or the west of the town. He highlighted that it raised questions as to whether there should be another motorway junction but stressed that options would be put on paper and brought to the Members attention. He stressed the importance of keeping the work ongoing and not halting the progress of a plan.

Councillor Ashton sought clarification as to why three papers had been presented on the agenda and yet were now being deferred.

In response the Planning Manager referred back to his earlier explanations aforementioned and stated that he had issues to check out prior to the plan being signed off by Council and it would be embarrassing if the papers were passed tonight and in a few weeks it was established that other consultees had to be included.

Councillor McFlynn asked if the list of stakeholders outlined in the plan attached to the report was exhaustive or if others could be included. The Planning Manager outlined that the consultees had arisen from the community planning events and as each stage progressed some groups had not responded thus were not included going forward. He further advised if they were not statutory consultees they could be added.

Councillor McFlynn stated that some groups may not be aware of the opportunity. The Planning Manager advised that opportunities to become engaged were advertised in the press and that there would be publicity in the future.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the news that the Dungannon Bypass was moving forward but stated that it should be the A29 in its entirety emphasising that to exclude Moy would only move traffic congestion. He stated that he accepted that processes

were long but stressed that the Dungannon bypass had been discussed in the Dungannon Area Plan some 25 years previous. He made mention of the retail units being lost to housing in Scotch Street, Dungannon and stressed that Council continued to pass housing development plans with no conditions set for recreational facilities. Councillor Monteith emphasised that communities cannot wait five years and stated there should be a way of addressing issues as more single dwellings were being passed. He concluded that, *“Council was fiddling whilst Rome was burning”*.

Councillor G Shiels stressed the importance of lobbying in relation to bypasses and spoke of his desire for a bypass in Maghera for over 20 years. He referred to the current plans for bypasses for Cookstown and Moneymore and stressed that he would like to see Maghera finished.

Stating that Martin Luther said, *“I have a dream”* he emphasised that he, George Shiels *‘had a plan’* that if another kilometre of road was added to the distributor road in Maghera it could be linked into the Castledawson roundabout. He continued stating that Moneymore should be linked into the Cookstown bypass and that it was prevalent that Council plan ahead for the future of the roads throughout the district.

Councillor Gildernew concurred with Councillor Monteith’s comments regarding Moy and supported the reasons to include Moy Village any A29/bypass scheme around Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That Council include Moy Village in its plans regarding the A29 bypass scheme at Dungannon

The Planning Manager in responding to concerns regarding Dungannon town centre stated that Dungannon Regeneration Partnership had also expressed concern and that the forthcoming preferred Options Paper would have a Plan Strategy for the town. With reference to open space, the Planning Manager confirmed that it was sought in housing development plans but that he would speak to the Councillor regarding open spaces.

The Planning Manager referred to comments regarding the bypasses and highlighted that the Magherafelt bypass was excellent and had promoted economic development opportunities. He also stated that similar projects for Cookstown and Dungannon would open opportunities but stressed that it was all about roads going south as well as east and west emphasising that keeping traffic moving on the whole A29 was key.

The Chief Executive clarified that the road networks across Mid Ulster district being referenced during discussion incorporated both the A29 and A31.

C196/18 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions for Mid Ulster

The Planning Manager requested that the report be deferred back to the planning committee advising that excellent progress was being made on the Development Plan but that following the release of the report it had come to light that some further work was required on the plan thus to approve tonight's report would be premature. He assured Members that the Local Development Plan for the Mid Ulster District Council area would be presented to committee and council in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the report on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions report be deferred

C197/18 Conferences, Seminars & Training

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the undernoted for attendance of Councillors and Council Officers as outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Conference & Seminars – Attendance by Members

- RTPI NI Planning Conference – Excellence in the Ordinary
Tuesday 11 September 2018, Europa Hotel, Belfast
Cost £80 + VAT + travel and subsistence (3 places for price of 4)
- MILNE Funeral Services – End of Life Care Conference
Wednesday 12 September 2018, Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown
No conference fee, travel and subsistence
- DTNI Community Expo: Community Ownership – A movement for Social Change
Wednesday 19 September 2018, Duncairn Centre, Belfast
Cost £60 plus travel and subsistence
- NILGA Developing a Safe and a Just Community
Friday 28 September 10am – 1.30pm, The City Hotel, Derry-Londonderry
No conference fee, travel and subsistence

(ii) Member Training Requests

Councillor Doris sought approval to attend the *Law Centre Conference: Social Secutiry Law in Practice 2018* at an approximate cost of £120.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake requested that the information be circulated to all Members should anyone wish to attend.

(iii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
RTPI Conference	11/09/18	4	Belfast	Yes, 4 for cost of 3

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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

The Planning Manager and Councillor G Shields left the meeting at 7.35pm

C198/18 Civic Recognition Requests

The Head of Democratic Services referred Members to the previously circulated report and sought approval for requests for civic recognition from Members, in line with revised policy.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

Matters for Information

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 7.38pm

C199/18 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council

The previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council since the last meeting of Council was presented to the meeting.

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council prepare a response to the NILGA consultation outlined in the report. He stated that early aspirations for the Review of Public Administration were that councils were to have more powers than they currently have. He also said that in the absence of the NI Assembly Councils continued to function and deliver a wide range of services.

Councillor S McGuigan concurred and suggested that the response be presented to Policy and Resources committee.

The Chief Executive stated that Council had planned to submit a response and invited Members comments.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that there was a Discussion Document in relation to the consultation and requested that it be circulated to Members.

Resolved: That (i) council note the consultations within the Consultations Report and (ii) response be prepared for consideration by Policy & Resources Committee on the NILGA consultation - *Devolution Within Northern Ireland*

The press left the meeting at 7.40pm

Councillor T Quinn left the meeting at 7.40pm

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan

Resolved: That items C200/18 – C206/18 be taken as confidential business.

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Meeting Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 26 July 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 7 August 2018
- (iii) Tender Report for the appointment of a Fire and Security Maintenance Contract for Council Property
- (iv) Capital Project – St. Patrick's Hall, Ardboe
- (v) Capital Projects – Upperlands

C207/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.45pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Mallaghan, Chair Councillors Bateson, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen
Officers in Attendance	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Council Solicitor Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Applicant Speakers LA09/2018/0754/O Councillor B McGuigan LA09/2017/0899/F Councillor B McGuigan

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm

P112/18 Apologies

Councillors Bell, Kearney, Reid and Robinson.

P113/18 Declarations of Interest

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

P114/18 Chair's Business

The Planning Manager advised of three new planning officers who have commenced or are due to commence employment within the department in the coming weeks.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination. The Chair sought approval to have these applications deferred /withdrawn from tonight's meeting schedule –

Agenda item 4.4 – LA09/2017/1685/O – Site for infill dwelling and domestic garage 60m SW of 72 Deerpark Road, Castledawson for Mr P Keenan – Defer for office meeting.

Agenda item 4.5 – LA09/2017/1775/O – Dwelling and garage 30m S of 11 Motalee Road, Magherafelt for Gillian Montgomery – Application has been withdrawn.

Agenda item 4.8 - LA09/2018/0469/O – Site for infill dwelling and garage 70m NW of 81 Ballymacombs Road, Bellaghy for William Mulholland – Defer for office meeting.

Agenda item 4.15 – LA09/2018/0746/O – Infill dwelling and garage 50m NE of 49 Fivemile Straight, Carnamoney, Draperstown for Connor McPeake – Defer for office meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting/ withdrawn from tonight's list for consideration.

Matters for Decision

P115/18 Planning Applications for Determination

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination.

LA09/2017/0542/F Lateral extensions in a Westerly and Southerly direction to existing quarry development site and holistic restoration of previous and proposed mineral extraction areas at Brackagh sand and gravel quarry, 29 Disert Road, Draperstown, Magherafelt for Creagh Concrete Products Ltd.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0542/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0542/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0766/F Conversion of waste land into a car park at land adjacent to 25 High Street, Moneymore for Weir & Co.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0766/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0766/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1208/F Housing development, associated access and site works at land to N of 15 Killyfaddy Road, Magherafelt for Choice Housing Ireland Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1208/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1208/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1685/O Site for infill dwelling and domestic garage 60m SW of 72 Deerpark Road, Castledawson for Mr P Keenan

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1775/O Dwelling and garage 30m S of 11 Motalee Road, Magherafelt for Gillian Montgomery

Application withdrawn.

LA09/2017/1788/F Expansion of existing facilities to include Truss units, associated wood store and 2 light industrial units at site adjacent to and S of Ardboe Business Park, Kilmascally Road, Ardboe for Quinn Building Supplies Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1788/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1788/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0236/F Retention of re-use of redundant agricultural/rural building as a car mechanic business to the rear of 275 Mountjoy Road, Carnan, Stewartstown for Mr Kevin McElhennon

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0236/F which had a recommendation for approval. As per addendum circulated Members noted that page 5 of the officer's report refers to PPS4 however it should read CTY4.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0236/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0469/O Site for infill dwelling and garage 70m NW of 81 Ballymacombs Road, Bellaghy for William Mulholland

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/0481/O Dwelling and garage on land adjacent and N of 2 Glenarny Road, Cookstown for Mr P and Mrs U Rogers

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0481/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0481/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0501/O Site for new 2 storey attached town house adjacent to 6 Fireside Close, Knockloughrim for Mr Aubrey Shiels

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0501/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0501/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0511/LBC Replacing two single glazed windows (sash) at the front of property facing Main Street with double glazing at 53 Main Street, Benburb for Mr Bob Toner

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0511/LBC advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Gildernew stated that he did not understand why Historic Environment Division were objecting to the application if the windows were replaced like for like as proposed. The Councillor stated he did not foresee how the application would change the character of the building.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the advances in upvc glazing and stated that it was important to ensure that properties remain liveable.

The Planning Manager stated that planning had not been draconian with these type of cases in the past and that he would be agreeable to an office meeting for this application.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0511/LBC be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2018/0542/F General purpose store for the storage of equipment for approved hard standing and storage compound at and 50m S of 136 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland for General Cabins Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0542/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0542/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0610/F First floor conversion of existing garage to provide two additional bedrooms, shower room and living area at 54 Kilnacart Road, Dungannon for Mr Gary McCann

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0610/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0610/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0654/O Site for dwelling at land between 36 and 40 Frenchmans Lane, Castlecaulfield for Mr Gary McConville

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0654/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0654/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0746/O Infill dwelling and garage 50m NE of 49 Fivemile Straight, Carnamone, Draperstown for Mr Connor McPeake

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/0754/O Dwelling and garage 20m W of 35 Moss Road, Ballymaguigan for Christopher Cassidy

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0754/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 referred to the planning officer's report which stated that the garage associated with 35 Moss Road did not read as part of the road frontage given its setback position. Mr Cassidy stated he wanted to be treated the same as everyone else and provided three examples in which the Planning Committee had found that buildings sited behind a dwelling also have road frontage and could constitute a second building.

In respect of the Portacabin, Mr Cassidy stated that this structure is lawful and that policy does not define what a building type has to be. Mr Cassidy went on to provide examples of case law which supports a portable structure as being a building. Mr Cassidy stated the proposal did not interfere with the separation between the settlement limit of Ballymaguigan and the countryside and that as the requirements for a small gap site were being met refusal under policy CTY14 (build up) could not be sustained.

The Planning Manager stated he believed the die had already been cast in respect of how previous applications had been determined at this location and that rather than rehearse proceedings the applicant should be allowed to put their arguments to the Planning Appeals Commission.

In response to Councillor McPeake's question the Planning Manager stated that PAC determinations had been made under most recent policy.

Councillor McPeake stated that in terms of the dwelling and garage being counted as two buildings he remembered approving other applications similar to this proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that in the case of other applications there would have tended to have been a further dwelling to be considered as well. The Planning Manager stated that if Members were minded to approve the application then he could not guarantee they would not be surcharged.

Councillor McPeake asked what the merits of the house and garage were in this application.

The Planning Manager advised there had been cases when the garage had been behind the dwelling and that this had not been accepted as a second building. The Planning Manager stated he did not know what PAC would make of this application but that they were unlikely to go against their previous determinations. The Planning Manager also stated that Mr Cassidy would have a grievance against Council if the Committee allowed this application as it did not allow his previous application for an office at this site as infill development.

The Council Solicitor referred to the fact that the circumstances of this application are that PAC had made a decision in relation to the subject site and specifically addressed the issue of the adjacent house/garage. She also noted that the previous decisions taken by the Planning Committee and highlighted by the applicant, may have been made in advance of this PAC decision regarding this site. The Council Solicitor stated that whilst the Planning Committee would want to ensure consistency in decision making, if it was of the opinion that their previous decision(s) was a poor decision, then the Committee should not be bound by that in relation to any future applications.

Councillor Bateson stated that the Committee should not be hampered now just because it previously refused the office building application. Councillor Bateson stated that anyone driving down Moss Road would be able to envisage a dwelling on the proposed site and that this dwelling would not change the character of the area. Councillor Bateson stated that the proposal would have no detrimental impact to the character of the road, he further referred to the Portacabin and that this is permitted development.

The Planning Manager stated that he felt this application should not be treated differently to the previous office building proposal in respect to infill.

Councillor Bateson stated he had argued then that the office building proposal would not have had detrimental impact.

The Head of Development Management referred to officer report in which it was stated that the site acted as a visual break between the settlement of Ballymaguigan and existing properties at 35 and 37 Moss Road. A dwelling on the proposed site would consolidate this visual break.

The Planning Manager asked Members to consider what would happen should the application be approved and someone then made a complaint with reference to the previous application which was refused with enforcement action being taken. The Planning Manager stated Council would be in an awkward position and would have to prove what had changed in the interim.

Councillor Gildernew stated he would like to know the consequences of approving or refusing the application.

The Council Solicitor stated that if the application is refused the applicant has a right of appeal to the PAC. In relation to potential for an award of costs against the Council, based on the information provided she could not see where the unreasonable behaviour could be and so did not envisage a risk in this respect. If the application is approved then, based on the information provided, she was of the opinion that there could be grounds for a judicial review. However, that would depend on there being someone willing to challenge an approval for the permission sought by way of judicial review.

Councillor Gildernew questioned that if the Committee approve the application whether it was leaving itself open.

The Council Solicitor referred to her previous comments in relation to judicial review challenge.

The Planning Manager stated that Council would cease to be at risk if it made a reasonable argument as to how it came to its decision. The Planning Manager highlighted the point referred to in the officer's report that the proposal constituted an important visual break.

Councillor Bateson stated he would challenge this point and did not feel there was a distinction between settlement and countryside for the full length of Moss road.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he would like clarification on the Portacabin and whether this was classed as a building or not.

The Planning Manager advised that portable structures such as caravans were not considered to be buildings in most instances. However for the purposes of the definition of the Planning Act a building was any structure although this did not mean that that was automatically applicable for policy purposes. The Planning Manager stated that a further critical test in this application was whether the Portacabin would act as a bookend to development. The Planning Manager stated that if the application went to Planning Appeals then there would be determination on whether the Portacabin was a building for the purposes of the policy.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor McPeake referred to one of the examples put forward by Mr Cassidy which relied on buildings on the opposite side of the road and stated that there would be buildings on the opposite side of the road in respect of this application. Councillor McPeake stated that there also needed to be some determination on the legitimacy of the Portacabin and whether it acted as a bookend to development and on these basis he proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager stated that the Committee needed to be clear on why it was accepting a proposal for a dwelling on this site when it refused a smaller proposal in the past.

Councillor Bateson stated he did not believe the proposal would change the character of the area.

Councillor McKinney asked if the existing house and garage was one building.

The Head of Development Management stated that he believed that the house and garage was one building.

Councillor McAleer asked if this application was for a farm whether it would be considered differently.

In response to the Planning Manager asking Mr Cassidy whether he wanted his application considered under another reason, Mr Cassidy responded that he did not.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application. The Councillor wished the applicant well with their planning appeal but stated that Council were in a legal minefield with regard to this application.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan reminded Members that there was a possibility of a legal challenge being taken and that Members could be surcharged but it was in the Committee's hands how they wanted to proceed.

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

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

For – 5

Members voted on Councillor McPeake's proposal to defer the application for an office meeting –

For – 5

The Chair used his casting vote to vote in favour of Councillor McPeake's proposal and declared the proposal to defer the application for an office meeting carried.

The Planning Manager asked what Members wanted to be discussed at the office meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked that consideration be given to other policy that may apply to the application.

Councillor McKinney also asked that legal opinion be provided on what does and does not constitute a portable building.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0754/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2018/0983/F Single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 26 Whitetown Road, Newmills, Dungannon for Mrs Muriel Magee

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0983/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0983/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1022/O Site for dwelling at lands approximately 45m SW of 24 Cranlonme Road, Galbally, Dungannon for R McElvogue

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1022/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1022/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1686/F New seating area and changing facilities building within existing fishery at land approximately 80m NE of 41 Gorestown Road, Dungannon for Gorestown Lough Fishery Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1686/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1686/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0899/F Cattle shed, force pen, cattle crush, collecting pen and hard standing area at lands to the front of and NE of 102 and 104 Ballygawley Road and S of 101 Ballygawley Road, Glenadush for Mr Bernard McAleer

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0899/F advising that it was recommended for refusal. Members were also advised as per addendum circulated of email in support of the application from Lord Morrow.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would have some sympathy for the applicant who he felt was being penalised because he was siting his proposal in a corner of a field.

In response to Councillor Gildernew's question Mr Marrion confirmed that the separation distance between the siting of the proposal and the patio area at the rear of 102 Ballygawley Road was 20 metres.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he was speaking on behalf of the applicant and clarified that the application related to a hobby farm and not a petting farm. Councillor McGuigan advised that hobby farm status allowed the applicant to keep nine cattle and five sheep, and stated that only two cattle would be kept during the winter months with the remainder of stock being sold off before winter. Councillor B McGuigan stated that the purpose of the application is to house machinery and to isolate cattle for testing. The shed would also be used to house the two remaining cattle during the winter months.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that statutory requirements in relation to the application had been met and that the acoustic report was also found to be within requirements. Councillor McGuigan stated that as only two breeding stock would be housed over winter months he did not feel this would adversely affect the property at 102 Ballygawley Road. Councillor B McGuigan also referred to previous planning permission granted at the rear of 102 Ballygawley Road.

Councillor B McGuigan explained the difficulty in getting a herd number or business id without having adequate facilities which need to be constructed and inspected prior to any cattle being purchased. Councillor McGuigan felt it would be more relevant to assess the application under CTY1 instead of CTY12.

Councillor Glasgow stated that 20 metres did seem to be close proximity between proposal and patio area at rear of dwelling at 102 Ballygawley Road.

The Planning Manager stated that the two elements for refusing the application related to the farm not being established for the required six years and neighbouring amenity. The Planning Manager stated that as the application stood at the moment it would be difficult to approve, the Planning Manager asked if other locations had been discussed with the applicant.

Mr Marrion stated that other locations had not been discussed because of the red line of the site.

Councillor Gildernew asked if the proposal was located at the opposite side of the site whether this would be acceptable.

The Planning Manager stated that the application would still fail test of farm being established for six years.

In response to Councillor McKinney's question Mr Marrion advised that the applicant owned approximately 1.1 hectares of land.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the applicant owned land and wanted a hobby farm but that policy does not allow for this however he would have some concern in relation to the proximity of the proposal to the rear of an existing dwelling.

The Planning Manager shared the concern in relation to proximity and stated that if the applicant wanted to submit another application in the future then discussions could take place in relation to location.

Councillor McKinney stated that if the applicant wanted to obtain a herd number they could rent a shed in the interim until the business was established for six years.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0899/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0936/F 2 additional broiler poultry sheds, 4 feed bins, 2 gas tanks, biomass boiler shed and pellet bin, ancillary building and cattle shed with underground slurry tank, new covered silage pit, covered yard area and general farm storage building at land approximately 300m NW and 100m SW of 27 Terryscollop Road, Annagh, Dungannon for CAP Farms Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0936/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0936/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

In response to Councillor McKinney's question the Planning Manager stated that the Department of Communities had indicated that this planning application should be determined at a Full Council meeting. The Planning Manager explained that this was later found not to be a state of law and that as he outlined at the August Council meeting the Planning Committee has devolved powers in relation to planning applications and that this application should be referred back to Committee for determination.

Matters for Information

P116/18 Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 7 August 2018

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 7 August 2018.

P117/18 Receive Appeal Decisions

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on recent appeal decisions made by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew 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 P118/18 to P125/18.

Matters for Decision

- P118/18 Receive report of confirmation of TPO (i)
- P119/18 Receive report on TPO confirmation (ii)
- P120/18 Receive response to CC&G Council POP Consultation

P121/18 Receive Enforcement Report

Matters for Information

P122/18 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 August 2018

P123/18 Enforcement Live Case List

P124/18 Enforcement Cases Opened

P125/18 Enforcement Cases Closed

P126/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.49 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____



ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 4th September 2018
Chairs Business:

Additional information has been received on the following items since the agenda was issued.

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.5	Application has been withdrawn	Members to note
4.7	Page 5 of report refers to PPS4, it should read CTY4.	Members to note
5.2	Email from Lord Morrow in support of the application.	Members to note support.

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 September 2018 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Cuddy, Doris, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McLean, Molloy, M Quinn, Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mrs Kerr, Head of Finance
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR174/18 Apologies

Councillor Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Elattar, McPeake.

PR175/18 Declaration of Interest

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

PR176/18 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR177/18 New Data Protection Policy Adoption

The Head of ICT drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the adoption policy of a new Data Protection Policy.

Councillor Cuddy enquired if this was the same scenario for the rest of the 10 Councils.

The Head of ICT said that the policies are not the same they would generally reflect the same legislative assurance and controls for all Councils.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to adopt the Data Protection Policy.

**PR178/18 Property Services – Report for Permission to Commence
Consultation on the Draft Council Fleet Safety Policy**

The Head of Property Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to proceed with consultation of a new Fleet Safety Policy developed for Mid Ulster District Council.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Draft Policy and proceed with internal consultation.

In response to a query, the Head of Property Services advised that the Unions would be involved in the process.

The Head of Property Services left the meeting at 7.08 pm.

PR179/18 Response to NILGA Report – Devolution in Northern Ireland

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report and advised that the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) had circulated a report to all Councils entitled *Devolution within Northern Ireland* seeking commentary on its contents, general proposals and direction and asked that consideration be given to the report.

Councillor Molloy said that taking on some responsibility would be a good thing for issues like infrastructure etc. but that funding would need to come with the responsibility to make sure it was done right.

Councillor Kearney advised that he attended a joint meeting NILGA, SOLACE AND National Association of Councillors yesterday in Derry where discussions were continuing to take place to try and build bridges and bring things forward. He said that these meetings were very productive and useful.

Councillor McKinney stated that he would have concerns regarding this, as there was a feeling that no funding will come forward, resulting in roads becoming in a dilapidated state of repair.

Proposed by Councillor McKearney
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the draft response to the NILGA report on Devolution within Northern Ireland.

The Chair advised that Data Handling Policy, Policy on Recruitment of Ex-Offenders, Dignity at Work Policy would be taken in Matters for Decision rather than for Information.

PR180/18 Data Handling Policy, Policy on Recruitment of Ex-Offenders, Dignity at Work Policy

The Director of Organisational Development drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval for:

- Data Handling Policy
- Policy on Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Dignity at Work Policy

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve following policies:

- Data Handling Policy
- Policy on Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Dignity at Work Policy

Councillor Cuddy said that there was now a lot of policies being brought forward and enquired as to how and when Officers decide when they have to be updated and reviewed.

The Director of Organisational Development advised there is usually little changes to be made, but at the moment, there were some Mid Ulster policies which need to be continuously developed and reviewed and brought back to committee for approval.

Matters for Information

PR181/18 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018.

PR182/18 Annual Report and Self-Assessment on the Performance Improvement Plan 2017/18

Members noted report on Annual Report and Self-Assessment on the Performance Improvement Plan 2017/18.

The Chief Executive advised that this was a very detailed report and a lot of Officer time and investment put into developing it. He said that it shows this Council's dedication which is also subject to Auditor approval and would be confident that Officers were carrying out their intended commitments which they set out to do.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was getting the balance right and would be interested to see evidence which didn't depend on facts and figures.

The Chief Executive advised that the Auditor was very thorough and liked to see evidence on what was behind the scenes like minutes etc. He said that there was now a new Local Government Auditor in place and she had advised that she would be looking for a balance.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy 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 PR183/18 to PR194/18.

Matters for Decision

- PR183/18 Staffing Issues for Decision
- PR184/18 Business Support Team Project Update
- PR185/18 Recycling Centres – Capital Expenditure Request
- PR186/18 Lease of Lands situated at the rear of Clogher Primary School from the Select Vestry Committee
- PR187/18 PEACE IV Shared Space Regional Project (“Connecting Pomeroy”) – Legal Agreements
- PR188/18 Tascomi Inflationary Price Index
- PR189/18 Local Government Northern Ireland Mapping Agreement (NIMA)
- PR190/18 Review of 2017/18 Financial Statements

Matters for Information

- PR191/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 5 July 2018
- PR192/18 Financial Report for 4 months ended 31 July 2018
- PR193/18 Contracts and DAC
- PR194/18 Staffing Matters for Information

PR195/18 Duration of Meeting

The commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.10 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor S McGuigan, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie,
Glasgow, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McNamee,
Mulligan, 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 McNeill, Technical Services Manager
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

E236/18 Apologies

Councillors Kearney and Reid.

E237/18 Declarations of Interest

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

E238/18 Chair's Business

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had received numerous phonecalls since the weekend regarding sheep which had gained access to Cottagequinn Cemetery. The Councillor advised that the sheep had caused damage which was in turn causing distress to those who had loved ones buried there. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was not an isolated incident and there had been other occurrences during the summer and that the matter required urgent attention. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that concerns had also been raised with him in relation to grass cutting at Cottagequinn and that this was not of same standard as of previous years.

The Head of Property Services advised that sheep had broken through the boundary fencing of the Cemetery but that this had now been secured and would continue to be monitored. In relation to grass cutting the officer advised that grass at Cottagequinn Cemetery had been cut one week ago and that there had been no change to grass cutting practice but that the Councillors concerns had been noted and that this issue would also be monitored.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan advised that agenda item 26 – Application for the grant of a new Amusement Permit for 21 Irish Street, Dungannon was deferred for one month.

Matters for Decision

E239/18 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Dungannon Waiting Restrictions

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed Dungannon Waiting Restrictions.

Councillor McNamee referred to situation in Cookstown in which shoppers cannot park on the street as most spaces are taken up with all day parkers and that this cannot be enforced. The Councillor stated he believed Council had written to the Permanent Secretary in relation to this matter before but should write again as it was vital that the relevant legislation was signed off.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that Council could write to the Permanent Secretary in relation to the matter again and asked Councillor McNamee to provide detail of examples of parking difficulties in Cookstown. The Director also advised that officers would be meeting with DfI officials in relation to parking later in the week and that the Councillor's concerns could be raised at this meeting.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to previous discussion when Public Realm Phase 1 was being finished in Dungannon in relation to the extension of waiting restrictions from one hour to two hours.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that town centre teams have been in contact with local traders in relation to these issues but that the matter can be re-emphasised.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that there had been no discussion at DRP in relation to the matter.

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed Dungannon Waiting Restrictions.

E240/18 DfI Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Provision of a One Way System – Coalisland

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a One Way System in Coalisland.

Councillor O'Neill referred to recent gas works in Coalisland in which Main Street had been reduced to one way, the Councillor stated this had caused great difficulties in getting around the town and that he had received numerous complaints. Councillor O'Neill queried if a survey was to be undertaken in relation to the one way system in Coalisland.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that DfI Roads would be re-consulting on the matter.

Councillor M Quinn concurred that it had not been easy to get around Coalisland during recent works and asked if Council was going to conduct its own assessment of the one way system.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that monitoring was ongoing, it was felt that the one way system on Main Street had worked reasonably well however he understood the frustrations in relation to some works around the junctions due to delays as he had experienced some of these himself.

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of a One Way System in Coalisland.

E241/18 Town Centre Footpath Snow/Ice Clearance Agreement

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to enter into an agreement with DfI/Transport NI in relation to the treatment of footpaths in the main town centres within Mid Ulster District following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

The Head of Property Services highlighted that the report did not include Council estate and off street car parks and that there would be a further report brought before Members in relation to treatment of same.

Councillor McNamee stated he was happy to propose the report recommendation however he referred to lack of salt bins to allow people to help themselves and suggested a meeting be held with DfI to discuss provision of additional salt bins.

The Director of Environment and Property stated there was no difficulty in organising a meeting in this regard.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the agreement did not work last year and referred to lorry which could not move for two hours and numerous slips in Dungannon.

Councillor Burton stated she agreed with the sentiments in relation to provision of more salt bins and that drop off of grit in rural locations was also essential.

Councillor Burton referred to Aughnacloy Streetscape in which trees had been planted and that some of the roots of these trees are raising tarmac along the footpath. The Councillor stated that there was a fear that someone will fall and that

she had brought the matter to the attention of Roads Service. Councillor Burton also advised that the trees had grown to such an extent that they were brushing against windows etc of nearby properties and that whilst some trees had been cut recently it was important to ensure that the trees were maintained.

Councillor Buchanan felt that the main problem last year was that the agreement was triggered too late.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that it is the Department who instigates the agreement being triggered.

Councillor McFlynn stated that a meeting in relation to further provision of salt bins would be welcome.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal and that meeting should be arranged with DfI Roads regarding provision of salt bins should be included within recommendation.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- Enter into discussion with DfI/Transport NI to reach agreement on the 2018/19 winter season with regards to the treatment of footways when extreme conditions following heavy snowfalls or prolonged freezing persists, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional winter periods (2019/20 and 2020/21), subject to satisfactory working arrangements.
 - Arrange meeting with DfI Roads to discuss provision of additional salt bins.

E242/18 Recycling Centre Opening Hours

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to make some variations to the opening hours at Recycling Centres.

Councillor McFlynn stated she agreed with the recommendations put forward, the Councillor further asked that a report be brought back to committee in relation to possible Sunday opening of recycling centres during the summer months.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that a report could be brought back but highlighted that recycling centres were not licensed to open on a Sunday.

Councillor McFlynn put forward if it would even be possible to open the larger recycling centres on a Sunday during the summer months and a report be brought back in this regard.

Councillor Mulligan referred to capital allocation for Tullyvar recycling centre refurbishment which was dependant on P&R agreement. The Councillor stated that Tullyvar had considerable reserves and asked if this could be utilised for refurbishment.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that P&R Committee had met last week and approved release of funds for refurbishment of Tullyvar recycling centre.

The Director advised that the landfill site at Tullyvar was covered by Joint Committee and that reserves were for the restoration of the landfill site.

Councillor B McGuigan suggested that when considering Sunday opening of centres that it be trialled on a test basis.

In response to question from Chair the Head of Environmental Services advised that consideration would be given to those with childcare arrangements etc when making changes to opening hours at recycling centres.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Head of Environmental Services stated that the site manager at Tullyvar advised that Monday was the best day for closure and that this suited shift patterns.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the implementation of the following changes to opening hours from 1 October 2018 following appropriate consultation with affected site staff -
- To move Tullyvar Recycling Centre from Tier C to Tier D and that the site be closed one day per week (Monday).
 - That the opening hours of Tier A sites be from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm during winter months.

E243/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Kilrea Road, Upperlands

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Kilrea Road, Upperlands as Ampertaine Manor.

Site off Bush Road, Dungannon

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would reluctantly propose Elm Place but referred to the numerous other sites with the name 'Elm' contained in the vicinity and that this was confusing.

Councillor Burton seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Bush Road, Dungannon as Elm Place.

E244/18 Dual Language Signage Requests

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of request for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed to survey the following streets/roads on which a request for Dual Language Signage has been received –

- Springfield Crescent, Dungannon
- Kirk Avenue, Magherafelt
- Lower Meadow, Magherafelt
- Chapel View, Bellaghy
- Orritor Crescent, Cookstown
- Broagh Road, Knockloughrim
- Ballynasollus Road, Cookstown

E245/18 Dual Language Survey Signage

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendations.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed with the erection of signage.

Councillor O'Neill seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 9

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 9

Against – 4

Resolved That it be recommended to Council -

- To agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –
 - Gortgonis Park, Dungannon
 - Ballyneill Road, Money more
 - Scotts Road, Money more
 - Birchwood Park, Money more
 - Ballyriff Road, Money more
 - Eglis h Close, Money more
 - Kilreish, Money more
 - Ballymulligan Road, Magherafelt

- Loup Road, Moneymore
- To note the results of the survey and not approve the application of a Dual Language Nameplate for Dunronan Road, Moneymore.

E246/18 Spelling of Derrycrin/Derrychrin Park, Cookstown

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which considered the spelling of Derrycrin/Derrychrin Park, Cookstown.

Councillor McNamee proposed that Council consult with residents in the area and ask for their opinion on the spelling of Derrycrin/Derrychrin and move forward on that basis.

Councillor McFlynn stated that the local School and Park were always spelt with an 'h' and proposed that signage be erected as 'Derrychrin Park'.

Councillor M Quinn seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Councillor McGinley asked for officer advice on the matter, he stated if it was up to him then it should be spelt with an 'h' however he was aware that there were other roads in the District with spelling mistakes.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated Members should be aware of people within the development with mortgages, driving licences and other formal documentation having addresses spelt a certain way.

Councillor McFlynn stated she would withdraw her proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to consult with the residents of Derrycrin/Derrychrin Park as to how they wished to proceed with the spelling of same.

E247/18 Traveller Sites

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which considered correspondence received from the NI Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues.

Councillor McFlynn enquired whether holiday caravan parks have to be licensed in a similar manner.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that there was a similar licensing process for holiday caravan parks.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the report and the mechanism by which the licensing and regulatory mechanisms will be applied in accordance with the legislative process.

E248/18 Request for Contribution to the Partnership Liaison Officer Post shared between Councils and HSENI

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which considered a request for a change in the funding contribution from Mid Ulster District Council to a previously established Partnership Liaison Officer post with the Health and Safety Executive NI and the other ten NI Councils.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the Partnership Liaison Officer post with HSENI and Lisburn and Castlereagh Council under the amended funding arrangements (£4500) for a period of two years to 31 March 2021 subject to an agreed Partnership Agreement on services delivered.

E249/18 Consultation on Amendments to the Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) 2018

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation relating to amendments to the Food Law Code of Practice for Northern Ireland.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Head of Environmental Health stated that concerns had been raised within the response with regard to digital registration and that these points could be highlighted prior to submitting response.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the content of Council's response to the consultation on the Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) as circulated at appendix 1 to report. Response to be issued after Environment Committee meeting as deadline for comments is prior to September Council meeting.

E250/18 Street Naming and Dual Language Signage

The Technical Services Manager presented previously circulated report which provided update on the current status of Dual Language Signage.

Dual Language Signage

Councillor McNamee proposed Option 2, Image 2 as depicted in report.

Councillor McFlynn seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the preferred signage template and felt that the white text on dark background would become difficult to read once it became dirty. The Councillor also asked why the townland name on signage was being reduced to lower case as a lot of people depended on being able to see the townland name.

The Technical Services Manager advised that an equality report and report from RNIB recommended lower case as it is easier to read than capitalised text.

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question the Technical Services Manager stated that the cost of proposed signage was approximately £160 each, less than the cost of current signage.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the signage already erected and asked if this will have to be replaced.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that it was a reasonably small number of signs and the proposal was to change the Mid Ulster dual language signs already erected, at a cost of approximately £2200.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would disagree with changing the Mid Ulster signs already erected as it was not cost effective. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Mid Ulster Dual Language Signage already erected is not changed.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Glasgow stated that the legs on signage was short and that when grass was in full growth signage could be difficult to see.

The Technical Services Manager stated that this issue had been raised before and that signage would be taller going forward.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 8

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 8

Against – 4

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that if future signage is to be taller consideration will need to be given to sightlines being maintained.

Single Language Signage

Councillor McFlynn proposed that format of single line signage be changed to that depicted in image 2 of report going forward. Previous signage erected should not be changed until needing replaced.

Councillor Burton seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- **Dual Language Signage**

To change format of signage to that noted in Option 2 Image 2 of report. Mid Ulster signage already erected to be replaced.

- **Single Language Signage**

To change format of signage to that noted in Image 2 of report.
Previous signage erected should not be changed until replacement is needed.

E251/18 Establishment of Mid Ulster – Travellers Working Group

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which considered the establishment of a Mid Ulster District Council Travellers Working Group.

Councillor McGinley proposed the establishment of a Mid Ulster District Council Travellers Working Group with ten members. In relation to draft terms of reference outlined in report, Councillor McGinley asked why reference term two was needed.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that when NIHE have identified Traveller need then the working group can move through other aspects of reference. The Director stated that the terms of reference outlined in report were draft and could be reworded at the working group.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal.

Councillor McFlynn stated there was a need for Members to be sure where they stood legally as no formal advice had been given. The Councillor also had some concern in relation to the terms of reference and proposed that formation of the working group be deferred until NIHE Needs Assessment is brought forward.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that it had been a decision of Council to form the working group, he stated that the terms of reference were draft and were something that could be amended. The Director also advised that legal advice could be sought by the working group on any matter of concern.

Councillor Glasgow referred to other group which had previously met to discuss Traveller need and asked if this group would come to an end once the working group was formed or whether the working group needed to start from scratch.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that there was no need to have two groups and that any information already considered can be reflected on as a background going forward.

Councillor McFlynn asked if members of the Planning Committee could sit on the working group.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated it was up to each Party to nominate its Members to the working group and that those who sat on the Planning Committee could be nominated to the working group if desired.

Councillor Glasgow stated that, as a member of the Planning Committee, he would not feel comfortable sitting on the working group.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor McFlynn's proposal –

For – 7

Against – 7

The Chair used his casting vote to vote against Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor McGinley's proposal –

For – 7

Against – 7

The Chair used his casting vote to vote in favour of Councillor McGinley's proposal and declared the proposal to establish a Traveller Working Group with 10 members carried, with further discussion to take place at the first meeting of the working group in relation to Terms of Reference.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure asked that nominees to the working group be put forward as soon as possible.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to establish a Traveller Working Group of ten members. Further discussion in relation to Terms of Reference of group to take place at first meeting of the working group.

Matters for Information

E252/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 2 July 2018

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 2 July 2018.

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question the Director of Environment and Property stated that there had been no response received as yet in relation to requested meeting regarding roundabout maintenance.

E253/18 Energy Management Update – Display Energy Certificates

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to Energy Management Certification for eligible properties owned by Mid Ulster District Council.

E254/18 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for January to March 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Councils performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics report for the (quarter four) period of January to March 2018.

The Chair referred to Council again achieving the highest annual household recycling rate and that this was a good news story which should be highlighted.

E255/18 Building Control Workload

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

E256/18 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E257/18 Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of successful applications within the Mid Ulster District Council area under the Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2018.

E258/18 Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2017

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2017.

E259/18 The Draft Environmental Protection (Microbeads) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 and Proposed Enforcement Arrangements

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Draft Environmental Protection (Microbeads) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 and the proposed enforcement arrangements for Environmental Health Officers to act as authorised persons for the purpose of enforcing the ban on microbeads.

E260/18 Waste Tyre Initiative in the Mid Ulster District Council Area

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to the recent tyre initiative run in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan 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 E261/18 to E270/18.

Matters for Decision

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| E261/18 | Application for the Grant of a New Amusement Permit for 21 Irish Street, Dungannon |
| E262/18 | Update Report on Old Burial Grounds |
| E263/18 | Extension of Third Party Contractors |

- E264/18 Tenders for the Provision of Environmental Monitoring
and Testing Services at Landfill Sites
- E265/18 Arrangements for collection and disposal of abandoned
vehicles

Matters for Information

- E266/18 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on
Monday 2 July 2018
- E267/18 Off Street Car Parking: Quarter 1 2018/2019
- E268/18 Outline Business Case: Crematorium: Joint Council
Working
- E269/18 Construction of Waste Transfer Station – Capital Works
Update
- E270/18 Contracts Update

E271/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.52 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 13 September 2018 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor McNamee, Chair Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.05 pm), G Shiels, Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Mr McKenna, Economic Strategies Manager Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Representatives from Lough Neagh Eels Cathy Chauhan – Lough Neagh Fisherman’s Co-op Pat Close – CEO for Lough Neagh Fisherman’s Co-op

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D162/18 Apologies

Councillors Elattar and J Shiels.

D163/18 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest and advised any declarations could be taken throughout the meeting.

The Chair declared an interest in Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC.

D164/18 Chair’s Business

The Chair said that at the June committee meeting he had requested that members who wished to raise items under Chair’s Business should do so a day in advance of the meeting and reiterated the importance of this due to sensitive issues around some matters and stated that he had three requests to be raised tonight.

Councillor Clarke advised that there was a meeting held during the week with Department of the Economy – GSNI and that residents within his DEA were concerned about the lack of knowledge of what was taking place regarding the surveying of their area.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to invite all the statutory agencies involved with GSNI to organise a consultation day in the Burnavon so that the public could come in and see for themselves what was happening.

Councillor McFlynn agreed that this would be very welcome as there was some information emerging in some areas but very little within the Sperrins.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.05 pm.

Councillor Molloy referred to an incident at Dungannon dog track site and said that it had been raised numerous times about it being a haven for anti-social behaviour and

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Officers investigate who owns the site so it can be cleared, secured or developed.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be happy to second Councillor Molloy's proposal, as the site in question was a prime location as urban centres were crying out for developments. He said that it was up to the Council to take the lead on what was going to happen to the site.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with members' sentiments and said that it was a prime site for anti-social behaviour and that it was becoming a serious issue.

The Director of Business and Communities said that this would be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Burton referred to the changing facilities at 3G Pitch at Aughnacloy and asked that they be relocated as a matter of urgency to the new site due to the old site being constantly waterlogged.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a meeting be convened as soon as possible to seek the best way forward on having the re-location of changing rooms carried out and whether there was an option to have it carried out in-house or not.

Councillor Cuddy agreed that the changing facilities at 3G Pitch at Aughnacloy needed urgent attention due to the old site being prone to severe waterlogging and advised that the new proposed site was only a short distance away.

Councillor Wilson apologised for not giving prior notice to the Chair but wanted to raise a concern regarding the date and time of the Peace IV heritage banquet taking place at The Hill of the O'Neill. He noted that he was disappointed that the event was the same time as the Development Committee which left members could not attend and as Mid Ulster District Council was leading on it, they should decide the date and time that suits their Councillors and not Donegal.

The Chair said that it was disappointing and that moving forward that lessons would need to be learnt.

Councillor Wilson said that this was being done time and time again and these issues were never addressed.

D165/18 Deputation – Lough Neagh Eels

The Chair welcomed to the committee Ms Cathy Chauhan and Mr Pat Close, representatives from Lough Neagh Eels who provided an overhead presentation on "River to Lough Festival 2019 – A Celebration of Lough Neagh Pollan PDO"

Ms Chauhan advised that Lough Neagh was the largest wild eel fishery in Europe, producing approx 400 tonnes of eels per annum. She stated that in 1965 LNFCS owned 20% of the shares and in 1972 purchased remainder of the shares.

The purpose of the festival was to celebrate every element of the accolade of PDO for Lough Neagh Pollan including:

- The Heritage and traditions of fishing for Pollan on Lough Neagh
- The current sustainable management of the fishery including the unique distinguishing features and the life cycle of Pollan in Lough Neagh, the environment in which it spends its entire life, and why this habitat is so important to the commercial production of this unique species of fin fish
- Demonstration of the capture and processing of Lough Neagh Pollan and revel in this authentic food culture which is highly sought after throughout Europe

In turn, the outcome and benefits of the event will:

- Encourage 8,000 to attend and participate in a series of activities related to the Pollan fishing industry on the Lough
- Bring in excess of 5000 beneficiaries from the Mid Ulster Council area, especially Magherafelt and the Western and Northern Shore of Lough Neagh. The remaining estimated audience will come from Toome, Cranfield, Antrim and further afield
- Recognise further the Mid Ulster region as an area of high quality food production

Ms Chauhan advised that they have come here tonight to seek Council funding of £4,165.20 which was a shortfall from the total cost of the event and to endorse the River to Lough Festival 2019.

The Chair thanked the representatives and asked for any members comments.

Councillor G Shiels said that Pollan emerged into our waters around the ice-age from the Arctic and was unique to Ireland. He said that there was a time that salesmen went door to door selling pollan and asked was there thought given to having this reinstated again.

Mr Close advised that this was not practice for approximately the last 15 years probably down to food safety and health and safety issues.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was a very interesting project and enquired if there was any funding sought from the private sector.

Ms Chauhan stated that the organisation didn't look too closely at approaching the private sector as it was more difficult to meet timeframes and when the budget was in place, a large proportion is taken for sponsorship and more difficult to control.

Mr Close said that it was more about the importance of the recognition of the accreditation, quality of water and heritage surrounding Lough Neagh, with around 60% of fishermen residing in the Mid Ulster area. He said that there was an onus on them to be ever mindful of sponsorship as the organisation was a co-operative and that this venture was relatively new to them, with their first day doing so being in 2014, which generated a huge interest and the eels being very well received.

In response to a query, Ms Chauhan advised that the event was proposed to take place on 30th March 2019 subject to appropriate funding.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that there were a range of Council grants to avail of and if members were minded, that Officers would work with the Co-op with the view of progressing the project and also take into consideration working as a unison on the venture of the Heaney Trails.

Councillor Burton said that this was a very good product and that she attended the launch of the eels and felt that there was an opportunity to break into other areas and that the group should consider showcasing their product at the Clogher Valley Show.

Ms Chauhan agreed with Councillor Burton and advised that they showcased their product at the Clogher Valley Show in 2015, but that they also tried to attend other different events also.

Councillor McEldowney said that this was a great idea as it would also bring in the history of the Fishermen. She said that she came from a fishing family background and that it was nice to see that history wasn't dying out as Fishermen's lives were not easy by any means and the Lough provided for families.

Councillor McFlynn declared an interest in Lough Neagh.

Councillor McFlynn advised that Lough Neagh should be showcased the same way as other areas are supported and that she wished the group well and hope that they gain great success.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation, congratulated them on their accreditation and wished them every success on their Festival.

The representatives from Lough Neagh Eels left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

Matters for Decision

D166/18 Public Art Rural Proposal

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to secure Council approval to proceed in principle to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council to scope a major public art project with significant tourism potential under the current Rural Tourism Scheme opened by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Scheme.

Councillor Monteith said that during the Earls Project it was expressed that there would be a public art trail and asked that this be investigated again. He stated that it was suggested around 30 – 40 years ago that a major art-piece be placed at the hospital roundabout and felt that it would be beneficial to investigate potential urban public art trails.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve in principle to proceed with scoping of this project and to submit an expression of interest to the current Rural Tourism Scheme. Investigate potential urban public art trails.

D167/18 Economic Development

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

- **SMART Construct Event Request**

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given for the Council to act as an associate sponsor at the SMART Construct Event on 25 October 2018 in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown at a cost of £3,000 + Vat.

- **Mid Ulster Business Awards 2018**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve that the two complimentary tickets be allocated to the Council Chair and an Officer to attend the Mid Ulster Business Awards on 28 November 2018 at Corick House Hotel and Spa, Clogher. If additional Members wish to attend, tickets can be purchased at a fee of £65 per person, charged to individual Members Annual Allowance budget. Any additional Members interested in attending should express their interest to the Head of Economic Development by 28 September 2018.

- **Mid Ulster Digital Seminars 2018**

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the three forthcoming Digital Seminars at a cost of £7,750 + Vat. If interested in attending, Members can register via Eventbrite, or by contacting an officer in the Economic Development team.

- **Business of Leadership – Round 2 Conference**

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Economic Development - Business of Leadership – Round 2 Conference - as a member of Dungannon Enterprise Centre.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Doris

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve funding for Council to act as a co-sponsor at the Business of Leadership Round 2 Conference at the Junction, Dungannon at a cost of £1,500.

- **Mid Ulster Skills Forum**

- a) **Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan (2018-2021)**

- Noted

- b) **Research Study into the Engineering Sector in Mid Ulster**

- Noted

- c) **Brexit Sub-Group**

- Noted

- **Village Renewal Project**

- Noted

- **Coalisland Public Realm Scheme**

- Noted

- **Cookstown Continental Market 2018 – Evaluation Report**

- Noted

- **Rating in Town Centres & REVEAL 2020**

Noted – Meeting with LPS and Departmental Officials to be held on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 5.30 pm in the Chamber, MUDC Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith raised concern about rating in towns and said that there was an onus on the Council to liaise with the people who make the decisions on rating and felt that there would be no difference until the value of properties goes down. He said that there was a need to seek a way forward to see how this can be addressed as town centres were dying and that there was a need to explore new ideas to breathe new life into our town centres. He said that people were getting disheartened and struggling to keep their businesses afloat and that there was a need for this Council to write to the Department of Finance and LPS on rating issues. He advised that it was up to members of this Council to see how we can implement our new powers like England, Scotland and Wales where some properties were de-rated.

The Chair said that it was worth investigating this suggestion.

The Director of Business and Communities said that this action emanated from a previous meeting and that everyone was frustrated with the lack of ability to proceed on important issues relating to High Streets due to restrictions regarding the current government situation. He said that correspondence had been sent to LPS and Department of Finance requesting that their most Senior Officers attend a meeting to address concerns raised.

Councillor G Shiels said that there may not be a lot that can be done about the reduction of rates, but this doesn't say that there couldn't be other incentives offered.

Councillor Cuddy suggested that a few case studies be provided on the three towns to highlight the issues and make them aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Councillor Wilson said there were opportunities to challenge LPS, as they were sympathetic to businesses around the Primark tragedy in Belfast.

- **Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges – Dungannon & Magherafelt**

Proposed by Councillor G Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to approve the temporary reduced tariff for the first 3 hours of 10 pence in all Off Street Pay & Display Car Parks in Dungannon and Magherafelt from Saturday 24th November 2018 to Saturday 5th January 2019 (6 week period) at a cost of £23,400.

Councillor Burton left the meeting at 7.48 pm

- **Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund**

Councillor Monteith enquired why the Dungannon route wasn't running through the town centre.

The Head of Economic Development said that the Department for Culture, Media & Sport wanted projects where significant industry could avail of it and that was why the proposed route as it was believed to be the strongest option to include in the funding bid.

Councillor Cuddy suggested running the route from the Hill of the O'Neill through to the Council Offices to Gortgonis.

The Head of Economic Development advised that she would investigate the matter and report back.

The Director of Business and Communities agreed that the matter be investigated and members updated accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to agree the proposed routes for Cookstown and Maghera. The Dungannon/Coalisland route was also agreed subject to investigating the potential to commence the Dungannon route at the Hill of the O'Neill, through the town to the Council Offices and onwards to Coalisland. Members to be updated accordingly at a future meeting.

- **Broadband Working Group**
Noted
- **Brexit Working Group**

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that 10 Members be nominated to serve on the Brexit Working Group, based on the D'hondt system, after which the first meeting can be arranged. Nominations to be made to the Head of Economic Development by the end of September 2018.

The Head of Economic Development left the meeting at 8 pm.

D168/18 Audit of Natural Grass Playing Pitches in Mid Ulster

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on an audit of existing natural grass pitches across Mid Ulster with an assessment of usage based on the number of teams currently using these facilities.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Eoghan Ruadh.

Councillor Monteith enquired about the audit and the fact that Eoghan Ruadh was down as having one pitch but the details of teams etc was missing. Also that Dungannon Clarke's hadn't been listed who have two pitches.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the results of this audit of natural grass pitches, and to allow MUDC Officers to engage with relevant sporting clubs to further develop a policy regarding the future demand, need and maintenance of natural grass playing pitches.

In response to a query regarding extension to MUSA, the Acting Head of Leisure advised that the Council were in a position to proceed pending formalisation.

D169/18 Sports Representative Grants

The Acting 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.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the recommendation for Sports Grant allocations as per Appendix 1 and to request transfer of £12,000 from an underspend in Sports Capital Grants.

D170/18 Leisure Family Fun Days

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to outline a proposal to deliver a range of Family Fun days at key Leisure Centres during October/November 2018.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to proceed with the delivery of Family Fun days at key Leisure facilities to commence in October 2018.

D171/18 Park and Play Five Year Strategic Plan

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

The Chair advised that he had been approached by a number of Councillors who couldn't attend the meetings and asked that this item be deferred until some issues were properly addressed.

In response to Councillor Wilson's query about how many Councillors attended, the Head of Parks advised that a total of 7 Councillors attended on both dates.

Councillor Wilson said that he had no issue with the DEA meetings and sometimes some meetings and engagements overlap.

Councillor Monteith said that he had no problem with the strategy and was aware that it needed to be completed ASAP but that he would have an issue with no reference being made to Adopting Planning Policy, where we see housing developments being constructed with no recreation facilities included. He said that he wouldn't be agreeing to the strategy until this issue was addressed as there were housing estates with young people kicking a ball in the street. He stated that the Council had the authority over Planning and make it a rule that no more housing developments were approved until it fits into the policy. He said that it doesn't matter if it was a new application or an old application; the Council have the authority to advise Planners to change regulations and cannot blame anyone else any longer and would be fully supportive of housing developments, but only if there were green recreational areas attached. He suggested that DEA's liaise with the Planners on a favourable way forward.

Councillor Molloy agreed with Councillor Monteith's views and advised that the meetings held with Councillors had been very worthwhile and encouraged all Councillors to attend if possible.

Councillor Wilson said that there was a failing in a Cookstown development where a space had to be left where the last house was built to provide green recreational space. He said that this space was still there and causing problems. He would suggest that in the future that any recreational space be constructed at an early stage. He agreed that it would be beneficial for DEA's to sit down with Planners and discuss a way forward.

Councillor Monteith suggested that a workshop be organised on issues, which needed addressed like housing estates.

The Head of Parks said that it was vital to get as much information on the strategy as possible so it can be done right like concerns relating to housing developments etc.

Councillor Wilson advised that he had raised the issue of upgrading Drum Manor Forest Park with the Head of Parks previously and said that he would have concerns regarding a tariff being charged to the public when we are providing the funding and the Forestry Service reaping the benefits.

The Head of Parks said that some general complaints were brought to the attention of the Forestry Service on how it was unfair for the public being expected to pay a fee for admission. He said that the Council were working towards inclusive play facilities for all as there was a lack of provision for disabled users at Drum Manor. He would go back to Forestry Service to see if anything can be achieved regarding charging.

Councillor Forde said that she welcomed the possibility of disabled play facilities as it was necessary and that parents and crèches were crying out for it as it was greatly needed in the Cookstown area.

Councillor McFlynn advised that Magherafelt had the highest population but had the lowest play areas. She said that there was £100k being spent on Meadowbank and it was only play park in Magherafelt while other areas had a lot more.

Councillor Monteith asked what the update was on Railway Park as we were 3 months down the line and nothing has happened yet.

Councillor McAleer raised concern about the slow progress in Knockmany Forest Park. She said that she had first raised the issue in 2014 and now four years down the line and still the facility had yet to be built. She said it was frustrating to see groups raising funding to try and better the area to be without adequate facilities.

The Head of Parks said that nearly everything was in place and that the only thing outstanding was the legalities and correspondence between the Council and the Forestry Service. He said that presently the Council Solicitor was liaising with the Forestry Service and has advised them that this should be a sleek transaction and that Council were working to deadlines.

Councillor McAleer advised that the group worked as volunteers and had developed an action plan on health and wellbeing issues whilst working at their own professions and it was very frustrating to see slow progress.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that the Head of Parks would follow up concerns raised regarding Knockmany.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was important to provide Knockmany with the highest priority and asked that the Council Solicitor be invited to a future meeting to address issues raised regarding Knockmany.

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Councillor Monteith said that he was very disappointed to see that the ICT Consultant has yet to be appointed for Railway Park and suggested that an urgent meeting be called to address concerns.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that a proposal was put forward in June to appoint an ICT team, that Officer teams were presently dealing with a lot of projects and were under severe pressure with delivering capital projects.

Councillor Monteith advised that it would be useful to keep members updated on situations regarding the progression of projects and if it's a resourcing issue then Councillors are aware of what's happening and can make appropriate decisions..

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that a meeting would be organised to seek clarity on issues raised.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that there were multiple projects within Council's Capital Programmes team, the volume of which is significant and is growing continuously. He stated that the Council were trying to prioritise the projects

at SMT, internal projects and those externally funded, considering how best to deliver them within the deadlines set out and striving to secure best value for money.

Councillor Monteith said that he wouldn't be convinced that a meeting would be beneficial and that he had little faith in this organisation. He said that we had 15 projects and that priority was given to externally funded projects with our own being put on the backburner.

The Chair said that he felt that this conversation was for a larger stage and that blame should not be put on Officers as they were working to the best of their ability to deliver projects.

Councillor Monteith said that if resourcing was an issue then it was up to Officers to let members know of the situation and then if members were aware then there was nothing that can be done about it.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a meeting be organised to seek clarity on issues raised regarding Railway Park.

A decision on the five year Parks and Play Strategic Plan be deferred and that all Councillors be emailed regarding Strategic Plan and that Officers meet any Councillor who requests one to discuss the proposals in detail.

D172/18 The Woodland Trust Application to Landfill Communities Fund for Cabin Wood

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to support The Woodland Trust's application to Landfill Communities Fund for Discover Cabin Wood project.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to support the application, subject to ENTRUST approval and monies becoming available.

D173/18 Brantry Forest Development Proposal

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for development proposal at Brantry Forest, Caledon in partnership with DEARA and Forest Service NI.

In response to Councillor Molloy's query, the Head of Parks advised that it was a good facility but it wasn't being used as much as it should be.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

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

- 1) Establish a Licence Agreement/Lease with FSNi
- 2) Engage with DEARA to seek and draw down funding package
- 3) Seek through Policy and Resources Committee match capital funding contribution, 20% of total project costs (estimated £50k).
- 4) Proceed with development of the proposal and undertake procurement and completion of a tender exercise for the project subject to the confirmation of funding from DEARA
- 5) Engage with the community and seek to develop community partnership proposals and agreement for sustainable management solutions

Matters for Information

D174/18 Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 4 July 2018

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 4 July 2018.

D175/18 Tourism Ireland Indian Tour Operator Fam Trip and Strategic Events Update

Members noted previously circulated report on Tourism Ireland Indian Tour Operator Fam Trip and Strategic Events Update.

D176/18 Minutes of Shopmobility Mid Ulster Annual General Meeting

Members noted Minutes of Shopmobility Mid Ulster Annual General Meeting.

D177/18 Request for Allotments in Glenburn Area, Magherafelt

Members noted previously circulated report on Request for Allotments in Glenburn Area, Magherafelt.

Councillor McFlynn declared an interest in Glenburn Area, Magherafelt.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Doris 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 D178/18 to D187/16.

Matters for Decision

- D178/18 Cookstown Town Twinning, Sperrin Choir visit to Plerin-Sur-Mer, 3rd – 6th May 2019
- D179/18 Coalisland and East Tyrone Great Place Partnership Group Partnership Agreement
- D180/18 Invitation to Bardic Theatre to perform at Liverpool Irish Festival 2018
- D181/18 Community Development Report
- D182/18 Connecting Pomeroy – Peace IV Project
- D183/18 Tender Report for CCTV in Park N Rides
- D184/18 Tender Report for the Mid Ulster PEACE IV Sports Engagement Programme
- D185/18 Outline Proposals for Gortgonis Leisure Facility
- D186/18 Davagh Dark Skies Project

Matters for Information

- D187/18 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 4 July 2018

D188/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.20 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	27 September 2018
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2018-19 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The following are seminar/ conference sessions and member training requests presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster District Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members
3.1.1	Conferences & Seminars <i>Borders, Boundaries & Bridges: Learning with our Neighbours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skainos Centre, Belfast • Friday 12 October 2018 10am-4pm • Conference fee: No fee required but travel and subsistence <i>Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2018: Addressing Economic Challenges Brexit, Low Growth, Poor productivity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armagh City Hotel • Thursday 8 November 2018 9am-5pm • Conference fee: £165, travel and subsistence <i>Tackling Paramilitarism: Working Together to end the Harm Conference (NI Executive)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast • Monday 15th October, 10am-4pm • Conference Fee: No fee to attend, but travel and assistance

	<p><i>World Health Organization International Health Cities Conference (Belfast)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfront Hall, Belfast • 1st to 4th October 2018 • Conference Fee: £200, travel and subsistence
3.1.2	<p>Member Training Requests</p> <p>None requested.</p>
3.2	<p>Officer Approvals</p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training</p> <p>Appendix B Officers Approvals</p>

Borders, Boundaries & Bridges: Learning with our Neighbours

An adult learning conference organised by the
Northern Ireland Forum on Adult Learning and AONTAS

Skainos Centre, Belfast. Friday 12th October 2018



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Why this conference?

This will be a unique opportunity for those involved in adult learning in Northern Ireland to come together and to learn with our neighbours. Delegates will hear the latest from across the UK and Ireland on policy and practice relating to adult learning. The afternoon workshops will be very interactive and will identify issues for further action, local and/or national.

The conference will include contributions from all parts of the UK and Ireland including our partners the Learning & Work Institute (<https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/>), Ssfydliad Dysgu a Gwaith (<http://www.learningandwork.wales/>) and Scotland's Learning Partnership (<http://scotlandslearning.org.uk/>).

Delegates might find it useful to look through our report Healthy, Wealthy & Wise which will be referred to throughout the day. It can be downloaded at <https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/LW-EU-Report-April-2018-Final-Print-LRd.pdf>

Northern Ireland Impact Forum on Adult Learning

The Learning & Work Institute's (<http://www.learningandwork.org.uk/our-work/promoting-learning-and-skills/europe-and-international>) approach to its coordination of the UK's contribution to the European Agenda for Adult Learning has been to enable the sharing of best practice within the four devolved administrations and between them. It therefore developed Impact Forums in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in Autumn 2014. In Northern Ireland L&W's partner is the Forum for Adult Learning NI (FALNI), a voluntary coalition of practitioners from across the sectors.

The Forum seeks ongoing engagement with government departments, councils and elected representatives to make impact on policy, using the evidence of the report to demonstrate the effectiveness of adult learning as an enabler for many key desired outcomes of government.

AONTAS

AONTAS is the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation (<https://www.aontas.com/>). As an umbrella body committed to advocating and lobbying for the development of a quality service for adult learners and promoting the value and benefits of lifelong learning, AONTAS works on behalf of its almost 500 strong membership and regards them as a key resource which provides the organisation with a grassroots, authentic understanding of adult and community education practice and learner perspective. The membership profile comprises a rich mix of statutory, voluntary and community organisations involved in the provision of adult learning as well as individuals who are deeply involved in and committed to the concept and practice of lifelong learning. AONTAS provides a crucial platform for member organisations to share experience and best practice, promote their work and advocate on the value and necessity of adult and community education.

Programme for the Day

- 10.00** Registration
- 10.30** Welcome – Trevor Neilands (Impact Forum Chair)
- 10.40** Get to know your neighbours
- 11.00** Presentations on current impact, political support, challenges faced and visions for the future of adult learning in each of the 5 ‘nations’
- 12.15** Buzz at tables
- 12.30** Panel Discussion
- 13.00** LUNCH
- 13.45** Workshops – see below
- 15.00** Comfort break
- 15.10** Feedback
- 15.30** What next? – UK, Ireland & N. Ireland perspectives
- 15.45** Close

Workshops

1. Adult Learning and Health & Wellbeing – presentations from Seamus Ward of the Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum on its work around social prescribing, and from David Hagendyk of Learning & Work Institute Wales on new duty of collaboration between public services, illustrated by projects from Gwent and Swansea.

2. Adult Learning and the Economy – presentations from Alex Stevenson (LWI) on its Citizens’ Curriculum approach to basic skills which interlinks core capabilities and from Helen Chicot of Rochdale Council on the impact of running the Citizens Curriculum in some of its most deprived estates.

3. Adult Learning and Communities – presentations on AONTAS’ Community Education Network and Scotland’s Learners’ Forum (nominated for National Democracy Week Awards this year) on how these voices for practitioners and learners were developed and what they add to campaigning for adult learning.

Registration closes on Friday 5th October. To register please do so via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/borders-boundaries-bridges-learning-with-our-neighbours-tickets-49852168177>

Northern Ireland Impact Forum on Adult Learning Partners



Membership of the NI Impact Forum currently includes:



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Department for the
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The Forum's independent Chair is Trevor Neilands, former Principal of Northern Regional College.

The Forum can be contacted via its convenor, Colin Neilands:
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The lost decade

The 2018 conference comes at an economic cross-roads for the region. After a decade of no real growth in the economy, we face the challenge of Brexit and local political uncertainty against a backdrop of plummeting productivity. This year's conference will bring together a platform of expert speakers to look at these issues in depth and to give delegates some sense as to what the future might hold. The themes covered in the programme will include:

✓ **The medium-term outlook for the Northern Ireland economy**

A highlight of the annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference is the in-depth review of the performance of the local economy and a medium term forecast of the key economic parameters. This is undertaken by the Economic Policy Centre in Ulster University using its economic model of the Northern Ireland economy.

✓ **The economic impact of Brexit**

By the date of the conference we should know how the final stages of the negotiations for the UK to leave the European Union are panning out. Visiting expert Nina Skero, who is Head of Macroeconomics at the Centre for Economics and Business Research, will give delegates an insight into the economic impact of Brexit. Keynote speaker Philip Stephens from the Financial Times will look not only at Brexit but how

other major changes in world politics, including the economic policies of US President Donald Trump will affect the global economy.

Why should I attend?

- ✓ Expert local and visiting speakers
- ✓ Major economic summit
- ✓ Economic outlook and forecast
- ✓ Unique information presented
- ✓ Not to be missed annual conference
- ✓ Unrivalled networking opportunity
- ✓ All sectors represented – government, business, third sector



✓ Tackling the productivity crisis

This session will include several expert speakers who will look at the drivers of Northern Ireland's productivity. The UK has a "productivity crisis" and Northern Ireland's productivity has been 20 per cent below the UK average for the last decade. Speakers will investigate what can be done locally to address the various drivers of productivity in Northern Ireland. These include:

- o The pivotal role of third level education in productivity;
- o How we can drive exports;
- o The importance of innovation and research and development to the economy;
- o The quality of employment in Northern Ireland;
- o Productivity in manufacturing;
- o Infrastructure investment as a driver of productivity.

✓ A tale of two economies on the island of Ireland

In contrast to the poor performance of the Northern Ireland economy, the Republic of Ireland is seeing one of the highest growth rates in the world. There is now a stark divergence in the two economies on the island. Leaving the politics to one side, this year's conference will once again look to contrast both economies and look to all-island issues where both jurisdictions can benefit.



Hear speakers from:



Key issues to be addressed at the conference will include:

- The economic impact of **Brexit**
- **Economic priorities** for Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland **regional economic forecast**
- The **productivity** challenge
- **Quality of employment** and the impact on the economy
- Growing the **export economy**
- Brexit and the impact on **Higher Education** and **skills**
- **Infrastructure** as a driver of productivity and growth
- Driving economic growth in the **North West**
- **Innovation** and **R&D**



conference programme

09.00

The Northern Ireland economic outlook



Chairman's introduction: John Campbell, Economics & Business Editor, BBC Northern Ireland

WELCOME

Councillor Julie Flaherty, Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

ECONOMIC FORECAST

The Northern Ireland medium term economic outlook

Dr Esmond Birnie, Senior Economist, Ulster University Economic Policy Centre

ECONOMIC POLICY

Delivering economic policy in uncertain times

David Sterling, Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service *(invited)*

LOCAL ECONOMY

The local economy: Greater investment, more jobs and enhanced quality of life

Roger Wilson, Chief Executive, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The impact of Brexit, Trump and an increasingly chaotic world on the global economy

Philip Stephens, Associate Editor, Financial Times

Questions and answers / Panel discussion

10.45

Morning coffee / networking opportunity

11.15

The productivity crisis

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure as a driver of productivity and growth

Senior representative, National Infrastructure Commission

EMPLOYMENT

The quality of employment in Northern Ireland and the impact on the economy

Lisa Wilson, Economist, Nevin Economic Research Institute

HIGHER EDUCATION

The impact of Brexit on Higher Education

Chris Hale, Director of Policy, Universities UK

EXPORTS

Growing the export economy

Clare Guinness, Chief Executive, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

MANUFACTURING

Addressing the productivity crisis: A manufacturing perspective

Richard Smith, General Manager, Huhtamaki

Questions and answers / Panel discussion

13.00

Lunch / networking opportunity



conference programme

14.00

What next for the economy?

Growing the all-Island economy in the face of Brexit

Simon Coveney TD, An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade *(invited)*

The impact of Brexit on the economy: What lies ahead?

Nina Skero, Head of Macroeconomics, **Centre for Economics and Business Research**

Driving economic growth in the North West

Paul Gosling, Financial journalist / commentator

Growing the knowledge economy in Northern Ireland

Dr Joanne Stuart, Director of Development, **Catalyst Inc**

Investing in regional cities for a more balanced economy

Professor Edgar Morgenroth, Professor of Economics, **Dublin City University** *(invited)*

Questions and answers / Panel discussion

BREXIT PANEL: WHAT NEXT?



David Gavaghan
Founder
Aurora Prime Real
Estate Limited



Dr Katy Hayward
Reader in Sociology
Queen's University
Belfast



Conor Lambe
Chief Economist
Danske Bank



Trevor Lockhart
Chief Executive
Fane Valley
and Chair, CBI
Northern Ireland



Seamus McAleavey
Chief Executive
NICVA *(invited)*

16.45

Conference close



conference speaker panel



Dr Esmond Birnie is Senior Economist at the **Ulster University Economic Policy Centre**. He has over thirty years of experience in terms of providing economic analysis and also in terms of advising government and working in government. Prior to joining Ulster University, he was Chief Economist in PwC for Northern Ireland and Scotland. Before that, he had been a Ministerial Special Adviser and a Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Esmond is a regular commentator in the media on the Northern Ireland economy and public policy including a regular column in the *Belfast Telegraph*.



John Campbell is Economics and Business Editor for **BBC Northern Ireland**, a position he has held since September 2013. Prior to that he was a senior BBC producer working across TV, radio and online with special responsibility for business coverage. He began his career on the *Liverpool Daily Post and Echo*.



David Gavaghan has established **Aurora Prime Real Estate Limited** and is seeking to raise £50 million locally and internationally to invest in Grade A office space in Belfast. Previously he was Executive Director of Quintain Estates and Development plc. He is the former Chief Executive of Titanic Quarter Limited and prior to that was Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board Limited for six years. David was also Chair of CBI Northern Ireland from 2016-2018 having previously been Vice Chair.



Paul Gosling is a journalist, author, researcher, public speaker, lecturer, copywriter and broadcaster. He specialises in the economy, accountancy, the co-operative sector, public services and personal finances. Paul's work has appeared in the *Financial Times*, *The Independent*, *The Times*, the *Irish Times*, the *Sunday Times*, the *Mail on Sunday*, the *Express*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Ireland's Sunday Business Post*, the *Irish Independent* and more than a hundred magazines. Paul is a frequent commentator on the economy and politics for BBC Radio Ulster and Radio Foyle. He has also appeared on BBC1, Radio 4, Radio 5, UTV, RTE, several television documentaries and on Russian and German radio. Paul has also written several books on public policy issues and on the impact of digital technologies.



Clare Guinness is Chief Executive of **Warrenpoint Harbour Authority**. With over 20 years commercial experience gained in Business & Corporate banking, and in the Agri-Food sector, Clare was appointed to this position in January 2018. She is a Finance graduate who has also completed the Chartered Institute of Directors Certificate & Diploma in Company Direction and Nebosh General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety.



Chris Hale is Director of Policy at **Universities UK**. In this role he is responsible for the development and management of Universities UK's policy work, produced by a largely in-house team of programme managers, economists and analysts. Before being appointed Director in 2015, Chris was Assistant Director of Policy at Universities UK and led on a number of areas of work including efficiency and effectiveness and the regulation of higher education. Chris has significant expertise in research policy, working as a policy adviser on this issue for Universities UK for a number of years. Prior to working at Universities UK, Chris worked at the General Medical Council and holds a degree from the University of Sussex and MSc from University College London.



Dr Katy Hayward is Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Senior Research Fellow in the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute at **Queen's University Belfast**. She is the author of over 80 publications and Irish partner for the Borders in Globalization project. Outside the University, she is a Board member of the Centre for Cross Border Studies.



Conor Lambe is the Chief Economist at **Danske Bank**, acting as the Bank's spokesperson and a trusted subject matter expert on all UK and Northern Ireland economic and related matters. Conor is responsible for Danske Bank's Quarterly Sectoral Forecasts and Consumer Confidence Index and is a regular contributor across the local media. He often speaks at business functions and with Danske Bank customers on his views around the global, UK and Northern Ireland economies.



Trevor Lockhart is Chair, **CBI Northern Ireland**. He graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1992 with an Honours Degree in Agriculture and worked in Masstock Inc. Atlanta, Georgia, USA before returning to Northern Ireland with the Ulster Farmers' Union where he occupied a number of roles. Trevor joined Fane Valley Co-operative Society in 2004 and became Group Chief Executive in April 2007. He is currently Chairman of the Linden Food Group (a subsidiary of Fane Valley), Chairman of Linergy Ltd, Chairman of the Executive Board of Slaney Foods, and Chairman of Edinburgh based United Farmers Ltd. He is past Chairman of the Agrarian Society at Queen's University Belfast, past Chairman and President of the Northern Ireland Institute of Agricultural Science and past Chairman of the Agri-Food Industry Advisory Panel and is currently a member of the successor Agri-Food Strategy Board.



Philip Stephens is associate editor of the **Financial Times** and director of the editorial board. As chief political commentator he writes on global and British affairs. He joined the *Financial Times* in 1983 after working as a correspondent for Reuters in Brussels and has been the FT's economics editor, political editor and editor of the UK edition. He was educated at Wimbledon College and at Oxford university. He wrote the book *Politics and the Pound*, a study of the management of exchange rates by the British Government, and its relations with Europe since 1979. He also wrote a biography of Tony Blair, when the latter was British Prime Minister.



Nina Skero is Head of Macroeconomics at the **Centre for Economics and Business Research**, a leading economics consultancy based in London. She also leads Cebr's UK forecasting. Her recent bespoke projects include work for Legal & General, Royal Mail and The Federation of Small Businesses. Given the high profile of her work, she regularly engages in media appearances, including live commentary on BBC News, Bloomberg TV and Sky News. Her commentary has been featured in leading publications such as *The Times*, *Financial Times* and the *Daily Mail*.



Richard Smith is the General Manager of **Huhtamaki Lurgan Ltd** which is part of the €3billion Huhtamaki food packaging group. The Lurgan plant contributes to the circular economy by processing council collected waste paper and factory waste card into egg cartons and cup carriers. The company has recently completed a £5million investment in automated production lines to boost output by 25%. Richard has over 15 years' experience at MD/GM level in the manufacturing, renewables and food sectors.



Dr Joanne Stuart, OBE is Director of Development at **Catalyst Inc**, Northern Ireland's next generation science park. She is responsible for the development of strategic relationships to support the growth of the Knowledge Economy in Northern Ireland. Since returning to NI in 2005, she has been active in the area of economic development and championing STEAM subjects amongst the region's younger generation. A former Chairman of IoD NI, Joanne has over 25 years' experience working in the IT industry, including nine years with the Oracle Corporation.



Lisa Wilson is an Economist at the **Nevin Economic Research Institute**. Her main research interests lie in the areas of income distribution, poverty, public expenditure, living standards and well-being. Lisa is keen to continue to conduct research examining the impact of economic and social policy both at macro- and micro-economic levels. Furthermore, she is interested in exploring ways in which economic and social inequalities can be reduced and in developing policy recommendations to these ends. Lisa has previously worked on numerous short-term research projects within the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast.



Roger Wilson was appointed as Chief Executive of **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council** on 1 April 2014. Prior to this he was Chief Executive of Coleraine Borough Council, before which he was Strategic Director of Corporate Services with Armagh City and District Council. He was formerly Head of HR and Organisational Development with Craigavon Borough Council and has also worked in the private sector. He is a Chartered Company Secretary, obtained his MBA in Public Administration from the University of Ulster and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

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The Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference is aimed at key decision-makers and those across business and government/the public sector with an interest in tackling the challenges to ensure Northern Ireland's economy is fit for the future. It will also appeal to those interacting with the public sector, both in policy advisory and service delivery or advocacy roles. Those interested in attending will include:

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Tackling Paramilitarism

Working Together to End the Harm Conference

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Dear invitee,

The Tackling Paramilitarism Programme Team would like to invite you to the **Working Together to End the Harm** Conference on Monday 15th October, 2018 at Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast.

The Conference will highlight projects within the Tackling Paramilitarism Action Plan, facilitate discussion workshops and offer the opportunity to share learning experiences.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. The conference will commence at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday 04 October** to deborah.waugh@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk and advise of any dietary or access requirements. A full agenda will follow.

Venue information:

Girdwood Community Hub
10 Girdwood Avenue
Belfast, BT14 6EG

Parking: Free parking is available onsite and on adjoining side roads.

By bus: Please check <http://www.translink.co.uk/> for the most suitable option. The closest landmark, Crumlin Road Gaol, is an approximate 10 minute walk.

**We look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to follow us on Twitter
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There are **45 speakers in 8 Side Events** which will be held on Monday 1 October 2018, 10.00- 12.30 in various locations across the city.

A number of Site Visits are still available – high demand means that some have now reached their target number of registrations and are now closed, so book your place sooner rather than later.

We have 152 speakers in the Parallel sessions (Learning Through Practice) over the four days, with a number of Strategic Workshops and training sessions.

The plenary themes centre on **peace and participation; people and place and planet and prosperity** - we are delighted that so many speakers are available to participate in the event.

We have **speakers and delegates from almost 60 countries** including Australia, Canada, Nigeria, Oman, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates as well as from many countries in WHO Europe.

We welcome you to register as a four day delegate or as a day delegate for £200 and hear first-hand of the successes of many cities addressing global and local challenges

Please register by [visiting the Conference website](#). Special rates are available for the voluntary and community sectors.

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Appendix B

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
RTPI NI	11/9/18	4	Belfast	Yes (<i>4th place free</i>)
All Ireland Smart Cities Forum Annual Conference	26/9/18	1	Dublin	Yes
Conveyancing Conference 2018	9/10/18	1	Belfast	Yes
Disability Awareness Conference	9/10/18	1	Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon	No
Playboard NI Conference 2018	16/10/18	1	Belfast	No

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 September 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

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

1.0	Purpose of Report					
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council's <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .					
2.0	Background					
2.1	The policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at April 2018 Council. All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour & Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.					
2.2	<u>Recognition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Honour: recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>Civic Reception: will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition	Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition
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2.3	<u>Processing the Request</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed against the policy/criteria • Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this • Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception • Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to Council to receive letter from Council Chair
2.4	Appendix A to this report sets out those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	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.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request for civic recognition requests
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval

Appendix A: September 2018 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None				

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Cliona Quinn	GCSE Art 2018 - attained highest mark/result in Northern Ireland	Cllr Doris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding achievement at the highest level at Northern Ireland/ Provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Darcey Harkness	Under 16 (cycling/cyclo-cross): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st place (U 16s) - Irish National Mountain Bike Championship 1st place - Ulster League 1st place - Ulster League 	Cllr Forde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winning first place at competition level at N. Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Travis Harkness	Under 14 (cycling/cyclo-cross) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st place - Ulster League 2nd place - Irish League 	Cllr Forde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winning first place at competition level at N. Ireland or provincial level. 	For: N/A Date: N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd place (U14) - Irish National Mountain Bike Championship 			
Tyrone Ladies GFA	All-Ireland Intermediate Football title 2018 (winners)	Cllr S McGuigan Cllr Doris	Won All-Ireland title in their relevant field	For: n/a Date: n/a

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
none	none	none

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	27 September 2018
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
2.0	Background
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.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	Removal of deposits and securities as alternatives to conventional insurance	<p>This consultation relates to the proposal to remove two of the existing alternatives to compulsory third party motor insurance. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deposits under Section 144 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Article 90 of the Road Traffic Order 1981, and 2. Securities under Section 146 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Article 93 of the Road Traffic Order 1981 <p>This is a UK wide consultation.</p>	11.45pm on 2 October 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/motor-insurance-alternatives-removal-deposit-and-security-options		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Council Officer if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Audit Office	Comptroller and Auditor General: Code of Data Matching Practice - consultation	<p>This draft Code of Data Matching Practice, in accordance with Article 4G of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, to help ensure that the C&AG, the NIAO and its staff, auditors and all people and bodies involved in data matching exercises comply with the law, especially data protection legislation. The previous version of the Code, published in July 2008, has been updated for revisions to data protection legislation and for developments in data matching arrangements.</p>	1 October 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.niauditoffice.gov.uk/national-fraud-initiative		

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (NI)	The draft Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018	<p>Draft Regulations aim to amend existing NI F-gases Regulations, in line with EU requirements, and help to control Northern Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions and help limit global warming.</p> <p>F-gases are used in NI in the following sectors of business/industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) refrigeration systems, b) air conditioning (including in motor vehicles), c) heat pump equipment, d) F-gas based solvents, e) high-voltage switchgear, f) insulation foam, g) refrigerated lorries and trailers, h) aerosols, i) fire protection, j) magnesium smelting/casting, k) Organic Rankine Cycles l) chemical manufacturers and suppliers. 	26th October 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)	Strategy in respect of Children and Young people	PSNI have been developing a new strategy for Children and Young People in line with national guidance in order to enhance related service delivery.	1st November 2018	
	Link to Consultation	Document can be made available to Members on request.		

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)	Local Policing Review 2018	<p>This consultation is part of the Local Policing Review 2018 which will explore how police can best meet public needs and demands and deliver the most effective local policing.</p> <p>There is an associated consultation event being held at the September Policing Board meeting, with the Deputy Chief Constable in attendance and would greatly.</p> <p>Public event being held on 9th October in The Junction, Dungannon. Alternatives dates in other areas are also available.</p>	9 th November 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.psni.police.uk/my-area/publicconsultation/		

Report on	Correspondence to Council – September 2018
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 th September 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary & HSC Chief Executive</p> <p>A response has been received from Mr Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, Dept. of Health following the motion carried by council on the availability of Lumacaftor and Ivacaftor (Orkambi) for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. The letter from Mr Pengelly is attached as Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary of Department for the Economy</p> <p>A response has been received from Mr Noel Lavery, Permanent Secretary, Dept. for the Economy following concerns expressed from council in correspondence in relation to engagement with participants on the outcome of inspections undertaken on non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme recipients. The letter is attached as Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from BT Payphones – Commercial Field Officer</p> <p>BT has written to the council giving notification of its intention to permanently remove the following telephone kiosks at on basis that they have “...received no use during the past twelve months”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megargy Road near junction Dunarnon Road, Magherafelt BT45 5HP • Slaghtneill Road at Old Post Office off Tirkane Road, Maghera BT45 5NJ • 120 Lough Fea Road near Ballybriest Orange Hall, Cookstown BT80 9QL <p>BT is undertaking a 90 consultation seeking representations from interested parties. Ofcom guidance on the process identifies the Council as a consultee. A notice has been placed at the Payphone by BT advising the public to submit any views to the Council within 42 days of the notice placed. Letters giving notification are attached as Appendix C.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A - Permanent Secretary, Department of Health Appendix B - Permanent Secretary, Department for the Economy Appendix C - Commercial Field Officer, BT Payphones (3 letters)

**From the Permanent Secretary
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Our ref: RP2803
SCORR-0658-2018

Date: 14th August 2018

Dear Cllr McPeake

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2018 on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council regarding access to lumacaftor and ivacaftor (Orkambi) for the treatment of cystic fibrosis.

Firstly, allow me to say that I fully appreciate that patients should wish to avail of the best treatment that the health service can provide, and in a timely manner.

The Department has a formal link with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) under which, NICE Technology Appraisals (which make recommendations on the use of new and existing medicines and treatments within the NHS) are reviewed locally for their applicability in Northern Ireland. Where found to be applicable they are endorsed by the Department for implementation within Health and Social Care (HSC). NICE can only recommend that treatments be routinely funded within the NHS when there is clear evidence that the treatments are both clinically effective and represent good value for money.

NICE does not recommend the use of lumacaftor and ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis and has published guidance to this effect (TA398). Currently lumacaftor and ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis is not routinely commissioned in any of the UK jurisdictions.

In August 2016 the Department endorsed TA398 as applicable in Northern Ireland, therefore Orkambi is not offered as a routinely commissioned treatment for cystic fibrosis

NICE has confirmed that the position has not changed from the following statement provided in July 2017:

“Our appraisal of lumacaftor–ivacaftor (Orkambi) for treating cystic fibrosis will next be considered for review in July 2019. However, if new evidence becomes available that is likely to affect the current recommendations before then, or if

the company puts forward a proposal that demonstrates their drug is cost-effective, we can consider whether it is appropriate to bring forward the review.

At this stage, we have not been informed of any evidence that could lead to a proposal to review the guidance, including any new proposals from the company.

We do understand how important a new treatment option would be for people with cystic fibrosis; but for the benefits it offers, the cost of Orkambi is currently too high. We can only recommend treatments be routinely funded on the NHS when we are certain they are both clinically effective and represent good value for money. If the company is able to put forward a proposal that provides Orkambi at a cost-effective price, we would welcome it".

Lumacaftor and ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis will next be considered for review by NICE in July 2019. However, as the NICE statement above indicates, NICE will consider whether it is appropriate to bring forward the review and we will revert to that guidance. Companies are free to engage with NICE regarding the price and cost effectiveness of their drugs at any time.

Yours sincerely



RICHARD PENGELLY

FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
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Councillor Sean McPeake
Mid Ulster District Council

Our Ref: SCOR-320-2018

chair@midulstercouncil.org

6 September 2018

Dear Councillor McPeake

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2018 regarding concerns in relation to the outcome of inspections on the non-domestic RHI scheme and the lack of correspondence with participants.

I can confirm that on completion of each site inspection in the Mid Ulster District Council area, the Department for the Economy has written to individual participants advising them of any issues that have been identified during their site inspection and that require further consideration. The participants have also been written to by Ofgem, who administer the Scheme on our behalf, and advised of the areas of non-compliance and the action they need to take to address them. In the correspondence from Ofgem, they are also advised how they may instigate a formal review of any decisions made.

Ofgem have also confirmed that to date no participant in the Mid-Ulster Council area has requested a copy of their inspection report. If a participant would like a copy of their report they can request this by writing directly to Ofgem at rhi.compliance@ofgem.gov.uk.

I trust that the processes we are following assures you that we are actively engaging with the participants throughout the inspection and compliance process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noel Lavery', written over a light blue rectangular background.

NOEL LAVERY
Permanent Secretary



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BT45 6EN

30th August 2018

TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED

Our reference: - JB-02879632450

Dear Sir or Madam,

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE:

I am writing to advise you that BT are proposing to permanently remove the kiosk at Megargy Road near Junction Dunarnon Road, Magherafelt. BT45 5HP. After an assessment of the area and the need for a payphone at this location we discovered that the payphone has received no use during the past twelve months. We are proposing to permanently cease service at this site.

Our obligation to provide a Universal Service will be maintained, as there are other kiosks within the vicinity.

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 after 42 days and 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

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 btpcf@bt.com

Yours faithfully

Jim Blanch

BT Payphones - Commercial Field Officer



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30th August 2018

TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED

Our reference: - JB-02879642264

Dear Sir or Madam,

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE:

I am writing to advise you that BT are proposing to permanently remove the kiosk Slaghtneill Road at Old Post Office, off Tirkane road Maghera. BT46 5NJ. After an assessment of the area and the need for a payphone at this location we discovered that the payphone has received no use during the past twelve months. We are proposing to permanently cease service at this site.

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30th August 2018

TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED

Our reference: - JB-02886763781

Dear Sir or Madam,

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE:

I am writing to advise you that BT are proposing to permanently remove the kiosk outside 120 Lough Fea Road near Ballypriest Orange Hall, Cookstown. BT80 9QL. After an assessment of the area and the need for a payphone at this location we discovered that the payphone has received no use during the past twelve months. We are proposing to permanently cease service at this site.

Our obligation to provide a Universal Service will be maintained, as there are other kiosks within the vicinity.

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