



27 June 2019

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 June 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
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Notice of Motions

- 15 Councillor M Quinn to move
 "This council condemns animal cruelty in all forms; notes the effective framework currently in place for punishing offenders and imposing appropriate sentences which serve as a deterrent to others; recognises the work of the USPCA in challenging cruel behaviour toward animals as well as supporting rehoming initiatives for those animals that have suffered abuse or neglect; further notes with concern that there is no central register of those convicted of animal cruelty offences and; resolves to write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Justice, and the British and Irish Governments to raise these concerns and propose a central all-island register for animal abusers."
- 16 Councillor Wilson to move
 "That this Council seek an urgent meeting with Translink to discuss their continued refusal to provide a stop to facilitate passengers wishing to visit Antrim Hospital.
 Such a stop could be located at the roundabout on the M2 adjacent to the Hospital and would be used solely by the Translink 212 service."
- 17 Councillor Elattar to Move
 "That this council commends the #FDANODELAY campaign and recognises that people living in hostels and other temporary/emergency accommodation across our society are homeless and deserve to be legally recognised as such by having Full Duty Applicant status awarded. This Council calls on the NIHE Chief Executive to respond outlining what measures the NIHE will now take to accurately audit the extent of the problem regarding homeless people who are not recognised as such and what steps will be taken to remedy these oversights."
- 18 Councillor Cuddy to move
 "We believe it is important to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day.
 There was an WWII American fighter plane that crashed killing the pilot near President Grants ancestral home just a few days before the end of World War II. We propose that this Council work with the local Historical Society to mark the crash site and hold an event or events to acknowledge the contribution of troops from the USA who where billeted in the Mid Ulster area for a period of time during the built up to the D-day landings that eventually brought an end to World War II."
- 19 Councillor D McPeake to move

"That this council welcomes the range of reports recently published which highlight the serious risk of greater hardship for many within our community, if Welfare Mitigations do not continue beyond March 2020. These reports include;

- Welfare Reform: Mitigations on a Cliff Edge.
- Cliff Edge Coalition NI.
- NIAO: Welfare Reforms in NI.

It calls on all parties to support the need to continue Welfare Mitigations beyond March 2020 and further; Calls on DfC to take all steps necessary to ensure the Mitigations scheme will continue to help the most vulnerable in our community."

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

20. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 15 April 2019
21. Special Environment Confidential minutes of meeting held on 16 April 2019
22. Planning Confidential minutes of meeting held on 4 June 2019
23. Policy and Resources Confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 June 2019
24. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 11 June 2019
25. Development Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 13 June 2019
26. Audit Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 18 June 2019
27. Document for Sealing: Deed of Surrender between The Woodland Trust and Mid Ulster District Council in triplicate
28. Document for Sealing: Deed of Dedication in respect of lands at Ballymacombs, Loughsholin, County Londonderry between Mid Ulster District Council (1), The Woodland Trust (2) and The Big Lottery Fund (3) in triplicate
29. Document for Sealing: 20 Year Lease for lands situated at Glenone Wood, Portglenone between The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs and Mid Ulster District Council in duplicate
30. Document for Sealing: Coalisland Public Realm - Fox Building & Engineering Ltd
31. Document for Sealing: Davagh Dark Skies Visitor Centre - Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd

32. Document for Sealing: Dungannon Leisure Centre Repairs
- R J McKelvey Ltd
33. Document for Sealing: Maghera Public Realm Design
Team - RPS Ireland Ltd

Matters for Information

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 15 April 2019
in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

Chair Councillor S McPeake

Members Present Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, D McPeake, Mallaghan, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, O'Neill, M Quinn, Robinson, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

C080/19 Apologies

Councillors Mullen, T Quinn and J Shiels

C081/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McPeake acknowledged it was the last meeting of the current Council and made mention of Councillors McEldowney, J Shiels and T Quinn who were not seeking re-election. He wished them all the best and thanked them for their participation throughout the mandate.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake reflected on his ten months as Chair of the Council and said he had thoroughly enjoyed his time in office, visiting places and groups throughout the district. He added that the experience had been memorable and enlightening as he had learnt of the powerful work undertaken by groups throughout the district. The Chair thanked all staff, extending special thanks to Colleen, Diane, Ursula, Jennifer, Eileen and Philip. He extended his thanks to the Deputy Chair Councillor Burton for her support in covering many engagements throughout the term.

Councillor Molloy entered the meeting at 7.07pm

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Burton thanked her party for the privilege of holding the position of Deputy Chair and spoke of all that had been fitted into the short term. She expressed her thanks to Jennifer and Eileen and all supporting staff together with the Directors. Councillor Burton said she had met many people and highlighted a few events such as NILGA Britain in Bloom coming to Belfast, Council working with

small businesses in Aughnacloy to bring the World Butcher Challenge to Mid Ulster which provided a great public relations opportunity for rural businesses on the world stage. Councillor Burton also spoke the 'Dan the Man' event attended by both the Chair and herself explaining that the group organise birthday parties for children who have autism who very often find themselves excluded from invitation lists. Councillor Burton concluded highlighting the Clogher Valley Agricultural Society receiving the Queens Award and extended her thanks to all who volunteer throughout the District.

Councillor Clarke entered the meeting at 7.10pm

Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.11pm

In response to the Chair, Councillor McPeake highlighting that the consultation regarding 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' Councillor Monteith confirmed he was happy to make his comments at that point of the meeting.

C082/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in C086/19 Development Committee Minutes - D077/19 Community Development Grants

- *Dugnannon Gaelic Forum Comhaltas*
- *Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC*
- *Ballysaggart Area Community Association*
- *Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers (former committee member)*

Councillor Burton declared an interest in C086/19 Development Committee Minutes - D077/19 Community Development Grants

- *Bawn Development Association (family connections interest)*
- *Caledon Regeneration Partnership*
- *Caledon in Bloom*
- *COSTA*

Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in C086/19 Development Committee Minutes - D077/19 Community Development Grants

- *Lavey Erin's Owen*

Matters for Decision

C083/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2019

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 March 2019 (C058/19 – C070/19 and C079/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C084/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 1 April 2019

Councillor Burton drew attention to E095/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 March 2019 referring to discussion regarding use of the general power of competence and the extension of a footpath at the shop and business park at Eglisli. Councillor Burton reiterated that the situation was an accident waiting to happen and sought support for Council to write to DFI to flag up the serious issue.

Councillor Gildernew concurred stating that he could not understand why the bank was left as there had been a land issue, which had now been resolved and he would support Councillor Burton's request.

Councillor McAleer concurred, stating that she too was aware of the issue and that it was essential for council to support.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated there was a similar issue with the pathway around the town in Maghera, which Councillors B McGuigan and G Sheils would be aware of also and he would like this considered.

Councillor Molloy stated, he could name many in the Moy area though indicated that the general power of competence may not permit the Council to look at these. He suggested that coming into the new Council term Members should compile a list of all such issues and discuss a way forward.

Councillor Clarke concurred stating that he was aware of issues at Ballyronan, Loup and Moneymore.

Councillor Colvin stated that he had raised Farnlough Lane through the Environment Committee.

Councillor Monteith stated that Council has now sat for five years and every time someone suggested the use of General Power of Competence, a similar discussion takes place. He stated that Council put £100k into its budget and that Council should do the footpath rather than starting a blame game. He said the Council should get down to real issues. He made mention of a recent financial windfall received by Council and stated it would be a magnificent gesture to say we cannot do it all but we are make a start.

Councillor Molloy proposed that Council should look more widely at the issue highlighting that he was not about stopping anybody but all Councillors had issues in their area, that a complete list be compiled for consideration.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that a workshop should be organised to look at the issues.

In response to Councillor Gildernew's suggestion that the pathways in Eglish and Maghera be undertaken as a pilot project the Chair Councillor S McPeake stated that he had been advised it would not be appropriate to take this course of action without knowing the costs.

Councillor Burton asked how often the General Power of Competence had been exercised over the term of Council and said it may well be her last night at Council but she felt she had to do her bit in raising the issue, as the road was unsafe for pedestrians.

In response, the Chief Executive advised that the General Power of Competence had been used once in the Council term.

Councillor Monteith stated that Council should progress on the aforementioned projects.

Councillor Burton emphasised that she had only asked for a letter to be sent to the Department for Infrastructure.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake stated that a letter be forwarded to Department for Infrastructure, followed by a workshop regarding the use of general power of competence and possible projects.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that one motion had been brought before Council in the last five years in relation to the use of the General Power of Competence, it had been agreed and works had been completed. He stated that all had the opportunity to bring requests and highlighted that Council had an ambitious capital works plan.

Resolved That

- (i) A workshop be organised to discuss possible projects that may be considered under General Power of Competence
- (ii) That Council write to DfI Roads to request a footpath on the main road at the shops/business park at Eglish and also extension to pathway around Maghera town centre;

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to *E101/19 Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places* and asked what training is given to staff in identifying and reporting issues regarding vulnerable adults and children on council property, for example in Windmill Wood and Railway Park.

Councillor Ashton left the meeting at 7.26pm

In response, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that training is delivered through Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults at three levels in accordance with an officer's role in the Council.

Councillor Ashton returned to the meeting at 7.28pm

Councillor Cuthbertson asked specifically about dealing with children and vulnerable adults in public places.

In response, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that the training was primarily on level 1 for staff in such areas and that there were designated officers to specifically deal with issues.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 7.30pm

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had reported concerns and that he was aware that it was not common practice for them to report back but stated he was unaware of anything in place in Windmill Wood.

In response, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that it was an open space and like Railway Park although attendants may litter pick they were not staffed on a fulltime basis.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 1 April 2019 (E087/19 – E101/19 and E106/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C085/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 April 2019

Councillor G Shiels expressed his disappointment that despite repeated requests a consultation event in relation to the Local Development Plan had not been organised in Moneymore even though the Chair himself had agreed to it at a previous meeting. He further highlighted that the Planning Manager had indicated that the drop-in sessions, which had been planned, were finished well before the upcoming elections yet the consultation period did not end until 18 April 2019

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 7.34 pm

Councillor G Shiels stated that at the end of the discussion at the planning committee on 2nd April, on the matter, Councillor Mallaghan had proposed that the Planning Protocol and Scheme of Delegation be reviewed through a workshop and felt it was being choreographed, and stated that it was his opinion that Members were treated as mushrooms. He concluded stating that concerns should be shared with the Planning Manager.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake advised that Members receive reports on planning performance and that Mid Ulster team were often top performers and were transparent in their business. He also clarified he had not agreed to a consultation event in Moneymore but had referred the request back to committee for consideration and stated that at various times the timetable and schedule of drop in sessions had been brought to Members attention and further requests should have been made at that time.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that any planning application could be called in for decision by any Member.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 (P039/19 – P045/19 and P053/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C086/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2019

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2019 (D074/19 – D084/19 and D088/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C087/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 April 2019

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 April 2019 (PR065/19 – PR076/19 and PR092/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 7.39pm

C088/19 Civic Recognition Requests

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated council policy, as detailed within the report.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 7.40pm

C089/19 Delegated Authority to Chief Executive on Matters – Period of Local Election 2019

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding delegated authority to the Chief Executive on matters during the period of local election 2019.

Members considered Appendix A as detailed within the report entitled, Forward Planning on decisions required during the period 16 April - 26 June 2019

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That approval be granted to delegate authority to the Chief Executive on Matters – Period of Local Election 2019 (16 April 2019 to 26 June 2019) as listed at *appendix A* of the report.

Matters for Information

C090/19 Correspondence to Council

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council.

C091/19 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Members noted previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council since the last meeting of the Council.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to the Department of Health, *Reshaping Breast Assessment Services* and stated that there were a lot of pertinent issues and that the proposed removal of services at Craigavon has caused considerable distress and anguish to a number of people who speak highly of the service. He stated that many had fought to retain services in the area and that Council should send a strong message of resistance, highlighting that for 25 years acute services were being removed from South Tyrone, and in his opinion the ultimate goal was to have two

hospitals in Belfast and Derry. He proposed that Council submit a response and encouraged fellow Members to respond individually also.

Councillor Mallaghan concurred with Councillor Monteith and stated that last year the Health Service had undertaken a survey with women on how far they would travel for breast screening services although it was his understanding that screening would still take place locally. He made mention of stroke services and how they too had undergone change. Councillor Mallaghan stated that whilst some services were coming to the district such as Cataracts and vein services it is still a detriment if you gain one but lose another. Councillor Mallaghan suggested that social media should also be used to encourage responses to the consultation.

The Chief Executive drew attention to the closing date of the consultation and sought approval that delegated powers to be given to Development Committee scheduled on 13 June 2019 to approve the response.

Resolved *That Council*

- (i) *prepare a response to Department of Health – Reshaping Breast Assessment Services;*
- (ii) Delegated power granted to the Development Committee scheduled on 13 June 2019 to approve response to consultation

The press and public left the meeting at 7.47pm

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That items C092/19 – C098/19 be taken as confidential business

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Meeting of Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 28 March 2019
- (ii) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 1 April 2019
- (iii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 2 April 2019
- (iv) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 3 April 2019
- (v) Policy & Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 4 April 2019
- (vi) Update in relation to Implementation of new Financial Management Information System
- (vii) Update in relation to Council's claim against HMRC for over-declared output VAT (Leisure & Recreation Services).

C099/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.53pm

Councillor Mallaghan extended sincere thanks to the Chief Executive, Senior Management Team and staff for all that had been achieved in the five year term.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 20 May 2019 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair	Councillor S McPeake (Outgoing) Councillor Kearney (Incoming)
Members Present	Councillors Ashton, Bell, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Corry, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Glasgow, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, Mallaghan, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, D McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, O'Neill, Quinn, Robinson, Totten and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Ms McNally, Council Solicitor Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

AC1/19 Apologies

Councillor McAleer

AC2/19 Declarations of Interest

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

AC3/19 Chair's Business

The outgoing Chair, Councillor S McPeake reflected on his year as Council Chairperson, stating that it had been a very rewarding year during which he had gained a deeper knowledge of the district and its people. He thanked his party for putting their faith in him to carry out the duties of the post. He also extended thanks to all the directors and officers who he had worked closely with throughout the year and to all the staff who looked after the Chairs diary arrangements naming Colleen, Diane, Ursula and Jennifer. He also extended his thanks to the Communications team especially for their tolerance in awaiting some time for responses to queries.

He highlighted that Mid-Ulster has much to offer and that its people had much to pride themselves in stating that it was a hardworking, entrepreneurial district and whose people pride themselves in creating their own self-employment in SME's. He emphasised that the district boasted a thriving manufacturing sector that Council is

keen to work in partnership with to develop and see growth through the North's first Skills Forum. He expressed his delight that during his year in office the Skills Report had been launched and the plans had been signed for the Rural Growth Deals with ABC and Fermanagh/Omagh Districts, which in the future should deliver further economic and skills benefits for the manufacturing sectors locally.

He reflected on further highlights of his year mentioning the launch of the Draft Mid-Ulster Development Plan which should pave the way for the delivery of the infrastructure, housing, business and environmental protections that are all needed for the social and environmental fabric and prosperity of our district. He further spoke of the privilege of meeting a varied number of Community and Voluntary groupings from right across the district and from all community backgrounds and stated that he could genuinely say that it was the most rewarding element of the work of the Chair. He spoke of hearing at first hand of the work that is done, mostly on a voluntary basis, by groups who work week in week out helping those less fortunate and those in need stating it should be a great encouragement for all. At a time of continuing central government cuts to budgets and services he stressed that more and more is being asked of volunteers and indeed ultimately the Council. He spoke with pride that in the past year up to £1m had been allocated in Community Grants and by funding services who are giving welfare advice to those struggling as a result of the impacts of Tory Austerity welfare cuts, Council was also making a difference.

The outgoing Chair, Councillor S McPeake stated that Council are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff delivering great stuff on a day to day basis. He also thanked the Chief Executive who led from the front and had put a great team in place around him and highlighted the local government elections and the speedy count as a testament to the Chief Executive liked things to run.

In conclusion, he stated whilst he could easily reflect on the high points of his term he had to spare some thought for the low points which for him and for many in the district and across the north was the terrible tragedy which befell at the Greenvale Hotel taking the lives of those young people on that fateful night of 17th March. He stated he would never forget and again thanked the Council for the part which it has played in galvanising and providing that focus for the support services for those young people who were present on the night.

Councillor S McPeake wished the incoming crop of new and not so new Councillors together with the incoming Chair and Vice Chair good luck for the term ahead

Councillor Wilson stated that as a result of the Council Election the Ulster Unionist Party had lost two of their long standing Members namely Robert Mulligan and George Shiels. He paid tribute to work they had done in the district and wished them well for the future. Councillor Wilson welcomed Councillor Graham to the party.

Councillor McGinley congratulate Councillor S McPeake and Councillor Burton on their year in office stating that they should be proud of their work. Councillor McGinley also paid tribute to Mickey Gillespie who had lost his seat in the Council elections and paid tribute to the role he had played throughout his 22 years as a serving Councillor. Councillor McGinley also welcomed new Members onto the Sinn Féin team.

AC4/18 Positions of responsibility for periods 2019-2023

The outgoing Chair Councillor S McPeake referred members to the meeting pack containing the agreed grid for Positions of Responsibility for the period 2019-2023, to be filled using the d'hondt method.

Councillor M Quinn nominating officer for SDLP nominated Councillor Kearney to take the Chair.

Councillor S McPeake stood down from position

Councillor Kearney took the Chair at 7.12 pm

The Chair, Councillor Kearney delivered the undernoted speech,

“Firstly I wish to thank my Mid-Ulster SDLP Councillors and District Executive for nominating me for such a prestigious post for the Year ahead. It is truly an honor to be deemed worthy of such high office.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to Councillors McPeake and Burton thanking them and congratulating on the manner in which they have both discharged their respective roles in the year that has ended.

I welcome everyone back to this Chamber, especially the 6 new Councillors and send best wishes to our recent retiring colleagues across all parties. I look forward to working with and sharing duties with the soon to be elected Vice-Chair. On behalf of my party I welcome Cllr. Kerri Hughes, who joins our team serving the Cookstown Electoral area. Our Party has had a very successful election, returning 6 Councillors and increasing our first preferences by over 1,000 votes.

I have been re-elected to the Carntogher Area and have lived all my life in the rural area of Glenone, close to the River Bann. I am married to Grace, have four of a family, all married, and nine grandchildren.

My late Grandfather, Teady McErlean of Clady, was a Councillor some 100 years ago, serving in the Magherafelt Rural District of the time and was a Guardian of the Poor Law. The Council minutes of those days still remain for examination. My grandfather was frequently speaking out about better educational opportunities for all and the condition of the roads in the local area. I noted one example of forward planning when many meetings were set aside for discussion as to whether the Council should purchase a steam roller to help with road construction. The pony and trap was still an option then.

I spent all my working life as a public servant, 33 years as a teacher and Principal of St. Mary's P.S. Harryville, Ballymena. Some of you will no doubt remember those turbulent years and the community tensions of the late 90s, and particularly the Drumcree years. Sadly the events leading up to the closure of my school and the local chapel are well-documented.

Since retirement I have been closely involved and currently hold office with the Portglenone Enterprise Group, Glenone Business Park, Bann Valley Community Group, St. Conor's College, Roger Casement's GAC and my Parish of Greenlough.

Those life experiences have had a very positive effect on me, allowing me to live and work with both traditions in this Country, something I hold very dear. It is that co-operation, community spirit and quest for re-conciliation that I will continue to strive for during this Year of Office. I aim to fulfil all the roles and duties expected of this Office.

We open a new Chapter this evening in the life of Mid-Ulster Council. The achievements of this Council have been rightly recognised up and down the Country, e.g. the Community Plan, the Economic Plan, the Skills Plan, the Local Development Plan, to name a few. In our Community Plan we embarked on agreeing and setting out a shared vision for Mid-Ulster. Our Vision read:

Mid-Ulster – a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe: educated and skilled: where our economy is thriving: our environment and heritage are sustained: and where our public services excel.

Work on those plans, strategies, priorities and programme must and will continue in the next four years. While I know we want to strive for greater devolution and powers of regeneration we must also be aware of the added responsibilities that will bring.

Although in recent weeks we all sought to inform our constituents about progress on local issues there is little doubt that they were also very concerned in particular about the lack of government and decision-making here as well as the imminent calamity of Brexit. That vacuum in government is particularly affecting education, the health service and welfare reform on a daily basis.

As a result my focus for the year ahead will centre on our children and young people, and the plight facing our schools and colleges, but especially our primary schools. Many of our schools are experiencing increased enrolments but with declining budgets. We don't control educational budgets but we must get behind our schools, listen to our teachers and governors and implore our politicians to return to Stormont and sort this out. Previous generations in my sector, the maintained sector, had to 'scrape and save' at times to raise up to 30% of the costs to build schools. It is surely disgraceful in this day and age that parents should have to buy pencils and paper, or children wear their coats in class to save on heating costs. No child should have to pay the price for political failure.

When I started my teaching career in 1973 it was, coincidentally, also the year that Britain, Ireland and Denmark joined the then Common Market later to become the EU. Now, almost half a century on we are in the midst of Brexit chaos and on Thursday we will be voting for MEPs who may or may not sit in the European Parliament

While respecting all the different views in this chamber I and my party are fully committed to continued membership of the EU. Be it the improved standard of living of our farmers and rural community in general, or the positive role the Union has played in our peace process, the EU has been good for each and every one of us. Furthermore our lives have been enriched by the influx of many other European nationalities who have chosen to make Mid-Ulster their home and who now share their talents and experiences with us.

On Thursday we will have the opportunity to send a strong message to the government as to the wishes of the majority of the people of mid - Ulster as expressed in the referendum and in this council chamber. In this context I am especially proud of my own party leader Colm Eastwood and the leadership role he has played in the 'remain' campaign for all of Northern Ireland.

It is also worth remembering, therefore, why the European Union came into existence. Twice in the 20th Century Europe had been devastated by war. European leaders including Jean Monnet, and Robert Schumann, sought to find a way to ensure Europe would be spared such tragedy ever again. The result was a conflict resolution without parallel and the means by which, in 1973, less than thirty years after a war that left 25 million people dead, the nations of Europe could come together in a common cause. The outworking of those early beginnings has given us the European Union we know today. Indeed it was also that which gave us a blueprint for the Good Friday agreement which brought to an end our own sad conflict.

The founding fathers of the EU recognised that all conflict was about difference be it religion, race, our nationality. Difference is the natural human condition, an accident of birth, and should never be seen as threatening or a source of hatred, bigotry or conflict. Instead the answer to difference is to respect it. On this basis the founding fathers created institutions which respected this diversity.

John Hume, who perhaps better than anyone saw most clearly the vision of the European Union, said in his Nobel Peace Prize Address in 1998, 'They spilled their sweat and not their blood and by so doing broke down the barriers of distrust of centuries' and the new Europe has evolved and is still evolving, based on agreement and respect for difference.

I look forward to working with you all in the months ahead. My aims are very simple, to listen and learn, to protect and promote. To paraphrase John Hume- 'I ask no-one to relinquish their cherished convictions or beliefs but I ask us to respect the views and rights of others as equal to our own.'

We have much to do in so far as any Council can to make Mid-Ulster a better place for all of us politically and economically. Let us all work together for the benefit and well-being of our people.

'Ag comhoibriú le leas an phobail.' Go Raibh Maith Agaibh!"

The Chair, Councillor Kearney sought a nomination from the DUP for Deputy Chair. Councillor McLean thanked Councillor Burton for her work as Deputy Chair and nominated Councillor Cuthbertson for the incoming year.

The Chair Councillor Kearney drew Members attention to the appointment of positions of responsibility for 2019-2023 and nominations were made as noted.

Positions of Responsibility D'hondt Running Order			
Number	Party	Position of Responsibility Selected	Year
1	SF	Chair - Council	4
2	DUP	Chair - Council	3
3	SF	Chair - Council	2
4	SDLP	Chair - Council	1
5	UUP	Deputy Chair - Council	2
6	SF	Chair - Development	4
7	DUP	Deputy Chair - Council	4
8	SF	Chair - Environment	4
9	SF	Chair - Development	3
10	DUP	Chair - Environment	3
11	SDLP	Deputy Chair - Council	3
12	UUP	Chair - Development	1
13	SF	Chair - Development	2
14	SF	Chair - Planning	1
15	DUP	Chair - Environment	1
16	SF	Chair - Environment	2
17	SDLP	Chair - Policy & Resources	4
18	UUP	Chair - Policy & Resources	3
19	SF	Chair - Planning	2
20	DUP	Chair - Planning	3
21	SF	Chair - Planning	4
22	SF	Chair - Policy & Resources	1
23	DUP	Deputy Chair - Council	1
24	SDLP	Chair - Policy & Resources	2
25	UUP	Chair - Audit	3
26	SF	Chair - Audit	1
27	SF	Chair - Audit	4
28	DUP	Deputy Chair - Development	2
29	SF	Chair - Audit	2
30	SDLP	Deputy Chair - Policy & Resources	1
31	UUP	Deputy Chair - Environment	4
32	SF	Housing Council	1
33	DUP	Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	2
34	SF	Housing Council	2
35	IND DK	Deputy Chair - Development	3
36	DUP	Deputy Chair - Development	4
37	SDLP	Deputy Chair - Environment	2

38	IND BM	Deputy Chair - Development	1
39	SF	Housing Council	3
40	UUP	Deputy Chair - Policy & Resources	2
41	SF	Housing Council	4
42	DUP	Deputy Chair - Policy & Resources	4
43	SF	Deputy Chair - Environment	1
44	SDLP	Deputy Chair - Policy & Resources	3
45	UUP	Deputy Chair - Planning	2
46	SF	Deputy Chair - Environment	3
47	DUP	Deputy Chair - Planning	4
48	SF	Deputy Chair - Audit	3
49	SF	Deputy Chair - Planning	3
50	DUP	Deputy Chair - Planning	1
51	SDLP	Partnership Panel	1 - 4
52	UUP	Deputy Chair - Audit	1
53	SF	Deputy Chair - Audit	2
54	SF	Deputy Chair - Audit	4
55	DUP	Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	3
56	SF	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
57	SDLP	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
58	UUP	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
59	SF	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
60	DUP	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
61	SF	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
62	SF	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
63	DUP	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
64	SDLP	Pass	
65	UUP	Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	1
66	SF	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
67	SF	Pass	
68	DUP	Policing & Community Safety Partnership	1 - 4
69	SF	Pass	
70	SDLP	Pass	
71	UUP	Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	4

On completion of the grid the positions for the forthcoming four years were as undernoted:

	Year 1 2019/2020	Year 2 2020/2021	Year 3 2021/2022	Year 4 2022/2023
Council				
Chair	SDLP	SF	DUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	UUP	SDLP	DUP
Audit Committee				
Chair	SF	SF	UUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	UUP	SF	SF	SF
Development Committee				
Chair	UUP	SF	SF	SF
Deputy-Chair	IND (Monteith)	DUP	IND (Kerr)	DUP
Environment Committee				
Chair	DUP	SF	DUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	SDLP	SF	UUP
Planning Committee				
Chair	SF	SF	DUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	UUP	SF	DUP
Policy & Resources Committee				
Chair	SF	SDLP	UUP	SDLP
Deputy-Chair	SDLP	UUP	SDLP	DUP
Housing Council for NI				
1 Representative	SF	SF	SF	SF
Partnership Panel for NI				
1 Representative 4 year term	SDLP			
Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for NI				
1 Representative	UUP	DUP	DUP	UUP
Policing & Community Safety Partnership - Mid Ulster (Note 3)				
10 Representatives 4 year term	SF		DUP	
	SF		DUP	
	SF		DUP	
	SF		SDLP	
	SF		UUP	

The Chair sought nominations to allocate the remaining committee positions as outlined as step 6 in the previously circulated paper relating to the appointment of councillors to committees, in order by d'hondt:

STEP 6		Allocate remaining positions in order by
Committee Position	59	SF Development Committee
Committee Position	60	DUP Planning Committee
Committee Position	61	SF Environment Committee
Committee Position	62	SDLP Planning Committee
Committee Position	63	UUP Environment Committee
Committee Position	64	SF Policy & Resources Committee
Committee Position	65	DUP Environment Committee
Committee Position	66	DUP Policy & Resources Committee
Committee Position	67	SDLP Policy & Resources Committee
Committee Position	68	UUP Planning Committee
Committee Position	69	IND DK Development Committee
Committee Position	70	IND BM Development Committee
Committee Position	71	IND DK Audit Committee
Committee Position	72	IND BM Audit Committee

A5/19 Nominations to hold Positions of Responsibility throughout 2019-2020

The Chair Councillor Kearney invited Party Nominating Officers from parties to nominate Members to hold the remaining positions of responsibility for 2019-2020.

Positions of Responsibility	Party	Councillor
Council, Chair	SDLP	Kearney
Council, Deputy Chair	DUP	Cuthbertson
Audit Committee, Chair	SF	McGinley
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	UUP	Cuddy
Development, Chair	UUP	Wilson
Development, Deputy Chair	IND (Monteith)	Monteith
Environment Committee, Chair	DUP	Buchanan
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	McGuigan S
Planning Committee, Chair	SF	Mallaghan
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	DUP	Robinson
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Molloy
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Quinn M
Housing Council for NI	SF	Elattar
Partnership Panel for NI (term of council)	SDLP	McFlynn
Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	UUP	Glasgow
Policing & Community Safety Partnership (term of council)	SF	Mallaghan
	SF	McGuigan B
	SF	McNamee
	SF	McPeake S
	SF	Molloy
	DUP	Burton
	DUP	Cuthbertson
	DUP	Forde
	SDLP	Mullen
	UUP	McKinney

A6/19 Appoint of Councillors to Committees

The Chair Councillor Kearney invited Nominating Officers from parties to nominate Members to allocate Members to serve on committees. Nominations were made.

PLANNING		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Mallaghan
2. Deputy Chair	DUP	Cllr Robinson
3. Member	SF	Cllr Bell
4. Member	SF	Cllr Clarke
5. Member	SF	Cllr Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Cllr D McPeake
7. Member	SF	Cllr S McPeake
8. Member	DUP	Cllr Black
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Brown
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Cuthbertson
11. Member	SDLP	Cllr Kearney
12. Member	SDLP	Cllr Mullen
13. Member	SDLP	Cllr Quinn
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Colvin
15. Member	UUP	Cllr Glasgow
16. Member	UUP	Cllr McKinney

POLICY & RESOURCES		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Molloy
2. Deputy Chair	SDLP	Cllr M Quinn
3. Member	SF	Cllr Doris
4. Member	SF	Cllr Elattar
5. Member	SF	Cllr Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Cllr S McGuigan
7. Member	SF	Cllr S McPeake
8. Member	SF	Cllr Totten
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Ashton
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Buchanan
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Forde
12. Member	DUP	Cllr McLean
13. Member	SDLP	Cllr Hughes
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr McFlynn
15. Member	UUP	Cllr Colvin
16. Member	UUP	Cllr McKinney

ENVIRONMENT		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	DUP	Cllr Buchanan
2. Deputy Chair	SF	Cllr S McGuigan
3. Member	SF	Cllr McGinley
4. Member	SF	Cllr B McGuigan
5. Member	SF	Cllr McNamee
6. Member	SF	Cllr Milne
7. Member	SF	Cllr O'Neill
8. Member	SF	Cllr Totten
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Brown
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Burton
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Cuthbertson
12. Member	SDLP	Cllr McAleer
13. Member	SDLP	Cllr McFlynn
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Glasgow
15. Member	UUP	Cllr Graham
16. Member	UUP	Cllr Wilson

DEVELOPMENT		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	UUP	Cllr Wilson
2. Deputy Chair	IND (Cllr Monteith)	Cllr Monteith
3. Member	SF	Cllr Clarke
4. Member	SF	Cllr Corry
5. Member	SF	Cllr Doris
6. Member	SF	Cllr Elattar
7. Member	SF	Cllr McNamee
8. Member	SF	Cllr Milne
9. Member	SF	Cllr Molloy
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Ashton
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Black
12. Member	DUP	Cllr Burton
13. Member	SDLP	Cllr Hughes
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr Kearney
15. Member	UUP	Cllr Cuddy
16. Member	IND (Cllr Kerr)	Cllr Kerr

AUDIT		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Cllr McGinley
2. Deputy Chair	UUP	Cllr Cuddy
3. Member	SF	Cllr Mallaghan
4. Member	SF	Cllr B McGuigan
5. Member	DUP	Cllr Ashton
6. Member	SDLP	Cllr McAleer
7. Member	IND (Cllr Kerr)	Cllr Kerr
8. Member	IND (Cllr Monteith)	Cllr Monteith

A8/19 Nominations for representation on Outside Bodies

The Chair Councillor Kearney drawing attention to the previously circulated report sought nominations to Outside Bodies.

Councillor McGinley said that it had been discussed at a Party Leaders meeting to allocate these positions by application of d'hondt and stated that it had been suggested that a Working Group be convened on same. He, however, proposed that Council in the interim nominate to outside bodies.

Councillor McLean asked what the way forward was.

Councillor Wilson stated it was his understanding that some of the representation would continue as being by Party Agreement and he saw no reason for change.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

To postpone nominations to outside bodies until a way forward is considered by the aforementioned working group.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that not to nominate would be a problem highlighting the example of the Rural Development Local Action Group, which has for example assessment panels scheduled.

Councillor McLean stated that, considering the time of year with summer holidays and the detailed piece of work the working group would be undertaking could not be

completed he said it would be wise to nominate following which the working group, with a clear remit could progress the task within a set timeframe.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that would sit within the proposal put forward by Councillor McGinley and he sensed that the meeting should move to nominate positions.

Councillor McLean stated that his understanding would be that Sinn Féin have more to lose by not going by d'hondt.

Councillor M Quinn said on looking at the report there did not appear to be too many vacancies.

Councillor Wilson emphasised that his proposal was still there. Councillor Kearney sought clarification on Councillor McGinley's proposal.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan

That; (i) Nominations be made to outside bodies; and (ii) Groups that are not represented by DEA representation (District Electoral Areas) be filled by d'hondt.

Councillor Ashton sought clarity as to whether d'hondt would run on each body or whether it was a rolling application.

It was clarified that d'hondt would run on each body.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney called for a vote on Councillor McGinley's proposal

For	32
Against	6
Abstained	2

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared Councillor McGinley's proposal carried.

Councillor Wilson indicated that given previous discussion the council should not go forward with his proposal.

Resolved Councillor representation on Outside Bodies be undertaken until the outcome of the Review as aforementioned.

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster DC Positions Agreed 2019-20	Representation 2018-19		Representation 2019-20	
Agewell Partnership	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Elattar Clarke Burton Vacancy McFlynn		Elattar Clarke Burton McKinney McFlynn	
Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Sub Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Mallaghan McNamee Buchanan Wilson M Quinn		Mallaghan McNamee Buchanan Wilson M Quinn	
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP SDLP	Gildernew S McGuigan Burton McAleer		Gildernew S McGuigan Burton McAleer	
Coalisland and District Development Association	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin	Colvin Doris		Doris J Oneill	
Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	Dungannon & Torrent DEAs	Ashton	Doris	Ashton	Doris
		Cuddy	Kerr	Cuddy	Kerr
		Cuthbertson	McGinley	Cuthbertson	McGinley
		Molloy	Oneill	Molloy	Oneill
		Monteith ¹	M Quinn	Monteith ²	M Quinn
		Mullen	Colvin	Mullen	Colvin
Coalisland Town Centre Forum	Torrent DEA	Doris Kerr Oneill McGinley Quinn Colvin		Doris Kerr Oneill McGinley Quinn Colvin	
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas	SF SF DUP UUP SDLP	Molloy Oneill Burton Vacancy McAleer		Molloy Oneill Burton Graham McAleer	
Cookstown & District Town Twinning Committee	Cookstown DEA	Bell McNamee Mallaghan Buchanan Hughes Glasgow Wilson		Bell McNamee Mallaghan Buchanan Hughes Glasgow Wilson	
Cookstown Town Centre Forum	Cookstown DEA	Bell McNamee Mallaghan Buchanan Hughes Glasgow Wilson		Bell McNamee Mallaghan Buchanan Hughes Glasgow Wilson	

¹ Cllr Monteith does not avail of representation

² Cllr Monteith does not avail of representation

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster DC Positions Agreed 2019-20	Representation 2018-19	Representation 2019-20
Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP	Burton McNamee Colvin	Bell Milne Burton
Drainage Council	Sinn Féin	Public Appointments process not yet commenced by DfI	Clarke
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	Sinn Féin DUP	Molloy Ashton	Molloy Ashton
Dungannon Regeneration Partnership	Dungannon DEA	Ashton Cuddy Cuthbertson Molloy Monteith Mullen	Ashton Cuddy Cuthbertson Molloy Monteith Mullen
Flavour of Tyrone	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Gildernew Vacancy Burton Colvin McAleer	Doris Corry Burton Colvin McAleer
ICBAN	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP SDLP	Mallaghan McPeake Vacancy Vacancy	Mallaghan S McPeake Robinson Kearney
Rural Development Local Action Group	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP DUP SDLP SDLP UUP UUP	Clarke Gildernew S McGuigan S McPeake Oneill Buchanan Forde Vacancy Kearney McAleer Wilson Vacancy	Clarke Gildernew S McGuigan S McPeake Oneill Buchanan Forde Burton Kearney Mullen Wilson Graham
Local Government Forum: Northern Commissioning Group, HSCB	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP SDLP	B McGuigan Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	B McGuigan Corry Brown McFlynn
Lough Neagh Partnership Board	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Vacancy McGinley Robinson McKinney M Quinn	Milne D McPeake McLean McKinney Kearney
Magherafelt Town Centre Forum	Magherafelt DEA	Clarke McFlynn McLean Brown	Clarke McFlynn McLean Brown

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster DC Positions Agreed 2019-20	Representation 2018-19	Representation 2019-20
		Totten	Totten
Maghera Town Centre Forum	Carntogher DEA	Corry McPeake B McGuigan Kearney Black	Corry McPeake B McGuigan Kearney Black
Mid Ulster DC Community Plan	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP DUP SDLP UUP	Doris Gildernew Mallaghan, B McGuigan McPeake, Vacancy Burton Forde Kearney Cuddy	Doris Gildernew Mallaghan, B McGuigan McPeake, Ashton Burton Forde Kearney Cuddy
Mid Ulster Housing Forum	DUP DUP DUP SF SF SF SF SF SDLP UUP	Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy S McPeake McNamee Elattar Gillespie Kearney Vacancy	Brown Buchanan McLean Corry Doris McPeake McNamee Elattar McFlynn Colvin
Mid, South and West Region Growth / City Deal	By Party Agreement (1 representative from each Party)	Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	McGinley McLean Kearney Wilson
National Association of Councillors (NI)	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP UUP SDLP	Molloy Gildernew Oneill Clarke Vacancy Cuthbertson McKinney McFlynn	Molloy Doris Oneill Clarke Black Cuthbertson McKinney McFlynn
NI Amenity Council	SF SF DUP	Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	Bell Oneill Robinson
NI Local Government Association	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP UUP SDLP	McPeake S McGuigan Mallaghan Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Glasgow Kearney	McPeake S McGuigan Doris Totten Burton Robinson Glasgow Kearney
NILGA Policy & Learning Networks			To be appointed at a future meeting

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster DC Positions Agreed 2019-20	Representation 2018-19	Representation 2019-20
• Reform, Devolution and Improvement	TBC	Vacancy	TBC
• Local Economic Development, Investment & International Affairs	TBC	Vacancy	TBC
• Place Shaping & Infrastructure	TBC	Vacancy	TBC
• Health, Social and Environmental Well Being	TBC	Vacancy	TBC
• Elected Member Development	Elected Member Dev. Group	Doris	Doris
NI Local Government Travellers Partnership	SF	D McPeake	D McPeake
NI Strategic Migration Partnership	SF	S McGuigan	S McGuigan
• Sustainable Communities & Demographics Group			
PEACE Partnership	DUP DUP DUP Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin SDLP UUP	Ashton McLean Vacancy Milne Doris McGinley McNamee McPeake Mullen Vacancy	Ashton McLean Buchanan Milne Doris B McGuigan McNamee S McPeake McAleer Wilson
The Honourable The Irish Society: Advisory Committee	Party Agreement	Vacancy B McGuigan	Black B McGuigan
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP, UUP SDLP	McNamee J Oneill Vacancy Glasgow McFlynn	McNamee J Oneill Forde Glasgow McFlynn
Somme Association (Somme Advisory Council)	SF Passed SDLP Passed SF Passed DUP UUP		Brown McKinney
South Tyrone Hospital Community Forum	Sinn Féin DUP		Molloy Cuthbertson

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster DC Positions Agreed 2019-20	Representation 2018-19	Representation 2019-20
Southern Child Care Partnership Trust Early Years Forum	Sinn Féin DUP	Molloy Vacancy	Molloy Burton
Tullyvar Joint Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP SDLP UUP	McGinley S McGuigan Robinson McAleer Vacancy	Gildernew S McGuigan Robinson McAleer Graham
William Carleton Summer School	Sinn Féin DUP Pass Sinn Féin	S McGuigan Vacancy	S McGuigan - Gildernew
Workspace, Draperstown	Sinn Féin	B McGuigan	B McGuigan
The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP)	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP SDLP UUP	Clarke Mallaghan Buchanan Mullen Glasgow	Clarke Mallaghan Buchanan Mullen Glasgow

A9/17 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2019/20

The Chair, Councillor Kearney drew attention to the previously circulated 2019/20 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings and sought approval for same.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That Council approved the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2019/20 as detailed in the report

Matters for Information

AC10/19 Standing Orders

Members noted the previously circulated Standing Orders of Mid Ulster District Council.

AC11/19 Working Group: Review of Outside Bodies

The Chair, Councillor Kearney sought a way forward on the formation of the working group referenced earlier in the meeting.

It was noted, that working groups usually are made up of 10 Members determined by the d'hondt grid.

Sinn Féin	5
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DUP	3
UUP	1
SDLP	1

Councillor Wilson proposed that the working group be made up of 5 Members, with substitutes allowed if a Member was unable to make it.

Councillor McGinley proposed that the matter be referred to Policy and Resources committee for discussion.

Resolved That the make-up and remit of the Working Group Review of Representation on Outside Bodies be discussed by Policy and Resources Committee.

AC10/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.07pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McKinney, D McPeake, S McPeake, Mullen, Quinn, Robinson

Officers in Attendance

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer
Mr McCrystal, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Mr Stewart, Senior Planning Officer
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Applicant Speakers

LA09/2017/1258/F	Mr Nugent
LA09/2018/1564/F	Ms Given
LA09/2019/0166/F	Mrs Dale
LA09/2019/0186/F	Mr McElduff
LA09/2017/0126/F	Councillor Milne
LA09/2018/1093/F	Mr Cassidy
	Councillor Milne
LA09/2018/1367/F	Mr McElhone

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm

P054/19 Apologies

None.

P055/19 Declarations of Interest

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

P056/19 Chair's Business

In response to the Chair, Members confirmed that they had received training necessary in order to attend tonight's meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination and sought approval to have the following applications deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting –

Agenda Item 4.7 – LA09/2018/0799/F – Demolition of garage and provision of detached dwelling adjacent to 23 Beechland Road, Magherafelt for Ashley Booth.

Agenda Item 4.17 – LA09/2019/0064/O – Infill dwelling at site 40m SE of 15 Lough Road, Ballymaguigan for Patrick McKenna.

Agenda Item 4.28 – LA09/2019/0300/O – Dwelling and garage between 34 and 36 Coagh Road, Cookstown for William and Heather Hutchinson.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan further advised that agenda item 4.22 – LA09/2019/0186/F would be heard 'In Committee'.

Matters for Decision

P057/19 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2016/0470/F Retention of the change of use of existing buildings to Class B2 Light Industrial, Class B3 General Industrial and Class B4 Storage and Distribution at 111 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland for Mr James Devlin

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0470/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had declared an interest in this application the last time it was brought forward however he was aware that the description of the application may have changed. Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the site had been visited recently.

Mr Marrion stated that it had been some time since the site was visited.

The Planning Manager stated he was conscious of the description of the application and stated that if any works had taken place which were contrary to the previous permission those works would be unauthorised and the best way for officers to investigate the matter would be for the Councillor to send email to officers.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to approval granted in January 2019 and asked if the same conditions would take effect now rather than the last time.

Mr Marrion confirmed that the same conditions would take effect now.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0470/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0232/F Cow and calf unit over existing slurry tank at 62 Crossowen Road, Clogher for Simon Campbell

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0232/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0232/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1258/F Retention of building as a domestic garage at 18 Cookstown Road, Dungannon for Mr Barry O'Neill

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1258/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Nugent stated that the applicant realised he had done wrong in erecting the garage without permission but was trying to rectify the situation. Mr Nugent stated that DfI Roads had deemed the garage would be unsafe for commercial use and therefore the applicant had reverted back to making an application for domestic use. Mr Nugent felt that as domestic use was now being applied for he did not think the sightline issue needed to come under consideration as there would be no intensification of use. Mr Nugent stated that if the garage was conditioned solely for domestic use then the applicant will have learned his lesson, Mr Nugent felt there was no merit in having the garage demolished and stated that aesthetically the garage would have no adverse impact and highlighted that there were no objections to the proposal.

In response to Planning Manager's questions Mr Nugent advised that former commercial buildings were behind the dwelling and that the applicant's father had previously worked at growing mushrooms.

The Planning Manager stated it was his understanding that none of these buildings were authorised. The Planning Manager also questioned why there should be a domestic garage in the middle of a commercial area. The Planning Manager stated that sightlines

were the main issue with this application, he added that the applicant had chosen to build the garage and was not sure he had learned his lesson as he could have went to planning appeal and asked to retain the garage but did not.

Mr Nugent stated that the applicant was trying to find an avenue which avoided the need to achieve sightlines.

The Planning Manager asked why the applicant did not try to achieve the sightlines required.

Mr Nugent stated he could only reiterate what he had already said and that there was no issue with anything on the site.

The Planning Manager highlighted that buildings were only authorised if they had planning permission or a certificate of authorisation.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to query over DfI Roads consultation.

Mr Marrion advised that DfI Roads had been consulted on agricultural and domestic use of the garage and that they had stated that sightlines of 4.5m by 120m were required in both directions.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked if this could be achieved.

Mr Nugent advised that sightlines in the direction of Carland could not be achieved.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that whilst the garage would make no difference to the site itself, the advice coming from DfI Roads was significant.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1258/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0382/F Rationalisation and continued extraction of minerals from Magheraglass sand and gravel quarry; a lateral westerly extension; phased development plans and holistic restoration at Magheraglass Sand & Gravel Pit, Knockaleery, Magheraglass Road, Cookstown for Creagh Concrete Products

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0232/F which had a recommendation for approval. Members were also advised as per addendum circulated of additional conditions to be attached.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0382/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and additional conditions as set out in addendum circulated.

LA09/2018/0595/F Free range poultry shed with 2 no. feed bins, a standby generator building and associated site works at 150m NW of 49 Gorey Road, Dungannon for Mr Weldon Hall

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0595/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0595/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0781/O Dwelling at site immediately S of 59 Cahore Road, Draperstown for reps of Mr Peter Bradley

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0781/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0781/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0799/F Demolition of garage and provision of detached dwelling adjacent to 23 Beechland Road, Magherafelt for Ashley Booth

Agreed that application be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/0924/F Dwelling and garage 150m W of 35 Drumnafern Road, Donaghmore for Leo Quinn

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0924/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0924/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1024/F Demolition of existing dwelling houses and erection of 11 apartments at 100 Rainey Street, Magherafelt for John J Donnelly

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1024/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1024/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1092/F 4 semi detached dwellings to replace 2 previously approved semi detached dwellings; septic tanks to serve sites 59 and 61 at lands S of 43 to 57 Lambfield Drive, Dungannon for Countrywide Homes NI Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1092/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1092/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1171/F Change of use of existing domestic shed and garden to visitors shed and garden; creation of a new vehicular access to the Castledawson Road and associated development at 59 Castledawson Road, Magherafelt for Mr Eamon Regan

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1171/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1171/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1207/F Alternative vehicular entrance to that previously approved under M/2014/0331/F at 34-38 The Square, Coalisland for Western Building Systems

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1207/F advising that it was recommended for approval, Mr Marrion stated that amended plans had also been received in relation to provision of passing bays which addressed the concern of an objector. Mr Marrion stated that approval could be conditioned which would require passing bays are in place prior to the commencement of works.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1207/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1296/O Dwelling and garage at lands 75m S of 16 Ballyheifer Road, Magherafelt for Glenbrook Stud

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1296/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1296/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1564/F 4 apartments with associated car parking (previous approval M/2008/0412/F) 10m to the rear of 60 Union Place, Dungannon for Mr Brendan Cunningham

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1564/F advising that it was recommended for approval and stated that two additional objections had been received since reports were issued.

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

Ms Given stated she was representing Ms McNally who lived at 56 Union Place. Ms Given stated that a permission had been granted a number of years ago but had now expired and that Council could take its own view on the current application. Ms Given stated that the proposal would bring about overdevelopment of a compact environment and added that the proposal was not well thought out, that some apartments would have limited natural light and that there would be direct overlooking into Ms McNally's garden which was not conducive to a quality scheme design. Ms Given also referred to the limited distances between no.56 and the proposal and that it was felt the proposal was contrary to QD1 of PPS7, DCAN8 and Creating Places. Ms Given felt that if the proposal was approved it would set a precedent and asked Members to consider a site meeting to see what the impacts of the proposal would be.

In response to question from the Planning Manager, Ms Given advised that the garden slopes away from the kitchen window of 56 Union Place.

In response to the Planning Manager's question regarding separation distances Mr Marrion advised that there was a distance of 14m between the back wall of no.56 to the nearest wall of the proposal.

The Planning Manager asked what the key concern was, whether it was loss of privacy to the garden of no.56 or the dwelling itself.

Ms Given stated that there were concerns that the site would become overdeveloped and that there would be direct overlooking from some windows of the proposal into the garden of 56 Union Place.

The Planning Manager stated that those concerns were fair but highlighted that there would already be overlooking into the garden from existing properties on either side of no.56.

Ms Given stated that there were also concerns in relation to loss of amenity through disturbance.

The Planning Manager referred to earlier comment in relation to Creating Places and stated that this document is guidance rather than policy and there was nothing therein which had to be adhered to but could be used as a rule of thumb for designers. The Planning Manager stated it was not his view that this is a quality scheme, he referred to previous permission and that should the Committee decide to refuse the application then the applicant can go to planning appeal. The Planning Manager stated that Creating Places, DCAN8 and PPS7 were all in place when the previous approval was granted and that there had been no material change in policy context in the interim. The Planning Manager stated that the previous approval was not a great decision as the existing dwellings would be looking across and onto the roof of the proposal and this was a factor the committee should be mindful of.

The Council Solicitor stated that based on the case officer's report the previous approval had not commenced and therefore the Committee was not looking at a fallback situation, but rather the planning history. Therefore, planning history is a material consideration but cannot be given determining weight.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in the application, he stated he knew the objectors and had spoken with some of their family members. Councillor Cuthbertson expressed some concern that the maps/pictures being shown tonight do not give a true representation of what the situation is on the ground and that when standing in the kitchen of no.56 the proposal will be directly overlooking. Councillor Cuthbertson referred to there being no objections from DfI Roads in relation to the proposal and stated that the access laneway does not belong to them which might be the reason for this. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Union Place was a narrow road which had dwellings and businesses and that the proposal would only add to vehicle movements in the area. Councillor Cuthbertson felt there was an ideal opportunity for a site meeting.

Councillor Cuthbertson withdrew to the public gallery.

Councillor Gildernew stated he could understand the concerns of residents and proposed a site meeting take place.

The Planning Manager stated that a site meeting would be a good idea as there were concerns over neighbouring amenity. The Planning Manager stated that further consideration should also be given to DCAN8 and Creating Places.

Councillor Mullen seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal for a site meeting.

Councillor Quinn declared an interest in the application as he stated he had visited with Ms McNally 6-7 months ago in relation to the application. Councillor Quinn concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson's comments in that the maps being shown do not offer a true representation of what the site looks like in reality. Councillor Quinn also expressed concern over the access laneway and stated that two cars could not pass on it and the overall lack of privacy the proposal would create.

Councillor Quinn withdrew to the public gallery.

Councillor Colvin stated that further advice was needed on the over intensification of development.

The Planning Manager stated that this would be given further consideration when reporting back to Committee.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1564/F be deferred for a site meeting.

Councillor Quinn rejoined the meeting.

LA09/2018/1650/F Extension to retail Unit 1 at Castlefields, Thomas Street, Dungannon for Nano Developments Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1650/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1650/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0059/F Detached garage to rear of dwelling at 5 Drumconvis Road, Coagh, for Robert Hosseini

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0059/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0059/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0064/O Infill dwelling at site 40m SE of 15 Lough Road, Ballymaguigan for Patrick McKenna

Agreed that application be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2019/0109/F Temporary use of existing garage as a self contained living accommodation at 14 Culbane Road, Portglenone for P McTaggart

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0109/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0109/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0141/F Agricultural Shed adjacent to 21 School Lane, Gulladuff, for Mr Eugene Bradley

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0141/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor S McPeake stated he knew the applicant and was surprised that there had been no request to speak or communication from them in relation to the proposed refusal. Councillor S McPeake proposed an office meeting.

The Planning Manager stated the proposal did not appear to be for agricultural use but rather domestic. The Planning Manager also stated that, if approved, the site may offer a gap for one or more houses.

Councillor Cuthbertson rejoined the meeting at 7.57pm.

Councillor S McPeake asked if officers had had any communication with the agent for the application.

Ms McCullagh stated that the agent had advised that "They would keep an eye on what was happening" with the application.

The Planning Manager stated that if it was felt a shed was needed the existing shed could be replaced or a new shed sited next to the existing shed.

Councillor S McPeake proposed that the Planning department make contact with the applicant/agent to give opportunity for consideration to be given to the re-siting/design of the proposal.

Mr McCrystal (SPO) confirmed that the agent for the application was contacted but that he did not recall an opportunity to reconsider application being made.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor S McPeake's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0141/F be held until applicant/agent is offered opportunity to reconsider proposal.

LA09/2019/0155/F Infill dwelling and garage adjacent to Timageeragh Cottages, Tirgarvil Road, Upperlands for A McKee

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0155/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0155/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0166/F Change of house type from approved (M/2008/1206/F) at sites 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 & 44 Aughnaree Manor, Aughnacloy for TG Developers Ltd

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0166/F advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion also referred to the addendum circulated in which additional information had been lodged in support of objection.

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

Mrs Dale stated she was speaking on behalf of her son who was currently working overseas. Mrs Dale stated that the main issue related to layout of sites 34 and 36 which are not situated as per approved plans and are much closer to no.28 which will have an effect on the amount of sunlight being provided to this dwelling. Mrs Dale confirmed that the foundations for nos. 34 and 36 are already in place. Mrs Dale also stated that the gable wall of no.34 will be completely overlooking no.28 which will lead to loss of amenity and invasion of privacy. Mrs Dale felt that the reduced separation distance between nos. 28 and 34 are not sufficient for emergency access and maintenance access to rear of no.34. Mrs Dale also referred to Creating Places document and that she felt the proposal was contrary to this document.

In response to question from Planning Manager Mrs Dale advised that her son bought the house over three years ago.

In response to Planning Manager who asked when previous approvals were granted, Mr Marrion advised that permission for three storey dwelling was granted in 2007.

The Planning Manager stated that from looking at the plans the proposal will not be as high as previous approval but that the footprint would be slightly bigger and slightly closer to the boundary of no.28. The Planning Manager stated there were previous permissions in place when no.28 was bought that are not hugely variant to what is being proposed now.

Mrs Dale stated her son was advised when buying no.28 that no houses would be built behind it.

The Council Solicitor stated that because the extant permission had been commenced and this was looking to change house types, then the Members could consider the fallback position. In order to assess fallback, there were two elements to consider; (i) the nature and content of the alternative operations and sufficient comparison of this; and (ii) the likelihood of the alternative operations being carried out.

Mr Marrion discussed comparisons with the extant permission and the current application including providing distances from gable wall of no.34 to boundary fence of no.28 under previous applications –

2005 permission – 3 metres

2008 permission – 2 metres

2019 – 1.5 metres

Councillor Gildernew felt that the developer had done everything possible in reducing the height of the dwellings from 3 storey to 2 storey. Councillor Gildernew proposed the officer recommendation to approve the application.

Councillor Colvin seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0166/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0186/F Retention of mobile home for temporary accommodation at 98a Gortlenaghan Road, Dungannon for Tony McElduff

Application to be considered 'In Committee'.

LA09/2019/0238/F Farm dwelling and garage in substitution of dwelling approved under under LA09/2017/0632/O at 250m S of 23 Macknagh Lane, Upperlands for Anthony McGuckin

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0238/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0238/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0263/O Infill dwelling and garage at land adjacent to and rear of 23 Grange Road, Moy for Mr Sam Smith

LA09/2019/0264/O Infill dwelling and garage at lands adjacent and immediately W of 27 Grange Road, Moy for Mr Sam Smith

Members considered previously circulated reports on planning applications LA09/2019/0263/O and LA09/2019/0264/O which both had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning applications LA09/2019/0263/O and LA09/2019/0264/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's reports.

LA09/2019/0272/O Dwelling and detached garage at land approx. 90 m NW of 4 Dunronan Road, Moneymore for Michael J Wilson

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0272/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0272/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0276/RM 1 chalet house at site to rear of 93 and 93a Granville Road, Dungannon for Mr Kevin McVeigh

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0276/RM advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion also referred to addendum circulated and that amended drawings had been received in which additional parking is proposed and windows are to be moved to side elevation.

In response to question from the Planning Manager, Mr Marrion advised that the amended drawings had only been received and that objectors had not been notified of the new information.

The Planning Manager stated he would be more content with Members taking a decision on the application after objectors have been notified of the amended drawings.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan proposed that the application be held for 30 days to allow for neighbour notification on the amended plans.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0276/RM be held for 30 days to allow for neighbour notification on the amended plans.

LA09/2019/0300/O Dwelling and garage between 34 and 36 Coagh Road, Cookstown for William and Heather Hutchinson

Agreed that application be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2019/0344/O Bungalow with separate domestic garage at site adjacently S of 63 Anneeter Road, Cookstown for Oliver Conlan

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0344/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0344/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0547/F Amendment to previous approval LA09/2018/1148/F to provide new Vehicular Access onto Old Eglish Road, includes reducing the exit road to 4m wide at Black Lane, Mullaghanagh, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth

LA09/2019/0549/F Variation of condition 2 approval LA09/2018/1149/F to allow entrance from Black Lane to remain, also preventing vehicles exiting onto Black Lane, Mullaghanagh, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth

Members present (Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McKinney, D McPeake, S McPeake, Mullen, Quinn, Robinson) declared an interest in these applications.

Members considered previously circulated reports on planning applications LA09/2019/0547/F and LA09/2019/0549/F which both had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning applications LA09/2019/0547/F and LA09/2019/0549/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's reports.

LA09/2017/0126/F Housing development with reduction to 37 no. units and alterations to house types from previous lapsed permission H/2008/0216/F at site at Magherafelt Road, Draperstown at junction with Drumard Road for Rea Developments

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0126/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

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

Councillor Milne referred to previous meeting in which Members were advised that housing should not be refused as an appeal is likely to succeed and Council would be liable for compensation. Councillor Milne stated that planning appeal success is only

25% and that there were good grounds to refuse this application as it is likely to give rise to conflict between residential and already established neighbouring industrial activity. Councillor Milne highlighted that the previous permission had lapsed and neither party are bound by the previous decision, the Councillor also stated that the application is contrary to QD1 of PPS7. Councillor Milne again highlighted that the compatibility of users is a material consideration and that users will not be compatible in this instance. Councillor Milne highlighted industrial use close to a school in which pupils have had to go home due to health problems, the Councillor also spoke in relation to Reid Engineering which is encircling homes and that planners have a responsibility to protect buyers.

The Planning Manager stated it was important that the Committee do not make decisions based on what they think the Planning Appeals Commission will do and advised that there is always a risk of cost against Council when there has been a previous approval. The Planning Manager stated that the land in question is zoned for housing within Magherafelt Development Plan, the Planning Manager recognised that there was industrial use to one side of the proposal but that the housing has been moved further away from this activity. The Planning Manager advised that Environmental Health had been consulted on the application and have no objections, subject to conditions. The Planning Manager stated that this site was not comparable with the Reid Engineering site and that he did not know what decision Planning Appeals Commission would have taken if there had not been previous permissions in place.

It was confirmed that the last permission expired in 2015 and there was nothing to suggest works had commenced at the site prior to this, on this basis, the Planning Manager stated there was no fallback position. The Planning Manager stated that the previous permission and zoning of the land were material considerations and that the established industrial activity next to the site made for an awkward decision but advised that if the Committee were minded to refuse the application clear reasoning would need to be provided.

Councillor Clarke asked how far Draperstown development limits extended.

Councillor McKinney stated that the development is outside the 30mph limit and that land opposite the proposal site was not zoned for housing.

The Planning Manager stated that Members should not try to redefine settlement limits, that the planning case had been set out as clearly as possible and that it was his role to ensure Members have given full consideration to an application.

Councillor S McPeake asked if it was a material consideration that the previous permission had lapsed. The Councillor also asked if there had been any intensification of industrial use since the previous permission had been granted.

Ms McCullagh advised that there was an application for extension to Sperrin Galvanisers in 2007 and also storage approved in 2018.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked what view would be taken if the application were to be refused due to the adverse economic impact on Draperstown if the current industrial activity had to relocate away from the area.

The Planning Manager stated this reasoning would be problematic.

The Council Solicitor stated that the planning history is a material consideration but it cannot be given determining weight. The Solicitor advised that the proposal is in accordance with extant Magherafelt Development Plan and that if the Committee were minded to refuse the application then they would need to be clear about those material considerations that indicate that the Plan should not be followed, the weight to be attributed to them and provide detailed reasoning for same.

Councillor S McPeake referred to intensification of use and activity by one of the neighbouring industries to the site.

The Council Solicitor stated how the land had changed could be a material consideration.

The Planning Manager suggested that the proposal may prejudice the future operations of established businesses and asked if any evidence had been submitted from objectors in this regard.

Ms McCullagh advised that the objector had submitted a contrary noise impact report, they had also expressed their concern regarding potential for complaints and the threat to the future success of their business and security of jobs. The objector did not feel the proposal would be built in a quality residential environment.

Councillor Clarke highlighted that the adjacent sales yard had also doubled in size over the last five years. The Councillor stated that the proposal would be located to the East of industrial activity and would therefore suffer from noise and dust etc coming from the industrial use.

The Council Solicitor stated that objections need to be evidence based, that consultee and technical responses have been referenced within the case officer's report and any representations needed to be evidence based.

Councillor Kearney stated he felt road noise should also have been considered. Councillor Kearney proposed the planning application be approved.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that similar to planning policy, the Committee had to go with the Magherafelt Development Plan even though they may not like everything within it.

The Planning Manager stated that, if starting again, he would not be inclined to zone such a site for housing.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the property slightly further to the east of the proposal site and asked if there was anything on record of a complaint relating to industrial use from this property.

The Planning Manager stated that Environmental Health had been consulted on the proposal and if there was record of a previous noise issue then they would be advising noise abatement.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Kearney's proposal to approve the application.

Councillor S McPeake stated he could not go with the proposal to approve the application and felt it was the wrong message to be sending out that 30+ dwellings can be built beside a galvanising plant.

Councillor McKinney stated he could not provide the facts and figures needed but felt that this proposal represented Reid Engineering multiplied by 37 and it was wrong to approve such a site for housing. Councillor McKinney also stated that the proposal is being located off a busy road and felt that traffic movements into/out of site would be dangerous.

The Planning Manager reminded Members not to make a decision based on what it thinks the Planning Appeals Commission will do but to be mindful of decisions that may set precedents. The Planning Manager stated that the Committee was also accountable to the ratepayer and that an appeal could result in costs taken against Council. The Planning Manager stated that as there were no concerns raised by Environmental Health in relation to the application the Committee were in unknown territory. The Planning Manager also referred to Magherafelt Development Plan and that, whilst outdated, it was still the plan in use, the Planning Manager also recognised that intensification of industrial use increased the potential for greater nuisance and if houses are built next to industrial activity it could give rise to future complaints.

The Council Solicitor advised that if the Committee were minded to refuse the application and an appeal was then taken, that costs at the PAC would be awarded if Council (or any other party) were found to have acted unreasonably.

Councillor McKinney felt the Committee had good reason to refuse the application, both for the good of the local area and Mid Ulster.

The Planning Manager suggested that based on the comments by Members of the Committee, a reason for refusal could be that the development of housing on the proposed site would prejudice the future operations of the industrial use on neighbouring land.

Councillor Gildernew stated that he was aware of the type of work of a galvanising plant and noise which would arise from such activity. The Councillor advised that most plants of a similar nature work around the clock and this is not conducive to housing being built in close proximity.

The Planning Manager clarified that no one was talking about closing the galvanising plant but the argument being put forward was that the proposal could disrupt activity.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that if the application was approved this did not mean it would ever be built. The Councillor referred to other applications and concerns regarding houses that were not yet built. Councillor Cuthbertson referred to first application under consideration tonight which was approved within 20 metres of residential housing and a playpark, the Councillor felt that that application and this application under consideration now were similar albeit reversed situation but that the same consideration had not been

given to the first application. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that there was a proposal on the table and a counter proposal had yet to be made.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that papers are issued to all Members well in advance of a meeting and that Members have time to give due consideration to all matters for decision. The Chair stated that in relation to this application, Members had indicated they were not unanimously agreed in approving the application.

Councillor McKinney stated he had not made a proposal to refuse the application.

Councillor Gildernew asked if there was any in between on the matter.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that an office meeting had already taken place and that most Members appeared to be familiar with the site.

The Planning Manager asked if the applicant would want to reconsider the proposal further ie. increasing the separation distance between housing and neighbouring industrial activity.

The agent for the application advised that the applicant was not in attendance tonight but he suspected that it would be unlikely that he would want to reconsider the scheme any further.

The Planning Manager stated that if there was an intention to revise the proposal the application could be deferred.

Councillor Gildernew proposed that the application be deferred in order to consult with the applicant regarding further revision of the scheme.

There was no seconder to Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Kearney's proposal to approve the application –

For – 7

Against – 9

Members who voted against the proposal agreed the following reason for refusal –

- That the Committee felt the application would prejudice the established industrial use and is in contravention with Policy PED8 of Policy Statement 4.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0126/F be refused as the Committee felt the application would prejudice the established industrial use and is in contravention with Policy PED8 of Policy Statement 4.

LA09/2017/1196/A **Business signage; including signage on S&W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Mid Ulster Back Care and Physiotherapy**

LA09/2018/1521/LBC **Business signage; including signage on S&W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Mid Ulster Back Care and Physiotherapy**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning applications LA09/2017/1196/A and LA09/2018/1521/LBC advising that they were both recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning applications LA09/2017/1196/A and LA09/2018/1521/LBC both be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0425/F **Relocation of dwelling from previous approval H/2008/0322/F at 45m S of 7a Crocknamohil Road, Draperstown for D and A Developments**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0425/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0425/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0746/O **Dwelling and domestic garage 50m NE of 49 Fivemile Straight, Carnamoney, Draperstown for Mr Connor McPeake**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0746/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0746/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1093/F **Dwelling and domestic garage/store approx. 70m ESE of 7 Gortinure Road, Tamnymullan, Maghera for Mr Michael McEldowney**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1093/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Cassidy stated that there was no policy to say a hipped roof was unacceptable. Mr Cassidy advised that the site is two metres below road level and is bounded by trees which will be retained, he advised that the dwelling will not be visible from critical views and that the materials to be used are sympathetic to that used in the area. Mr Cassidy also referred to photographs, previously supplied, which show the variation of house and roof types in the locality.

In response to the Planning Manager, Ms McCullagh advised that properties neighbouring the site were low storey.

The Planning Manager agreed that there was no policy which says a hipped roof is unacceptable and that it can be done well in some situations, the Planning Manager stated that the proposal would be dominant whilst being surrounded by modest dwellings. The Planning Manager advised that the applicant was offered the option of reconsidering the design of the proposal but stated that he wanted a decision taken on the application as it stands. On this basis, the Planning Manager stated that the applicant will have the opportunity to go to planning appeal or make a new application.

Councillor Milne stated that he knew this road well and stated that the proposal is not out of character for the area and will be located in a hollow out of view. Councillor Milne felt that the application should be approved or, if not approved, a site meeting arranged.

Councillor S McPeake stated that the site is well integrated in a populated part of the country with many variations of houses and also suggested a site meeting would be beneficial.

The Planning Manager stated that the issues pertaining to the site can be easily resolved and that the applicant is aware of this. The Planning Manager stated that if a site meeting is arranged and only one Councillor turns up it is embarrassing.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that advice had been given to the applicant and that negotiation may get the application over the line.

Councillor Bell referred to pictures within the officer report which showed a similar house type to that being proposed neighbouring the application site.

In response to the Planning Manager's question Mr Cassidy stated that the applicant would be willing to reconsider the design of the proposal.

Councillor Glasgow stated that site visits are beneficial but that very often he is the only Councillor attending. Councillor Glasgow stated that it is an embarrassing situation when the Member proposing the site meeting is not even in attendance.

Councillor McKinney proposed an office meeting between the Head of Development Management and the agent/applicant.

Councillor Kearney seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

Councillor S McPeake stated that the reason he suggested a site meeting was to see the types of houses along the Gortinure road but that he was content to go down the road of an office meeting.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1093/F be deferred for an office meeting with the Head of Development Management.

LA09/2018/1263/RM Dwelling 20m S of 40 Derrygonigan Road, Cookstown for Finbar Crawford

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1263/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1263/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1367/F Retention of garage with part change of use to living accommodation at 10m N of 30 Loughdoo Road, Pomeroy for Karl Heron

Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in this application and withdrew from the Chair to the public gallery.

Councillor Robinson took the Chair.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1367/F advising that it was recommended for refusal. As per addendum circulated, Ms McCullagh advised that a further objection letter had been received.

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

Mr McElhone advised that the garage was built in 2009 and that the applicant and his wife lived there from 2010-2016. Mr McElhone advised that the applicant had delivered an appeal to the Enforcement Notice however this was subsequently returned advising that the response date had been missed. Mr Elhone advised that there is evidence to show that the garage was used as a dwelling from 2010-2016.

The Planning Manager asked how the garage got divided into three ownerships.

Mr McElhone stated this was related to wills.

The Planning Manager stated there was an argument that the proposal was harmful to neighbouring amenities and invited Mr McElhone to outline why it wasn't.

Mr McElhone stated that the garage had been lived in for more than five years.

The Planning Manager referred to issues of concealment and asked Mr McElhone if rates had been paid on the garage.

Mr McElhone stated he was unsure about this.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1367/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

Councillor Mallaghan retook the Chair.

LA09/2018/1578/O Dwelling and garage 25m E of 28 Drumkee Road, Dungannon for Ms Claire Heron

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1578/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 Councillor Molloy to address the committee.

Councillor Molloy highlighted point 34 of Planning Protocol in that the applicant/agent will be contacted in relation to gaining access for a site meeting and stated that neither the applicant or agent received prior notification of site meeting which took place.

Councillor Molloy stated that the site consisted of two structures, one of which has a concrete floor and partial block walls. Councillor Molloy stated that the structures were run as a nursery for a number of years and could be looked at as a brownfield site and that the character of the area would be improved by replacing the structures. Councillor Molloy advised that the area is made up of rural housing, that there are a number of clusters, a community centre and football field in the vicinity of the site. Councillor Molloy stated that at the March planning meeting a farm dwelling was approved next to 32 Drumkee Road and would open up the opportunity for infill but that the farm dwelling passed in March would have to be substantially started which could take a number of years. Councillor Molloy felt the proposal was an opportunity to remove an unsightly structure and replace it with something better.

In response to the Planning Manager, the Head of Development stated that, when visiting the site, it did not feel defined or have its own sense of place.

The Planning Manager asked if the polytunnels were used as a garden centre or nursery.

Councillor Molloy advised that the polytunnels were used as a nursery.

The Planning Manager stated he felt that policy was not being adhered to but that it was up to the Committee whether they wanted to approve the application as an exception. The Planning Manager asked how long the nursery had been there.

Councillor Molloy advised that the nursery had been there for 15-20 years.

The Planning Manager felt there may be some argument in the benefits of replacing the structures and the impact on the countryside being limited.

Councillor Clarke referred to a similar planning application which went to planning appeal and that there was no definition on what size a structure had to be. Councillor Clarke stated that greenhouses were structures and that these polytunnels had been there for a long time.

The Planning Manager felt Councillor Clarke may be getting policies mixed up, for this application there is a policy which will facilitate replacement of buildings that may not have previously been residential however he was not sure that this application fitted in with that policy.

Councillor Gildernew proposed that the application be approved as he felt what was being proposed would look better than what was there at the moment.

Councillor Colvin seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that the previous use of the polytunnels seemed to be someone working from home and there was no distinct risk of a previous retail use. The Planning Manager felt there would be no change in rural character providing a bungalow was built on the site.

Councillor Glasgow advised that he had visited the site and that the polytunnels currently on site were an eyesore and an opportunity to develop the site should be seized. Councillor Glasgow stated that the neighbouring area is not overly populated. Going forward, Councillor Glasgow asked that if someone puts up a greenhouse would they think they are automatically entitled to getting a dwelling approved.

The Planning Manager stated that in this case there was a footprint of a building and he did not think approving this application would set a precedent.

In response to Members questions the Planning Manager stated that, should this application be approved, it may be possible for further site opportunities to be created, but this would depend on frontage.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would have concerns in approving the application as the polytunnels were operated as a business that was not lawful and that there was no certificate of permission in place. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that the application be refused.

The Council Solicitor advised Members that if the Committee were treating the application as an exception, then a specific case had to be made and appropriate reasons needed to be provided. The Council Solicitor also expressed concern that there was no previous permission or certificate of lawfulness for the site and that the lawfulness of existing use had not been tested or proven.

The Planning Manager stated he would be inclined to go with the officer recommendation and advised that the proposal does not meet policy. The Planning Manager stated that if there had been a previous retail use the case would have been stronger. If the

application was brought to appeal the Planning Manager stated he was unsure what the outcome would be.

Councillor S McPeake referred to previous comments in relation to lawfulness and asked if evidence of transactions were provided if this would help to clarify the situation.

The Planning Manager stated that the use of the polytunnels would need to be continuous and that they had clearly been abandoned.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that if the application is refused the applicant has opportunity of appeal.

The Planning Manager outlined the reasons for refusal and stated that, if the application is to be treated as an exception, reasons needed to be given.

Councillor Gildernew stated that he had proposed that the application should be approved and he did this as he felt the site provided a unique opportunity to replace the current unsightly structures with a dwelling.

Members voted on Councillor Gildernew's proposal –

For – 10

Against - 5

Members who voted in favour of the proposal agreed the following conditions –

- Dwelling should be a bungalow with a 5.5 metre ridge height
- Dwelling should be sited where existing buildings are
- Hedges to be retained
- Pairing of access

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1578/O be approved subject to the following conditions -

- Dwelling should be a bungalow with a 5.5 metre ridge height
- Dwelling should be sited where existing building are
- Hedges to be retained
- Pairing of access

LA09/2019/0128/F Replacement dwelling and domestic garage adjacent to and NW of 51 Ballynahaye Road, Ballygawley for Mr Cathal O'Neill

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0128/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0128/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

INTO COMMITTEE

Resolved That meeting go 'Into Committee' to consider planning application LA09/2019/0186/F.

P058/19 Receive report on Consultation Response to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on LA10/2019/0508/F

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented previously circulated report which sought agreement to respond to a consultation on a planning application that Fermanagh & Omagh District Council are considering.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That Council respond to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Consultation on planning application LA10/2019/0508/F as follows – *Mid Ulster District Council have no concerns in relation to the development provided Fermanagh and Omagh District Council fully considers the proposal against the prevailing rural policy and impacts of the development on the environment and local residents.*

P059/19 Receive report on Consultation Response to DfE on Petroleum License Application

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which sought Members views on the application for a Petroleum Licence to cover the area surrounding Lough Neagh.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan expressed concern that there may be use of helicopters when carrying out surveying similar to when surveys were recently carried out in Sperrins. Councillor Mallaghan stated that if helicopters are to be used that the detail of such surveying should be publicised.

The Planning Manager stated that if aerial surveying was to be done it would need to be publicised and he agreed to include this in the correspondence to the Department.

In response to Councillor Clarke's comments the Planning Manager stated that investigations will be done in two stages, firstly by soil sampling and secondly, by seismic imaging.

Councillor Quinn concurred with the Chair's comments in relation to potential helicopter use when surveying and that the detail of such surveying needed to be publicised. The Councillor also opposed fracking.

The Planning Manager stated those carrying out surveying should not enter lands without the landowners permission.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

- Resolved** That the Planning Manager write to the Department of Economy advising that Council note the application for the licence and would ask that they draw the applicant's attention to: -
- 1 The need to ensure landowners permission.
 - 2 The need to notify the Council prior to undertaking and excavation on drilling before exercising permitted development rights.
 - 3 The permitted development rights are restricted on sensitive sites such as areas of Special Scientific Interest and Archaeological sites.
 - 4 That the Council in line with regional planning policy opposes any extraction based on none conventional measure such as fracking.
 - 5 That any aerial surveying should be publicised before being undertaken.

Matters for Information

P060/19 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 2 April 2019

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 2 April 2019.

P061/19 Consultation on Environmental Statement Addendum to A5 Western Transport Addendum and other Documentation

Councillor Robinson declared an interest in this item.

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented previously circulated report which highlighted the Department for Infrastructure Consultation on the Addendum to the Environmental Statement for the A5 Western Transport Corridor and Draft Reports to inform the Appropriate Assessment for a new road scheme.

Members noted the content of the report.

P062/19 Receive report on Heritage at Risk in Northern Ireland

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement presented previously circulated report which provided information from Ulster Architectural Heritage regarding Heritage at Risk in Northern Ireland.

Members noted the content of the report.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

- Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider item P057/19 (In Committee Item) and items P063/19 to P069/19.

Matters for Decision

- P057/19 Planning Applications for Determination (In Committee Item)
P063/19 Receive Report on Fermanagh and Omagh Local
Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy
P064/19 Receive Enforcement Report

Matters for Information

- P065/19 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 2 April
2019
P066/19 Receive report on representation to the Development Plan
Strategy
P067/19 Enforcement Live Case List
P068/19 Enforcement Cases Opened
P069/19 Enforcement Cases Closed

P070/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 12.05 am.

Chair _____

Date _____



ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 4th June 2019

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.4	Additional conditions to be attached to any decision	Members to note
4.12	Amended drawings received	Members to note
4.14	Additional objections received	Members to note objections and consideration of these.
4.21	Additional information lodged in support of objection.	Members to note
4.27	Amended drawings received	Members to note, additional parking provided and windows moved off side elevation
5.7	Further objection letter received	For members to note

Agenda Item 4.4 – Additional conditions to be attached to planning application LA09/2018/0382/F –

20. No quarrying shall take place in Phase 2 prior to the submission and written agreement being obtained from the Council of details including the restoration of the site in its entirety with an accompanying table specifying full details of the restoration to take place during phases 2, 3 and 4 of the development

Reason: To facilitate the retention of the area hatched brown on plan 190219-dwg-Ecology and final restoration of the site

21. There shall be no winning and working of minerals in the area shaded brown on the western boundary of the site as denoted on plan 190119-dwg-Ecology

Reason: For ecological purposes and to ensure that this area is not disturbed by mineral operations.

22. Within two years from the grant of planning permission the Operator shall submit to the Council, a contemporary topographical survey of the site. The survey shall be carried out by the Operator no more than 2 months in advance of the submission of the same.

Reason: To provide demonstrable clarification that the development has been implemented in accordance with the approved plans.

23. Every two years following the submission of the initial topographical survey, as required in condition No. xx [above], and until such times as the permitted reserves on site are exhausted, the operator shall submit to the Council a contemporary topographical survey of the site.

Reason: To ensure that development and the approved restoration landform is being implemented in accordance with the approved plans.

24. Following the submission of the topographical surveys, required as per conditions Nos. xx and xx [above] and following a written request from the Council, the operator shall submit to the Council an estimated reserve calculation advising the Council of the estimated in situ permitted workable reserves remaining on site.

Reason: To inform the Council's mineral records and Local Development Plan undertakings

25. No restoration shall take place within phase 3 until an interim restoration plan has been submitted for the agreement of the Planning Authority. This restoration plan should show details of the restoration and planting which has already been undertaken and detail the additional planting to be undertaken within a specified time period. The restoration plan shall be based on the topographical surveys required under condition no xx. Soft landscaping works undertaken by the operator shall be denoted and annotated within the interim plan. The interim restoration plan shall

include details of planting plans, written planting specifications, seed specifications, schedules of plants and trees together with species, size at the time of planting, location, spacing and numbers. The interim plan shall also inform the Council how the restoration undertaken by the operator conforms with the final restoration concept as submitted to the Council under condition No xx and what aftercare provisions, such as cultivating, fertilising, watering, drains and treatment of the land are being implemented to ensure that the restoration is being managed thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the provision of amenity afforded by the restoration design and landscape design as approved.

26. No extraction shall take place within phase 4 until an interim restoration plan has been submitted for the agreement of the Planning Authority. This restoration plan should show details of the restoration and planting which has already been undertaken and detail the additional planting to be undertaken within a specified time period. The restoration plan shall be based on the topographical surveys required under condition No xx. Soft landscaping works undertaken by the operator shall be denoted and annotated within the interim plan. The interim restoration plan shall include details of planting plans, written planting specifications, seed specifications, schedules of plants and trees together with species, size at the time of planting, location, spacing and numbers. The interim plan shall also inform the Council how the restoration undertaken by the operator conforms with the final restoration concept as submitted to the Council under condition No xx and what aftercare provisions, such as cultivating, fertilising, watering, drains and treatment of the land are being implemented to ensure that the restoration is being managed thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the provision of amenity afforded by the restoration design and landscape design as approved.

27. No extraction shall take place within phase 4 until the operator has provided an aftercare programme. To accompany the aftercare programme the developer will need to demonstrate that either a fund, bond or policy has been put in place to complete the remaining restoration works and provide for the aftercare programme. The aftercare programme shall be based on a contemporary topographical survey and include details on planting, cultivating, fertilising, watering and water management, drainage and treatment of the land during the 5 year aftercare period.

Reason: To facilitate the holistic restoration of the site.

28. Five years following the exhaustion of the permitted reserves the operator shall submit to the Council a topographical survey of the site. The survey shall denote the implementation of the final restoration planting in accordance with the approved plans.

Reason: To demonstrate implementation of the restoration in accordance with approved concept and aftercare programme.

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 June 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Colvin, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Hughes, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, S McPeake, M Quinn, Totten

Officers in Attendance

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

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

PR093/19 Apologies

Councillor Doris

PR094/19 Declarations of Interest

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

PR095/19 Chair's Business

The Chair welcomed everyone to the committee, especially the new committee member Councillor Hughes and said that he hoped to progress through the year as swiftly as possible. He also said that he wanted to thank his party for nominating him to Chair the Policy and Resources committee.

The Chair advised Councillor Ashton that the issue she wished to raise under Chair's Business tonight be referred to the Development Committee for consideration.

Matters for Decision

PR096/19 2019-2020 Performance Improvement Plan

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report and sought approval for Council's Corporate Performance Improvement Plan for the period 2019 to 2020.

Councillor Gildernew referred to item 3.1, objective 2 and said that he was disappointed to see there was nothing referring to the duration of the planning

meetings and that he didn't know any other Council that this was happening in. He said it was unfair to all, especially applicants where decisions are being made at the late hour of the night and that it was paramount that this be investigated as a matter of importance.

The Chair agreed with Councillor Gildernew's sentiments and stated that he was present at the Planning meeting on Tuesday night and said it had to be looked at so it's favourable to all.

The Chief Executive said that discussions had previously taken place around concerns around Planning Committee times and said this was a matter for the Planning Committee members to discuss.

Councillor McKinney said that there were over 40 planning applications and felt that if everyone was restricted to speak for 3 minutes only on an application that this should speed things up.

Councillor McLean said members of his party on the planning committee had raised concerns about the duration of the planning committee and feels that this needed to be steered from the Chief Executive towards the Planning Manager. He said that he was aware of issues being raised previously regarding concerns raised and felt that this has to be properly addressed.

Councillor Quinn said that he attended his first planning committee meeting on Tuesday night and did not realise the extent of the issue and agreed with Councillor Gildernew's views. He said that he didn't get to speak until 11 pm and found it hard at that hour of the night to concentrate on what he was trying to say and it was a struggle to keep focused. He agreed that this needed to be brought back to the Planning Committee for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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

- 1) Adopt the Corporate Performance Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.
- 2) Planning Committee timings and duration of same be referred to Planning Committee for discussion.

PR097/19 Progress Returns – Equality Commission and Dept. Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs 2018-19

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval for the Mid Ulster District Council's Progress Reports for 2018-19 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations due as detailed within Section 75(1) and 75(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Rural Needs Act NI (2016).

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Annual Progress Reports (2018-19) on the implementation and activities surrounding its Equality and Good Relations and Rural Needs statutory duties.

PR098/19 Council Meetings: August

The Chief Executive advised that it was previous practice to hold a Council meeting in August, but it was thought that it would be more beneficial to have a recess as very little business had been brought in previous years. He said that the only committee which met was the Planning committee as it didn't need decisions ratifying and that Mid Ulster was the only Council which did not avail of a recess but that it was up to the Committee to decide on how to proceed.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a meeting of the Council not be convened in August and going into a summer recess following the Planning Committee meeting held on the first Tuesday of that month.

Councillor McKinney stated that he would be happy to agree to the August recess but asked what would happen if important business arose and needed addressing.

The Chair agreed with Councillor McKinney and felt that it was a long period from July to September to wait for a decision to be ratified.

The Chief Executive advised that the Chair has the authority to call a meeting at any time. 5 members of the Council may request that a meeting be held if they deem it necessary to discuss an important issue. Delegation of powers as was the case with the Election could also be given to the Chief Executive on certain matters.

PR099/19 Establishment of Council Working Group: Outside

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to make arrangements for the establishment/convening of a Working Group of Councillors to review Council representation on series of 'outside bodies' and forums established from within the Council.

Councillor McKinney recommended the 5 members be nominated.

Councillor S McGuigan recommended 10 members be nominated.

Councillor McLean agreed with Councillor S McGuigan and said that he would be in favour of nominating 10 members due to the extent of their work and the need for a fairly wide scope.

Councillor Colvin felt 5 nominations would suffice as 10 would be overkill and may look inefficient.

Councillor S McGuigan said that presently there are 10 members on other committees i.e. Brexit Working Group and Housing etc and felt that as this was working it should remain as it is.

Councillor Ashton referred to item 3.4 – Working Group Remit and asked for consideration to be given to including Conflict of Interest in the remit.

In response to Councillor Quinn’s query regarding membership through d’hondt, the Head of Democratic Services advised that this was outside the proposed scope, but a matter for the committee to decide.

The Chair put Councillor McKinney’s proposal for 5 members to vote:

For	4
Against	11

The proposal was lost.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a Working Group of 10 Councillors be nominated to review Council representation on outside Bodies.

The Chair enquired if the 10 members were to be drawn from the Policy & Resources Committee or Council.

Councillor Ashton said that she assumed that the 10 members were to be drawn from the Council as it would be more focused on development than the Policy and Resources Committee and a broader scope of experience.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the 10 members be drawn from Council membership.

In response to Councillor McKinney’s query about how the 10 were going to be allocated, the Chief Executive stated that it would be done through d’hondt.

PR100/19 Lease and Licence of Lands situated at Glenone Wood, Portglenone from DAERA/Forest Service

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval to enter into the lease and licence with DAERA/Forest Service (“FS”) in relation to lands situated at Glenone Wood, Portglenone (“the Lands”).

Councillor S McPeake said that he was very much supportive of the proposed Blueway Development along the lower Bann from Portglenone to Newferry as it would be a tremendous recreational attraction upon completion and did not wish to be in any way obstructive towards the issuing of any lease/licensing requirements between Mid Ulster District Council and DAERA/Forest Service. However, a significant issue has emerged with the long established Ballynease Gun Club now being unable to reapply for their shooting licence from Forest Service within this 35km site. This is down to Forest Service not now offering this area of forest lands for Shooting Licensing as a consequence of Mid Ulster District Council Blueway proposals.

The Ballynease Gun Club had their Shooting Licensing granted in excess of 30 years within Portglenone Forest and had an exemplary working relationship with Forest Service with no issues or complaints ever recorded. They had their own public liability and indemnity insurances in place and were excellent custodians of the Forest. They now feel very aggrieved about not being able to apply for licensing at this site.

Councillor S McPeake stated that he had recently attended meetings between Ballynease Gun Club members, MUDC Officers, DAERA/Forest Service Officials and Country Sports Ireland to seek a resolution.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake

That the issue of the licensing and leasing of the lands at Portglenone Forest be deferred for further discussion at the June Council meeting to see if a resolution can be found that will accommodate Ballynease Gun Club continued Shooting rights within Portglenone Forest.

Seconded by Councillor McLean

Councillor McLean said that he could concur with Councillor S McPeake's comments and would be happy to second his proposal as he too had been approached by the club. He said that Ballynease Gun Club members were all from the Mid Ulster District Council area and had been very accommodating and had a real passion for their sport. He reiterated that he was glad to see this being brought to the attention of Council to see what can be achieved.

Councillor McKinney referred to Derrynoid Forest and said something similar has happened as they also didn't get their licence renewed.

Councillor Elattar advised that through Draperstown Workspace, the Council were responsible for the maintenance of the forest and walking trail.

Councillor McKinney said that the Forestry Service had indicated that the Council had turned down the licence and not them.

Councillor S McPeake said that this seemed to be the new way the Forestry Service was carrying out their work and that something similar had happened in Davagh, but this was somewhat different because it had a huge walkway.

Councillor Quinn said that he had heard on the radio about Belfast City Council planting a million trees across the city and enquired whether this Council had been approached to do something similar.

The Chief Executive said that this Council had become involved in a very extensive planting scheme at Ballymacombs and were continuously pursuing other opportunities.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to a recent incident at Parkanaur Forest involving approximately 20 people with hunting dogs and guns one Sunday morning which scared some of the regular users including those at caravan pitch. One of the people reported the incident the next day to Forestry Service who allegedly told them it was not their responsibility and to raise the issue with Mid Ulster District Council. He said that this incident is similar to what was raised by other members about the Forestry Service passing on the blame and would like the issue investigated.

The Chief Executive advised that the incident would be passed to the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation who would liaise with the Forestry Service on concerns raised.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

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

- 1) Defer taking any decision on the tabled lease/licensing paper until next full council meeting until Council examine proposals to allow Ballynease Gun Club shooting rights/licensing on Portglenone Forest lands.
- 2) Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation to liaise with Forestry Service on concerns raised regarding incident at Parkanaur.

PR101/19 Making Tax Digital

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members in relation to HMRC's Making Tax Digital Initiative.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report and to authorise Officers to address the first requirement of Making Tax Digital by procuring the HMRC accredited PWC product (or other equivalent product in the unlikely event that PWC withdraw their product from the market).

Matters for Information

PR102/19 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 April 2019

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 April 2019.

PR103/19 2018-19 Corporate Health Indicators Year End

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided members with an update on the measurement of the Council's Corporate Health Indicators for the period 2018-19.

PR104/19 Annual Subscription – Somme Association

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided members with an update on correspondence received from the Somme Association on annual membership contributions payable for period 2018-19.

PR105/19 Marketing & Communications Update

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided which provided members with an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

PR106/19 Marketing & Communications Service Improvement Plan 2019-2020

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided members with an update on the draft Service Improvement Plan for the Marketing & Communications Service for the 2019-2020 year.

PR107/19 Legal Services Service Improvement Plan 2019-2020

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided an update on the draft Service Improvement Plan for Legal Services for 2019-2020.

PR108/19 Finance Department Service Improvement Plan

Members noted the contents of the report previously circulated which provided Members with an update on the Finance Department Service Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

Councillor Colvin said that he wanted to commend Officers on their professionalism collating the Service Improvement Plans which made it easy for Members to understand.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
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 PR077/19 to PR091/19.

Matters for Decision

PR109/19 Staffing Matters for Decision
PR110/19 Financial Report 12 Months ended 31 March 2019

Matters for Information

PR111/19 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee
held on Thursday 4 April 2019
PR112/19 Update on Structure Changes
PR113/19 Staff Matters for Information
PR114/19 Managing Attendance

PR115/19 Duration of Meeting

The commenced at 7pm and concluded at 7.55 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present

Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Brown, Burton, Cuthbertson, Graham,
McAleer, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan,
McNamee, Milne, O'Neill, Totten, Wilson

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services (7.19 pm)
Mrs Patterson, Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E107/19 Apologies

Councillor Glasgow.

E108/19 Declarations of Interest

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

E109/19 Chair's Business

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised of correspondence received from Northern Ireland Housing Executive which referred to the Housing Executive's work with Council in identifying suitable sites within the District for Travellers and their attendance at the Council's Traveller Working Group. The correspondence advised that the Housing Executive have appraised the eleven Council sites identified but that all have constraints and are deemed unsuitable. On that basis, the Housing Executive are now trying to establish potential sites in private ownership however it was advised that there is existing capacity at Traveller sites in Belfast, Craigavon and Derry/Londonderry. The Housing Executive confirmed that their resources were limited and there was a difficulty in engaging with the Council Traveller Working Group on an ongoing basis, it was advised that the Housing Executive could no longer attend the working group meetings but agreed to provide two reports a year to the Environment Committee by way of update.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure also advised of correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure in relation to the Draft Design Guide for Traveller Sites consultation which would close on 31 July and that the two letters of correspondence would be discussed at the next Traveller Working Group.

Councillor McGinley expressed his shock that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive were withdrawing from the working group, he stated that the working group needed to consider its next steps and also needed to engage with the consultation. Councillor McGinley stated he was the Chair of the working group but that unfortunately the next meeting conflicted with another diary engagement which also affected other Councillors and that he had asked that the next meeting of the Traveller Working Group be rescheduled. The Councillor asked if the response timeframe to the consultation would pose a difficulty.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the timeline for the response to consultation should not prove a difficulty and that it would be possible to bring a draft response to the next Environment Committee meeting.

Councillor McGinley proposed that the next meeting of the Traveller Working Group be rescheduled to discuss the correspondence received from Northern Ireland Housing Executive and response to consultation.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to reschedule the next meeting of the Traveller Working Group.

Councillor Wilson asked for update in relation to Travellers located at Hillhead.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Travellers were still located in the layby at Hillhead, that this layby is owned by DfI Roads and that they were working with their own legal teams on the matter. The Director stated he expected to have an update for the next Traveller Working Group.

Councillor Wilson stated he would have expected an update before now and asked officers to get an up to date position and circulate to Members.

Councillor McFlynn asked that the letter from Northern Ireland Housing Executive be circulated to Members.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the letter would be sent out with the papers for the next Traveller Working Group.

Councillor Burton referred to playgroup in Clogher which is relocating to the former Clogher Primary School on a temporary basis, the Councillor stated there was some concern amongst parents in that the public toilets were located at the school and asked that consideration be given to closing the toilets for the morning session of the playgroup (up to 1pm) as this would mean that the gates could be closed and there would be no childcare issues. The Councillor stated that there was alternative toilet provision located in Augher and Fivemiletown and that the parents of children attending the playgroup would like confirmation from Council that the toilets at the former Primary School will remain closed to 1pm for the period in which the playgroup will be located there (approximately one year).

Councillor McAleer concurred with Councillor Burton's comments and that an alternative was needed as soon as possible, this would also help to eliminate spread of infection. The Councillor felt that the toilets at the former Clogher Primary School

should be closed permanently and relocated as there were other suitable locations in Clogher.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that he took on board Members' concerns and referred to possible Service Level Agreement with a shop/filling station in Clogher which would allow the toilets at the former Primary School to be closed. The Director advised that a similar SLA arrangement had worked well in Draperstown. The Director suggested that officers explore the SLA approach with the fallback being to close the toilets at the Primary School between 9am-1pm.

Councillor Burton proposed that officers proceed with investigating the possibility of a Service Level Agreement between Council and other suitable premises in Clogher for the provision of public toilet facilities.

Councillor McAleer seconded Councillor Burton's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to investigate the possibility of a Service Level Agreement between Council and other suitable premises in Clogher for the provision of public toilet facilities.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to ongoing dog fouling problem right across the District and asked that a report be brought back to the next Committee meeting outlining who is authorised to issue fixed penalties with a view to extending the authorisation to park wardens.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had recently been invited by Dungannon Ladies Bowling Club to open the premises at Drumcoo for the season, the Councillor stated that there were a number of issues relating to damage to the building, graffiti, rubbish and broken glass. The Councillor advised that the Bowling Club had informed him of children in school uniform outside the premises who were smoking/using vapes and that persons had also gained access to the roof of the building. Councillor Cuthbertson advised that the Bowling Club have expressed concern in relation to the security of the building and that whilst there are CCTV cameras in place it was not known whether these cameras were in operation. The Councillor stated that the bowling green attracts visitors from all over Northern Ireland and asked officers to make contact with the Bowling Club as a matter of urgency.

Mr McAdoo entered the meeting at 7.19 pm.

Councillor Milne stated that additional officers who can issue fixed penalties would be beneficial, the Councillor stated he would also like to know how many fixed penalty notices had been issued in the last year.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that report in relation to authorising officers and number of fixed penalty notices issued would be provided for September meeting.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the summer was a crucial period and felt there should be increased patrols and cleansing taking place over the next couple of months.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to previous discussion in which additional bins were requested for the Draperstown area, the Councillor stated that the infrastructure was now in place and therefore there was no excuse for dog walkers not to use the bins.

Councillor McAleer felt that an advertising campaign highlighting that ordinary bins can be used to dispose of dog foul (if bagged) would be useful as there was a lack of knowledge in the public in this regard.

Councillor Burton stated that the Eco Park in Aughnacloy had recently suffered from a lot of anti social behaviour, that a seat was broken, there was broken glass and the life saving device at the pond had gone missing. Councillor Burton also referred to the pilot in Aughnacloy and asked for an update in how successful the watching eyes campaign had been.

Councillor Wilson asked what criteria is used when allocating bins, the Councillor referred to previous request for bins at Lomond Heights in Cookstown and stated that one bin had been provided which was totally inadequate for the area whilst Fountain Road in the town had three bins. Councillor Wilson felt there was no uniformity in relation to the provision of bins.

The Director of Environment and Property agreed that there was no consistency in relation to bin provision as there were currently three different policies in place. The Director advised that work was ongoing in bringing forward a policy for Mid Ulster Council and a report would be brought to Committee in due course.

Councillor Wilson asked that a further bin be situated at either end of Lomond Heights in the interim.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had been driving on the A4 at 9am that morning and every bin along the road was overflowing.

Matters for Decision

E110/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed 30MPH Speed Limit – Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed 30MPH speed limit at Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed 30MPH speed limit at Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy.

**E111/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed
40MPH Speed Limit – Moneymore Road, Magherafelt**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed 40MPH speed limit at Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed 40MPH speed limit at Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.

**E112/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed
Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Jockey Lane,
Moy**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Jockey Lane, Moy.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer 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 Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Jockey Lane, Moy.

**E113/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed
Revocation of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – Moore Street,
Aughnacloy**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed revocation of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Moore Street, Aughnacloy.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Director of Environment and Property advised that a disabled persons' parking bay can be removed when the applicant has moved away from the area/died.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed revocation of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Moore Street, Aughnacloy.

E114/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time – Market Square, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed no waiting at any time at Market Square, Dungannon.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the map submitted from DfI Roads which he felt was not accurate and that it was unclear where the no waiting at any time is to be located.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the location can be clarified.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed no waiting at any time at Market Square, Dungannon, subject to amended plan indicating the location of No Waiting At Any Time.

E115/19 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Limited Waiting At Any Time at Thomas Street, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed limited waiting at any time at Thomas Street, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed limited waiting at any time at Thomas Street, Dungannon.

E116/19 Environmental Services Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed Environmental Services Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

E117/19 Landfill Closure and Aftercare Financial Provision

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the closure and aftercare arrangements for the Council's landfill sites and to seek approval for revised Local Authority Deed Arrangements.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the revised Local Authority Deed Agreements (as circulated at appendix to report) and financial provision of £3,500,168 for the three landfill sites.

E118/19 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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 McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

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

Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor McNamee stated that Dual Language signage was within Council policy and the report should be for information.

The Head of Building Control advised that the surveys under consideration were approved under the old policy and have therefore been presented tonight under the old policy ie. for decision. The officer advised that this would be the last batch of surveys being brought under the old policy.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 6

Against – 9

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –

- The Orchard, Draperstown
- Back Lower Road, Dungannon
- Regency Drive, Magherafelt
- Dalriada Park, Dungannon
- Wellbrook Avenue, Dungannon
- Carrycastle Road, Aughnacloy
- Chapel Street, Cookstown
- Glen Gardens, Maghera
- Killymoon Street, Cookstown
- Tirnaskea Road, Pomeroy
- Gortsraheen Road, Pomeroy
- Loughview Close, Stewartstown

Councillor McNamee asked if any Dual Language signage had been damaged over the election period. The Councillor asked for a report on the number of Dual Language signs damaged, the type of sign (gateway, road, street) being damaged and detail of hotspots in which signs are being repeatedly damaged.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that some Dual Language signs were damaged over the election period and that some of these signs are being continually damaged. The Director advised that Council are trying to take action to catch the perpetrators of the damage.

Councillor Burton referred to the number of signs damaged across the District and that people do not seem to have any regard for road nameplate signage. The Councillor felt that the damaged signage was a liability and that if a review was being undertaken it should consider all road name signage in the District.

Councillor McFlynn referred to Dual Language signage erected in the Loup area in which a number of nameplates have since been defaced or removed. The Councillor stated that the signage had been erected in rural areas and that emergency services rely on this signage.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had previously forwarded detail of a number of broken road name signs to the Director of Environment and Property.

Councillor McNamee stated he understood what Councillor Burton was asking for and that it was a bigger piece of work but that he wanted statistics in relation to damage to Dual Language signage in order to forward to Police.

Councillor Burton stated that road name signs are vital in rural areas and emergency services depend on same. Councillor Burton proposed that if a report was being brought back detailing the damage and location of signage it needed to include all signage not just Dual Language exclusively.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Burton's proposal.

Councillor McNamee proposed a report be brought back to Committee detailing the number of Dual Language signs damaged and where located.

Councillor McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Burton stated she did not understand why Dual Language signage was more important.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that a number of road name signs are often damaged through poor driving etc but that Dual Language signage was being deliberately damaged because of its nature.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that a review could be undertaken in two stages with a report on damage to Dual Language being brought back first and a report detailing all road name signage at a later date.

In response to comment from Councillor McFlynn the Director of Environment and Property advised that operatives pick up damaged signage when out strimming/cutting grass.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- 1 That a report be brought back to the Environment Committee detailing the number of Dual Language signs damaged, the type of sign (gateway, road, street) being damaged and detail of hotspots where signs are being repeatedly damaged.
- 2 That a report be brought back to the Environment Committee detailing the location and number of road name signs damaged across the District

E119/19 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 Aghareany Road, Donaghmore

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Graham and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Aghareany Road, Donaghmore as Aghareany Court.

Site off Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Proposed by Councillor Totten
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt as Ronan Valley Business Park.

Site off Main Street, Castlecaulfield

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Main Street, Castlecaulfield as Old Forge Lane.

Site off Aghareany Road, Donaghmore

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Aghareany Road, Donaghmore as Larden Meadow.

E120/19 Service Level Agreement for provision of Structural Engineering Services

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which sought approval to sign a Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for the provision of specialist structural engineering services for the Mid Ulster Building Control Service.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for the provision of specialist

structural engineering services for the Mid Ulster Building Control Service.

E121/19 Regulatory Information and Management System (RIAMS)

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which sought approval to continue with the Regulatory Information and Management System for the Environmental Health Service for Mid Ulster District Council for a further three year period through RH Environmental Ltd.

Councillor S McGuigan asked if anyone else provides this type of software.

The Director of Public Health an Infrastructure advised that this was a specialised piece of software to assist the professional officer team.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the signing of licence agreements with RH Environmental for three years at £5,610 for the first year.

E122/19 The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which sought determination on four applications for Road Closure Orders in connection with special events that are being held in July 2019.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked who was responsible for ensuring groups follow procedure in relation to traffic management.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer advised that the applicant has to prove they have a traffic management company in place on their application. The officer advised that Council have no legal remit to ensure procedure is followed.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if a group did not follow procedure this year whether Council have any grounds to refuse an application next year.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer advised that if a group do not follow procedure and then make a further application their previous conduct would be taken into consideration.

Councillor S McGuigan asked if this Council was one of the few adhering to this legislation as he had been advised that other Councils do not. The Councillor asked if this Council was putting groups through something which was not necessary, and at a cost, as the type of events being arranged are mainly for the community or a charity. Councillor S McGuigan advised that there are groups that have gone through the process and those that have not and that insurances are accepted for both.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that he could not answer for other Councils and that the legislation was foisted upon Council who had no option to make any changes to it.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that the situation needed to be reviewed as Members are receiving negative feedback in relation to the application of the legislation.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated a working group could be set up to which stakeholders ie. Police and DFI Roads could be invited. The working group could review how the legislation is currently being applied along with any potential for a change to Council's remit with a report being brought back to the Environment Committee.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed that a working group be set up to review the application of The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010.

Councillor Wilson stated that whilst he recognised that officers have been very helpful to groups with completion of application forms he would support Councillor S McGuigan's comments that there seemed to be a difference across the Council areas in interpreting this legislation and it was important to have a review involving all stakeholders to the process.

Councillor McAleer felt that it was because Stormont was not functioning that there was nowhere to take this legislation back to have it amended.

Councillor S McGuigan stated he understood how the legislation came about but the difficulty seemed to be in its interpretation across Councils.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer stated she sat on the SOLACE working group and could confirm that other Councils were administering the legislation however there may be differences across the areas in how it is being policed.

Councillor Wilson seconded Councillor S McGuigan's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- 1 That each Road Closure Order outlined in Sections 3.2 to 3.5 of the report be made in line with DfI guidance, subject to applicants providing any outstanding documentation; no objections being received during the consultation process and DfI consent being granted.
 - 2 To set up a working group to review the application of The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 with a report being brought back to the Environment Committee.

Matters for Information

E123/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 1 April 2019

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 1 April 2019.

Councillor McNamee referred to previous discussion in which a contractor carried out works on behalf of NI Water in Cookstown and left some footpaths in a substandard state, the Councillor advised that a number of people have tripped as a result of the way the footpaths have been left. Councillor McNamee stated that the matter has been raised with the contractor but that the remedial works remain outstanding.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that officers were aware of the issue and advised that the contractor started the works when Council still held the licence for Public Realm work, as this licence had now been handed back to DfI Roads the Director agreed to raise the matter formally with DfI Roads who now have the legal responsibility.

Councillor Burton referred to previous discussion at Environment Committee on 12 March 2019 in relation to need for footpath at Eglish and other locations and Council's general power of competence. The Councillor stated that there was supposed to be a follow up in relation to these discussions and she asked that this happen as some had been in the process for a long time.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that a meeting had been organised with DfI Roads for this Friday to discuss footpaths in Eglish and Maghera specifically and that Members had been advised of this meeting. In relation to general power of competence, the Director advised that arrangements were being put in place to organise a workshop for Members in the next week to ten days.

E124/19 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for October to December 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 3 of 2018/19, October to December 2018.

Councillor McGinley commended staff and residents on Council again maintaining the highest household waste recycling rate, the Councillor stated that everyone needs to keep pushing in order to improve further.

Councillor Burton felt that the recycling officers that go out to schools provide a vital role and that the students often help to bring the message home to parents/grandparents. The Councillor also referred to the Eco Speak competition in which students put a lot of effort into their ideas.

Councillor McGinley stated he had been at the Eco Speak competition before and that it would be useful for the topics being discussed and presentations made by students to be circulated to Members as there are many good ideas being brought forward.

E125/19 Recycling Centre Improvement Works

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on improvement works to a number of Recycling Centre facilities.

E126/19 Revised Policy Guide on Exhumations

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the revised Department for Communities Policy guidance for Exhumations in Council owned burial grounds.

E127/19 Access at Polepatrick Cemetery and Park

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on access arrangements at Polepatrick Cemetery and Park.

E128/19 Property Services Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed Property Services Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

E129/19 Building Control Workload

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

E130/19 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E131/19 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

E132/19 Building Control Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed Building Control Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

E133/19 Making Links to Promote Health and Wellbeing

Members noted previously circulated report which highlighted the Mid Ulster Community Pharmacy Partnership event 'Making Links to Promote Health and Wellbeing' which took place on 26 March 2019.

E134/19 Environmental Health Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed the Environmental Health Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

E135/19 Entertainment Licencing Correspondence

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined response received from the Department for Communities Permanent Secretary in relation to correspondence regarding legislative change for Entertainment Licencing.

E136/19 Technical Services Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed the Technical Services Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McGinley 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 E137/19 to E143/19.

Matters for Decision

- E137/19 Collection and treatment of Recycling Centre residual waste
- E138/19 Contract for Tullyvar Landfill Site Phase 4 Capping Works
- E139/19 Update in relation to the legacy agreement on vehicle tracking system
- E140/19 Tender report for the appointment of Vehicle Suppliers

Matters for Information

- E141/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 1 April 2019
- E142/19 Off Street Car Parking Update 2018-2019
- E143/19 Capital Projects Update

E144/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 13 June 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Cuddy,
Doris, Elattar (7.01 pm), Hughes, Kearney, Kerr,
McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith,

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Mr Conor McCrory – Project Lead, SIB
Mr Conor Doyle – Capital Build & Asset Manager, NIFRS
Mr Dermot Rooney – Group Commander, L&D, NIFRS
Mr Lloyd Crawford – Interim Assistant Chief Fire & Rescue
Officer, NIFRS

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D089/19 Apologies

Director of Business and Communities
Head of Tourism

D090/19 Declaration of Interests

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

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Square Wheels CC

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in:

- *Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC*
- *Gortlowry Park Community Group*
- *Shopmobility Mid Ulster*

The Chair Councillor Wilson declared an interest in issues relating to Enterprise

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Kearney and Wilson all declared an interest in LAG.

D091/19 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that the Head of Economic Development wished to raise an item under Chair's Business.

The Head of Economic Development advised that DAERA (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) wrote to the RDP LAG Chair on 30th May 2019 confirming approval of additional funding to the LAG under the Village Renewal Scheme. The LAG will discuss this offer at its next meeting on 24th June 2019 and must confirm acceptance back to DAERA by 28th June 2019.

Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

This additional funding is conditional on the LAG issuing Letters of Offer by 31st December 2019. Council is responsible for leading on applications to the Village Renewal Scheme therefore in light of the approval timescale, the design stage for projects going forward must commence immediately in order to be worked up and ready for assessment by the LAG in December 2019. A full design and procurement process must be completed prior to submitting applications to satisfy DAERA eligibility requirements. This will require the appointment of an external design team to work alongside Council Officer teams.

The Head of Economic Development sought approval to appoint an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the appointment of an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

D092/19 Deputation – Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Crawford provided members with an update on the situation regarding Desertcreat site and invited Mr McCrory to provide an overview of the project.

Mr McCrory thanked members for this opportunity and took members through the Journey to date:

- 2006 – Site acquired by NIPB for proposed Police Training College
- 2007 – 2011 – Business Cases approved for a Tri Service College
- 2014 – Non-completion of Project & Changes to Training Need
- 2016 – Business Cases approved by NIFRS only training at Desertcreat
- 2016 – Phase 1 Design Team Appointed
- 2017 – Phase 1 Contractor Appointed – Henry Bros
- 2018 – Phase 2 Design Team Appointed – IBI Stage 2 Design Completed
- 2018 – Phase 2 Business Case submitted December 2018

He said foreseeing what is ahead:

- Business Case Approval – August 2019
- Phase 2 Design Team Resume – August 2019
- Procure Contractor & Planning App – Late 2019
- Appoint Contractor Q1 2021
- Start on site Q1 2021
- Completion Q1 2023

He stated that there were many benefits to the project as listed:

- Improved quality of Learning & Development facilities
- Improved Learning & Development experience
- Improved Firefighter safety
- Increased public safety and confidence
- Improved Social & Environmental Sustainability

Mr Rooney gave an overview of what the training college aimed to achieve and stated that it would be a state-of-the-art facility for the area.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their impressive presentation and asked for any member comments.

Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives for their great presentation and said that it was good to see Phase 1 on the ground and would look forward to the completion. He stated however, that the people of Cookstown have reservations about the Fire Station being relocated to the new site at Desertcreat and enquired if there were any plans to progress this.

Mr Crawford advised that there were no plans to relocate Cookstown fire station to the new training site at Desertcreat as most of the Firefighters were in part-time employment and doing so would most likely have an adverse impact upon their response times to callouts and have a huge impact on the service to the local community.

Councillor McNamee stated that he was very happy to hear this as the base in Cookstown was very much relied upon.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about the creation of jobs at Desertcreat and any concerns around the burn-house from local residents.

Mr McCrory advised that a business case was previously prepared which included the expected jobs figure from the construction phase through to when the site is operational, but did not have the figures to hand at the meeting but would be happy to forward on these figures after the meeting.

In response to the query regarding the burn-house, Mr McCrory stated that the site was located on quite a hilly terrain and the burn-house itself was situated on the highest point. He indicated that this was advantageous as the prevailing wind carries the smoke away at a very high level in a 'western' direction, away from the NIFRS Learning Development Centre.

Mr Rooney stated that all the fire and rescue training would be carried out at Desertcreat which would include a mixture of approximately 40-50 uniformed staff and administration. He said that it is likely that a lot of other fire and rescue personnel from other areas would not want to relocate to Desertcreat and if this happened, it may result in more employment opportunities being available in the local area.

The Chair said that a lot of residents were concerned about how the site would integrate into the rural area and asked for consideration to be given to the planting of trees at the site.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their attendance and said that he looked forward to the official opening of the site.

NIFRS representatives left the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Matters for Decision

D093/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated and drew and provided an updated on the following:

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

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

- **Sports Capital Grants**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Capital grants as per grant recommendations in Appendix 1 to a value of £118,335.

- **Rolling Grants Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the rolling grant awards – Good Relations £12,845, Local Community Festivals £19,940 and additional small grant as per Appendix 2.

- **Gortgonis Community Build Project and Proposed Usage by Forever Friends Play Group**

Members noted the Gortgonis Community Build Project and proposed continued usage by Forever Friends Play Group, based on LPS valuation.

- **Clogher Valley Pre School Play Group at Clogher Community Centre**

The Head of Community Development referred to item 5.4 Clogher Valley Preschool and advised that at the Environment Committee it was agreed that other suitable premises in Clogher be sought for the provision of public toilet facilities to allow access for the preschool users at the old Primary School site.

Members noted the Clogher Valley Pre School proposed temporary usage of Clogher Community Centre.

- **Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes**

Councillor Monteith enquired if the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) was a sub committee or a working group, because if it was a sub committee the report should be adopted and if a working group then the report should be noted.

The Head of Community Development advised that it went through committee as a sub committee; however the process within Council is to have working groups.

Members noted the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes as per Appendix 3.

- **Festive Lights Provision for Rural Villages**

The Head of Community Development stated that the appendix noted was based on the previous area plan of settlements and an update current report is in place which needs to take account of the small villages of Cappagh, Creagh and Ballynakelly.

Councillor Black referred to Innishrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly and enquired why they were not listed and asked if they could be listed.

The Head of Community Development stated that small settlements within the settlement report had to contact Council to be considered and that officers could then engage with the areas regarding providing festive lights in their area. She confirmed the small settlement areas can be supported to provide festive lights.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Festive Lights provision for Rural Villages as per Appendix 4, for a 3 year period, with inclusion of small villages as per the settlement report of Cappagh,

Ballynakelly, Creagh, and small settlements Innishrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly (Tamlaght).

- **Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery**

Members noted update on Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery.

- **DFC Syrian Refugee Team to Contribute Towards YPRS Storage Scheme**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to support the VPRS Storage Scheme at a cost of £300 per year for next 3 years.

- **Community Development Update**

Councillor Monteith referred to Grants issue and stated that a few meetings back it was agreed that a grants review would take place which was still to be done and said that he would expect a paper to be brought to the July or September meeting on what could work better as there was an increasing need for the grant thresholds to be increased.

Councillor Burton said that she agreed with Councillor Monteith's comments and also referred to the Shop Front Scheme in towns and villages and stated that any financial support from the Council would really be appreciated.

Councillor Burton referred to appendix 3, Item 1 – Barrier to Development and said that she knew that the item of sewerage had already been raised but stated that it was a serious issue for people building new homes in the rural areas and would like it investigated.

The Chair advised that this issue was being investigated through the Mid Ulster Housing Forum and if any member had concerns then they could be raised in that arena.

Members noted Community Development Update.

D094/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- **DfE Public Consultation re Corporate Membership within Credit Unions**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Council's consultation response (Appendix 1C) to the Department for the Economy with regard to Corporate Membership within Credit Unions.

- **Review of Councils' Statutory Targets (Business Start Activity)**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the recommendations contained within the independent Capaxo Evaluation and revise Mid Ulster's Annual Statutory Jobs Target for Business Start Activity to **153 jobs per annum**, subject to approval by Department for the Economy.

- **Correspondence from Invest NI re Local Economic Development Measure: Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Officers scope and submit initial project ideas to Invest NI to meet potential gaps in business support provision that comply with ERDF application criteria. A report to be brought to a future meeting, to seek the necessary approvals from Members if a full application is to be made at a later date.

- **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes – 12 November 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum on 12 November 2018.

- **Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 4 March 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum on 4 March 2019.

- **Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20.

- **Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report**

Members noted Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report - March 2019.

- **Economic Development Achievements 2018/19**

Members noted Economic Development Achievements 2018/19.

- **Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI)**

Members noted Full Fibre Northern Ireland Update.

- **Business & Communities – Summary of External Investment Leverage 2018/2019**

Members noted Business & Communities – Summary of External Funding Leverage 2018/19.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there were any developments on the Shop Front Scheme.

The Head of Economic Development reminded Members that approval had been granted previously to develop a new Mid Ulster Town and Village Business Spruce Up Scheme and Council was nearing the appointment of a Chartered Architect to oversee and manage the programme which will be rolled out across a number of designated towns and villages. The scheme is anticipated to be delivered over a 2 to 3 year period subject to the number of applicants and the available economic development budget.

In response to Councillor Molloy's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the reserve list from the previous scheme had been exhausted.

In response to Councillor McNamee's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the scheme would be open to both new applicants and to applicants who applied previously, provided it was for a new element(s) of eligible works. She stated that new applicants/projects, who had not applied previously, will have the opportunity to score a few additional points for this, provided they complete their application correctly, in accordance with the scheme's scoring criteria.

Councillor Monteith referred to the ongoing concern regarding town centre rates and said that under the current review the deadline for response was likely to be August 2019 and suggested that it be an item on the agenda for the July meeting.

The Head of Economic Development advised that she and her team had been in regular contact with the Department of Finance several times to determine date of when the consultation process will formally commence and to seek clarity if Departmental officials will come to meet with the five Town Centre Forums in Mid Ulster but was still awaiting a formal response to this request. She further advised that the Department of Finance's website indicated that they would be holding an Innovation Lab process at the start of July 2019 to assess and respond to the significant changes in NI's high streets and town centres. She added that interested stakeholders who would like to engage with the Department of Finance's Rating Policy Division in order to inform its policy appraisal work could register their interest on the Department of Finance website and stated that Mid Ulster District Council had already did this.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be helpful to move forward with a positions paper in order to steer the Department of Finance in the right direction and would ask that

the Non Domestic Rates Review for Town Centres be included as an item on the agenda for Development Committee meeting on 3 July 2019.

The Head of Economic Development advised members that the July papers were due for submission to Directors tomorrow and it wouldn't be possible to complete a full consultation response at such short notice but that she would most definitely be working on a draft response for the Review of the Non Domestic Rating System.

Councillor Monteith said as there was no committee meeting in August, it was necessary to have sight of a draft response in advance of the September 2019 meeting, as the consultation would likely be closed before then. Councillor Monteith reiterated his request for the item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the Development Committee and the draft consultation response could follow in advance of the meeting date.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a Rates Review of Town Centres be included as an item on the Agenda for the July 2019 meeting of the Development Committee.

D095/19 Response to Public Consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services'

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report and advised that on the 25th March 2019, the Department of Health commenced its consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' across all Health Trust Areas. The consultation will run until 17th June 2019. The purpose of the paper is for members to consider a draft Response to the Report.

At the Council meeting on 15th April 2019, it was agreed that Council would prepare a response to this consultation. Delegated power granted to the Development Committee scheduled on 13th June 2019 to approve response.

Councillor Ashton thanked staff for preparing this paper and advised that a number of meetings had taken place with a group of supporters from Lurgan who through her, had requested to receive a copy of Council's draft consultation response.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton

To share Council's draft response to the public consultation with the Support Group from Lurgan to ensure a strong case is made to retain 'breast assessment services' for the region.

Councillor Cuddy stated that if the Health Service relocated the service to Dundonald this would be a terrible journey to travel and cause more undue stress for patients. He said that this was another example of Consultants not wanting to work in the rural west and wanting to remain in Belfast.

Councillor Burton said as a rural Councillor the amount of phone calls she received on the issue was overwhelming and would hate to think of people having to drive this distance to receive an assessment. She said that it was important that Council's

response was shared with others who sought a copy, to ensure that a stronger case can be built.

Seconded by Councillor Doris

To support Councillor Ashton's proposal as this would also affect some of her constituents.

Councillor Wilson agreed with members comments especially about the extensive travel times after receiving treatment and no option for overnight beds.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the consultation response on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' in time for it be received by Department of Health deadline of 17th June 2019 and also supply a copy of Council's response to the Support Group in Lurgan who had requested it.

D096/19 Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Tourism Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Burton said that she was disappointed not to see President Grant's Homestead mentioned within the report as it seems to be overlooked. She said that previously a caretaker used to take care of the Homestead and kept it neat and tidy but now this was not the case and were overgrown weeds everywhere. She said that this Council were trying to encourage people to visit the Homestead, especially its links with American tourists and needed addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with Councillor Burton's comments and said that a lot of Americans visit the facility and was important that the area was kept neat and tidy.

Councillor Cuddy advised that George Best Airport held a competition for Best Kept Awards where visitors voted on the best site and enquired if the Council entered any of their facilities.

The Head of Culture and Arts stated that both Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Ranfurly were both nominated.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Todd's Leap received an award and it was important that the Council get on board to gain recognition.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the Head of Tourism would raise the issue of George Best Airport Best Kept Awards at the next Tourism Forum meeting and would liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to the tidying up of President Grant's.

Councillor Monteith referred to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and said that he previously requested that the Council be included in the programme, but no feedback on

conversations with Bord Fáilte or the Tourist Board had amounted to anything which indicated their lack of interest. He asked that this be investigated again.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

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

- 1) Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) George Best Airport Best Kept Awards to be raised at the next Tourism Forum meeting.
- 3) Liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to general tidy up of President Grant's Homestead.
- 4) Investigate links with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

D097/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: Davagh Archaeological Trail (in Partnership with SW Mayo LEADER)

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward an application for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant. The application will relate to the Davagh Archaeological Trail and is to be developed in partnership with the SW Mayo LAG.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

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

- 1) Council to progress an RDP Co-operation Scheme funding application on the Davagh Archaeological Trail project acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for the co-operation project named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and will be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.

D098/19 Culture & Arts Services - Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Culture & Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

D099/19 Broughderg Public Right of Way

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to assert a Public Right of Way (PRoW) between the Broughderg Road and Davagh Road, Broughderg. (Map Appendix 1).

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to assert the Public Right of Way running between 121 Broughderg Road and Davagh Road.

D100/19 Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Parks Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to section within the report where it stated, “*Appoint consultancy teams to develop and implement proposals for Key Capital Projects including Railway Park and Portglenone Blueway*”. He said that he was intrigued to see Railway Park on the Plan again as it was his understanding that this was being progressed and enquired what was the reason for the hold up.

The Head of Parks advised that previously when the appointment was being considered regarding the design and development it was felt that there could be the potential for full legal challenge against the procurement process if the project proceeded and it was felt that it would be more advisable to prepare a revised retender and that an outcome would be brought to the July meeting for consideration.

Councillor Monteith felt that the whole situation was farcical and that a design team could have been appointed a lot quicker as March 2020 was just around the corner.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that following appointment, initial design concepts would be developed in 6 to 10 weeks for Council consideration. Following agreement from Council on the preferred option, the appointment of a contractor to undertake the construction work would need to be procured and appointed hence the date of March 2020.

Councillor Ashton referred to item 3.2 and formally requested that the matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Parks barbecue area to be investigated.

Councillor Burton stated that she wished to commend staff on their hard work upgrading Brantry Lough and said that it was amazing to see such a great facility being well utilised. She referred to Lumford’s Glen and enquired if there was any update as it was very dangerous and felt that the matter should be pursued the same way Knockmany was.

The Head of Parks advised that he was aware of the issue around the access at Lumford's Glen but stated that this was the responsibility of Forest Service and unfortunately it looks like it was going to be a long-term problem. He said that the Forest Service was continuously being reminded of the issue, emphasising how popular it was within the community.

Councillor Molloy referred to Railway Park/Ballysaggart Lough and stated that there was a watercourse around the town sitting in no man's lands. He said that he had been approached by residents concerned about the liability of falling trees and who would be responsible as no-one was answerable.

The Head of Parks said that both the Rivers Agency and the Landowner would have roles to play as the water runs through their lands. He advised that the Council would only be responsible for lands they have management for.

Councillor Molloy stated that there was an onus on the Council to provide guidance to residents.

Councillor Cuddy asked for an update on caravan income and antisocial behaviour at Dungannon Park.

The Head of Parks advised that caravan income remained consistent with 24 serviced sites at Dungannon park being well utilised with promotions being looked at to fill the gaps. He said that in future consideration could be given to extending caravan spaces. He stated that the biggest development at Dungannon Park was tenting and that tent owners were now looking for luxury tenting with electricity access and felt that this could be investigated as to generate extra income. He stressed the need to investigate the redevelopment of other potential sites like Ballyronan and Round Lake.

In referring to antisocial behaviour, the Head of Parks advised that it was low at the moment and no cause for concern.

Councillor Burton stated that there was a significant increase of visitors to Ballyronan and Round Lake. She said that it was important that these areas were kept clean and tidy as she was aware especially of Round Lake being well utilised every day but felt that there was a real need for a facelift at the Marina.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

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

- 1) Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Park be investigated.

D101/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward applications for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant.

These applications will relation to:

- 1) The International Appalachian Trail – Ulster Section and,
- 2) Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

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

- 1) For Council to progress RDP Co-operation Scheme funding applications on the International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) For Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for co-operation projects named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and would be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.
- 3) To present financial cost associated to the RDP Co-operation Scheme to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

D102/19 Irish FA Foundation Hub

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on proposal from Irish FA to establish a foundation Hub at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

Proposed by Councillor Black

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

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

- 1) Proposal from the Irish Football Association for establishing a Football Development Hub at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena, consisting of a Regional Grassroots Development Officer (RGDO), Let Them Play Officer (LTPO) and a Grassroots Volunteer.
- 2) Development of an SLA with the Irish Football Association regarding this Hub.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there was any further update on the bid for the extension at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

The Acting Head of Leisure advised not at the moment but should know more by September.

D103/19 Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to programme of works being carried out at Dungannon Leisure Centre and stated that there was a lot of speculation and major concerns have arisen due to the scheme being far behind. He said that even staff were not being made aware of what was happening and were not confident in advising the public when they didn't know themselves.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That staff be kept up to date on proceedings so that they be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website updating the public on the any developments relating to the scheme.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised members that works were still on schedule to have the scheme completed within the timescale.

Councillor Cuddy said that he would be happy to second Councillor Monteith's proposal and stated that it was important to keep the public informed through social media i.e. website and facebook.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

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

- 1) Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Staff being kept up to date on progress so that they can be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website and social media updating the public on any developments relating to the scheme.

D104/19 Sports Representative Grants

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Grant Allocations.

Matters for Information

D105/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019.

D106/19 Wild Adventure Weekend

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the success of Mid Ulster's first Wild Adventure Weekend held on 13 & 14 April 2019.

D107/19 The Heart of Ancient Ulster HLF

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Project.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
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 item D108/19 to D112/19.

Matters for Decision

- D108/19 Tender Report for the Mid Ulster PEACE IV Arts Engagement Programme
- D109/19 Shopmobility Mid Ulster Letter of Support
- D110/19 Regionally and Minority Language Bursary Scheme
- D111/19 Gortgonis Leisure Centre Economic Appraisal and Identification of Preferred Option

Matters for Information

- D112/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019

D113/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.20 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	27 June 2019
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 2019-20 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 National Association Of Councillors - <i>Regeneration of Towns & Villages</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th-30th June 2019 • The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport • Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils, travel and subsistence (previously emailed to Members) La Touche Legacy in association with Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society - 6th Festival of History – 31st La Touche Legacy Weekend “Ireland Through the Turbulent 30’s” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 13th – Saturday 14th September 2019 • Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost €100 per delegate which includes all documentation, lunch and seminar dinner on Saturday 14th September, accommodation, travel and subsistence. <p>NILGA Regional Training Programme - Leadership Programme Accredited Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencing November 2019 • Locations - various • Cost dependent on participant numbers approximately £350-£500 + travel and subsistence (detailed costs listed in appendix) <p>NILGA Regional Training Programme – Local Planning Leadership Programme</p> <p><i>In correspondence received from NILGA states that they are seeking two core nominations from each Council</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencing September 2019 • Locations Antrim Civic Centre • Cost dependent on participant numbers £1000 - £1255 + travel and subsistence (detailed costs listed in appendix A) <p>NILGA Regional Masterclasses, Network Events, Compliance Sessions and Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per attached programme • Costs travel and subsistence
3.1.2	<p>Member Training Requests</p> <p>None</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	<p>Other Considerations</p>
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	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
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
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals



11/5/2019

Regeneration of Towns & Villages Conference

The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport

28th-30th June 2019

Dear Colleagues,

This NAC Conference is being held in the popular seaside town of Southport at the Royal Clifton Hotel, which is located on the sea front. The hotel boasts a range of quality conference facilities as well as a health and leisure club with indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool spa and a fully equipped gymnasium.

In towns and villages across the UK we all face the problems of shops closing, trade dropping with employment and our local economies suffering as a consequence. High streets are recognised as important hubs of social interaction and cohesion, as well as providers of local jobs, they're a visible indicator of how well, or how badly, a local economy is doing. But our high streets and town centres are facing serious challenges from out-of-town and internet shopping.

The days of our town and city centres being used exclusively for retail are over. Our high streets should become a destination for shopping, socialising, culture, health & wellbeing, bustling with people services and jobs, delivering a vibrant economy during the day and in the evening. This NAC Regeneration Conference will examine the problems we face and consider a range of initiatives designed to revive town and village centres and our local economies.

This event will provide opportunities to hear a range of speakers from the private and public sectors and participate in Q&A sessions as well as contribute to the conference workshops. The conference will benefit elected members from every tier of local government in all parts of the UK.

If you wish to attend this event, please return the form overleaf.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

General Secretary

National Association of Councillors

Regeneration of Towns and Villages Conference **Draft Agenda**

Friday 28th June 2019

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Opening Session, Cllr Brian Stephens in the chair.

Introduction to Regeneration

Delegates Questions

7.15 pm Dinner

Saturday 29th June 2019

10-00am Session Two, Dr. Joan Dixon.

CCC-Alliance

Regenerating Industrial Towns and Villages

Questions

10.45am Chris McEwan, Darlington BC

Development and the Environment

Questions

11.30am Tea / Coffee

11.45am Session 3

Speaker from the private sector TBC

Questions

1-00pm Lunch

2-00pm Visit to local regeneration projects

6-30pm Conference Dinner (Smart Dress)

Sunday 30th June 2019

10-00am NAC General Secretary

Workshops (delegates to split into groups)

Both Groups to Feedback

12-00 Noon Lunch

1-00pm End of Event.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Regeneration of Towns & Villages

The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport 28th-30th June 2019

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

INVOICE, email address for invoice.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)



La Touche Legacy
in association with
Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society

6th Festival of History – 31st La Touche Legacy Weekend
“Ireland Through the Turbulent 30’s”

Friday 13th – Saturday 14th September 2019

Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones

Friday 13th September 2019:

16.00 Official Opening and welcome by Mr. George Jones, Chairman of the La Touche Legacy

Welcome by Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District & Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council

Dramatic & Musical Presentation by students from St. Brigid’s National School

16.15

Mr. John Dorney, Historian
‘Franco’s Irish Volunteers’

16.45

Mr. Noel Whelan, B.L.
‘The 30’s and DeValera’

17.15
Dr. Claire McGing, NUI Maynooth
'Widows and Daughters in Dail Eireann'

Saturday 14th September 2019:

10.00
Professor Ferghall McGarry, Queens University, Belfast
'Ireland's View of Fascism & Communism'

10.45 Coffee

11.00
Mr. David Mc Cullagh, RTE
'Dev Part 2'

11.45 Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture
Dr. Margaret Ward
'Hanna Sheehy Skeffington'

20.00 p.m. Seminar Dinner in Greystones Golf Club
Guest Speaker:
To be confirmed

Regional
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17th May 2019

NILGA Regional Programme for Elected Member Development 2019/20

Programme Catagories	May 2019	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020
Accredited Provision Options					Leadership Programme (Module 1) 14th November	Leadership Programme (Module 2) 6th December	Leadership Programme (Module 3) 16th January	Leadership Programme (Module 4) 13th February	Leadership Programme (Module 5) 12th March	Leadership Programme (Module 6) 23rd April	
Accredited Provision Options			Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 1) 20th September 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 1) 25th October 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 1) 29th November 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre		Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 3) 21st January 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 4) 21st February 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	Local Planning Leadership Programme* (Module 6) 20th March 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	Local Planning Leadership Programme (Module 7) 21st April 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre	
Master- classes (Strategic learning for 21st Century Councillors)	Planning Programme (Condensed) 28th May 10.30-3.30pm Magherafelt Council Offices		Scrutiny and Challenge 6th September 2.00-4.30pm Antrim Civic Centre				Performance Improvement 27th January 10.30-1.00pm The Braid Ballymena		*Study Trip 5th March	Performance Improvement 27th April 10.30-1.00pm The Braid Ballymena	
Network Events				Place Shaping 8th October Killyhelvin Hotel Enniskillen		Border Economy TBC		NILGA - Flagship Local Government Conference 20thFebruary Crowne Plaza Belfast			
Sub Regional Development Compliance Sessions			Environmental Assessment 17th September 10.30-1.00pm Lough Neagh			GDPR 16th December 6.30-9.00pm Bangor castle			Civil Contingengencies 17th March 6.30-9.00pm Bangor Castle		Rural Needs 14th May 10.30-1.00pm Lough Neagh
Workshops (Practical learning Sessions)		Code of Conduct 29th August 10.30-12.30pm Mossley Mill		Code of Conduct 2nd October 6.30-8.30pm Cookstown	Data & Evidence 21st November 10.30-1.00pm Craigavon Civic Centre		Code of Conduct 14th January 2.30-4.30pm Cloonavin				Data & Evidence 21st May 2.00-4.30pm Mossley Mill

Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Council Offices
Circular Road
Dunganon
BT71 6DT

20th June 2019

Dear Anthony

Re: NILGA Regional Programme for Elected Member Development 2019/20

As you may know, NILGA has developed an all council Regional Programme Programme of Elected Member Development 2019/20, complementing your Council's specific training, designed to provide the local government sector's elected members with a co-ordinated toolkit of learning, suited to today's responsibilities and challenge. This builds on the NILGA delivered - nationally accredited Charter initiative, has been co-designed by councils' elected member development groups, councils' member services and human resource officials, and the NILGA Regional Working Group.

As part of this, accredited provision is available to elected members related to (i) Planning and (ii) Leadership.

(i) The NILGA Local Planning Programme is an ILM (endorsed award), 7 Module Programme, commencing on the 27th September 2019 and will convene once every month as follows:

Module	Title	Time	Date	Venue
Module 1	Understanding Plan Making and the Role of Councillors	2-4.30pm	27 th September 2019	Antrim Civic Centre
Module 2	How Local Deve4lopment Planning is Linked to Community Planning and Regeneration Activities	2-4.30pm	25 th October 2019	Antrim Civic Centre
Module 3	Understanding the Local Development Plan Process from Draft Stage to Adoption	2-4.30pm,	29 th November 2019	Antrim Civic Centre
Module 4	Understanding Development Management: The Planning Process and the Role of	2-4.30pm,	21 st January 2020	Antrim Civic Centre

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	Councillors, Planning			
Module 5	Understanding the Statutory Appeal System and Best Practice	2–4.30pm	21 st February 2020	Antrim Civic Centre
Module 6	The Statutory Enforcement Process and the Role of the Planning Committee and other Councillors	2-4.30pm	20 th March 2020	Antrim Civic Centre
	Study Trip		5 th March 2020	Scotland
Module 7	Maladministration Charges to the Ombudsmen and the Judicial Review of Planning Decisions	2-4.30pm	21 st April 2020	Antrim Civic Centre

NILGA seeks two core nominations from each council with scope to include a further eight members. Can you please put forward at the earliest possible full council meeting during the summer months to seek your core nominations (together with any additional potential participants) by the 31st of August 2019.

- (ii) NILGA is delivering an **ILM Level 7, Six Module Accredited Leadership Programme** for elected members which will consider leadership models and theoretical / practical approaches set within the context of place shaping (community planning, local development planning, regeneration, local economic development and performance improvement). The Leadership Programme will commence on the 14th November 2019 and run each month up until April 2020, venue and times to be agreed with participants. There is greater flexibility in terms of numbers and we are therefore open to any number of nominations based on your own determinations, which we ask you seek at the earliest possible full council meeting during the summer months.

Please note in both cases, there are costs per participant associated with this type of provision and I have attached an indicative costs model to assist in your consideration of participation, based upon the pilots completed before the 2nd May 2019 elections.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued positive approach and nominations for participation on the accredited Provision. Please feel free to contact my colleague Fiona Douglas (f.douglas@nilga.org) or myself if you or a senior colleague wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

CC. Eileen Hunter

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NILGA Accredited Learning Provision 2019/20 - Indicative Costs

NILGA Local Planning Leadership Programme 2019/20		
	30 Participants (Per Participant Cost)	20 Participants (Per Participant Cost)
Programme Cost	£215	£323
Accreditation Cost	£150	£150
Total Cost	£365	£473

NILGA Leadership Programme 2019/20		
	20 Participants (Per Participant Cost)	15 Participants (Per Participant Cost)
Programme Cost	£730	£973
Accreditation Cost	£278	£278
Total Cost	£1008	£1251

Please note that these are total costs required per participant from each Council

Appendix B Retrospective Approval Sought

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
EcCoWell Benefits of Dark Sky Awareness Conference	13/5/19	1	Dublin	Accommodation & Travel

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 June 2019
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></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
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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
2.3		<p><u>Processing the Request</u></p> <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: June 2019 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
Friels Bar and Restaurant Swatragh	LCN Awards 2019 Tourist Pub of the Year	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
St Mary's Primary School, Carland	Junior Entrepreneur Championship	Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Glen Scullion	Leinster Senior & Master Championship 2019 - 1 st place 100m Northern Ireland Championships 2018 1 st place 200m European Masters Athletic Championships - Member of relay team Ireland receiving Bronze	Cllr Oneill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in relevant field Represented Country at International level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

St Conor' s College Clady Year 9 Hurling Team	Ulster Colleges Reihill Cup	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: Ulster School Junior Camogie Championship- The Medallion Centre Junior Shiels March 2018 and Ulster Under 19 Colleges' Camogie Champions March 2017 Date: as above
Charis Cancer Care	Queens Award for Voluntary Service	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an outstanding achievement award 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Cookstown Youth Football Club	Queens Award for Voluntary Service	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an outstanding achievement award 	For: N/A Date: N/A
CDE Global	Belfast Telegraph Business Awards 2019 Overall Business of the Year Award Excellence in Exporting	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	Young Director of the Year and Overall Director of the Year Brendan McGurgan of CDE Global Date: 10 April 2017
Conall Devlin	Danske Bank Irish News Player of the Year – Hurling Player of the Year	Cllr B Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attained an outstanding achievement award 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ewan Cruckshank	Ulster Hockey Team Under 16's	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing Country at National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Hugo Cleary McGuffin	Ulster Hockey Team Under 16's	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Stewart Wylie	Ulster Hockey Team Under 18s & Ireland Hockey Team – Under 18 Interpros and Ireland 6 Nations (Eindhoven)	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level/All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ethan Greaves	Ulster Hockey Team Under 18's	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Max Anderson	Ulster Hockey Team – Under 16 Interpros and Ireland Under 16 Squad	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level/All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Joshua McCabe	Ireland Hockey Team Under 21 and Under 21 Europeans	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level/All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Jack Haycock	Ulster Hockey – Under 21 Squad	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Scott McCabe	Ulster Hockey – Under 21 Squad	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Richard McGaw	Ireland Hockey – over 35 Ireland team	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level/All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Sam Purvis	RSPBANI Championship Ulster Solo Under 14 Piping Champion	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Lara Scott	British NDP Team Finals in Trampoline Silver medal	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at National Level/ 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ellie McMenemy	World Dance Masters Ulster and European Teen Starter Dance Champion	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Allen School of Dancing	Dancing Success in the World Irish Dancing Competition Under 14 Mixed invented Dance Championship Under 18 Unmixed 8 Hand Ceili Dance Championship	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Dian D'Maio	NODA Award Best Youth Performer in NI	Cllr Quinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level 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
Blood Upon the Rose DramaGroup	Local drama group touring all over Ireland England and Scotland each show a sell-out performance	Cllr J Oneill
Moneymore Boys Brigade	Five Aside British Champions 2 nd year running Received Civic Recognition May 2018	Cllr Wilson Cllr McFlynn
Holly Purvis	RSPBANI Championship Ulster Solo Under 14 Tenor Drummer Received Civic Recognition may 2018	Cllr Wilson
Richard Collins	British Empire Medal for services to the community in Cookstown	Cllr Wilson
Tony Convery	MBE Founder and Chairman, CDE Group. For services to the Northern Ireland Economy.	Cllr Wilson

Wilfred Andrew Hiram ROBINSON	British Empire Medal For services to the community in County Tyrone	Cllr Wilson
William Robert CASKEY Watch Commander,	British Empire Medal for services to the community in Magherafelt (Magherafelt Fire Station)	Cllr Wilson
Kate Mary-Rose Grant	British Empire Medal for services to the community in Cookstown	Cllr Wilson
Coalisland Athletic Football Club.	Won the Mid Ulster League and went unbeaten in all Competitions throughout the season	Cllr Oneill Cllr Kerr
Coalisland Na Fianna	Won the Tyrone County Championship	Cllr Kerr
Shannon Nixon	Special Olympics Team Ireland (previously received civic award June 2018)	Cllr Oneill
Richard Currie	Special Olympics Team Ireland (previously received civic award June 2018)	Cllr Oneill

McNicholl School of Dance	<p>Success in An Chomhdhail World Irish Dance Championships 2019</p> <p>(school previously received civic awards in August 2017)</p>	Cllr McFlynn
Augher Primary School	<p>Action Cancer Gold Award for Health Promotion</p> <p>Overall Shield for Northern Ireland Schools</p> <p>(School previously received civic recognition for Families First Best Primary school in Northern Ireland Award</p>	Cllr Burton

Report on	Correspondence to Council – June 2019
Date of Meeting	Thurs 27 th June, 2019
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 Ards & North Down – UK's First National Memorial to all Emergency Services</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Ards & North Down Borough Council has corresponded with the council giving notification that it recently carried a motion on the <i>UK's First National Memorial dedicated to all emergency service personnel who have served or been killed in the course of their duties</i>. Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Office – Recruitment to NIPB members</p> <p>The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has corresponded with the Council to confirm that, with the agreement of the Commissioner for public Appointments, she has reappointed the current independent members of the Board with terms due to expire in June 2019 for a further period of 9 months to expire on 31 March 2020. Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from the Education Authority – Strategic Area Plan</p> <p>The (Acting) Assistant Director, Education Directorate of the Education Authority has written to the Council confirming that it will meet with a delegation from the Council following the publication of its 3rd Strategic Area Plan Annual Action Plan. This document has been published and Democratic Services are making contact with officials to arrange a meeting to discuss same, as previously resolved by Council. Appendix C and C1</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Mid & East Antrim Borough Council – Holiday Hunger Motion</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Mid & East Antrim Borough Council has corresponded with the Council giving notification of a motion carried by it on '<i>summer hunger</i>'. Appendix D.</p>

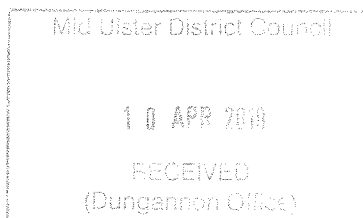
3.5	<p>Correspondence from BT – Notification of a request to Adopt a Kiosk</p> <p>BT has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it has received a request from the secretary of Simpson Grant Association to adopt a kiosk at 87 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon, BT70 1TW. BT is currently undertaking a consultation to remove the payphone service to allow the telephone kiosk to be adopted by the local community. Appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p>Correspondence from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p> <p>The Minister for Business and Industry of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has responded to the Council regarding a motion of council on a Geological Disposal Facility and reference to radioactive waste management. Appendix F.</p>
3.7	<p>Correspondence from Belfast City Council</p> <p>The Lord Mayor of Belfast City Council (2019-2020) corresponded with the Council in April 2019 extending sympathy on behalf the citizens of Belfast following the tragedy in Cookstown on 17th March. Appendix F.</p>
3.8	<p>Correspondence from Seafarers UK</p> <p>The Campaigns Manager of Seafarers UK has corresponded with the Council providing details on the Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019 inviting it to become involved in the in the campaign to raise awareness of the UK's dependence on the Merchant Navy. Appendix G.</p>
3.9	<p>Correspondence from Newry, Mourne & Down DC</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne & Down DC has corresponded with the Council giving notification of a motion carried by it on Northern Ireland Air Ambulance. Appendix H.</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
	<p>Appendix A: Ards & North Down Borough Council</p> <p>Appendix B: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Appendix C: Mid & East Antrim Borough Council</p> <p>Appendix D: Education Authority for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Appendix E: BT</p> <p>Appendix F: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p> <p>Appendix G: Seafarers UK</p> <p>Appendix H: Newry, Mourne & Down DC.</p>

Our Ref : SR/SP/sa/NOM93

27 March 2019

Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN



Dear Mr Tohill

Anthony

UK's First National Memorial Dedicated To All Emergency Service Personnel Who Have Served Or Been Killed In The Course Of Their Duties

At the February meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council the following Notice of Motion was Agreed :

"That this Council supports the campaign to build the United Kingdom's first national memorial, dedicated to all emergency service personnel who have served or been killed in the course of their duties; believes that such a memorial would be a fitting tribute to those past and present who have shown extraordinary bravery and selflessness by putting themselves in harm's way in order to keep us safe; recognises that the campaign has already secured widespread political support including, from the Prime Minister, her predecessors, leaders of the opposition and also has backing of both the Scottish and Welsh Governments. Therefore this Council formally places on record our support for the creation of a national monument to act as a symbol of eternal gratitude for their service. Furthermore, that Council also circulate the motion to the other ten Councils in Northern Ireland."

Ards and North Down Borough Council would be grateful if your Council would also formally place on record your support for the creation of a national monument to act as a symbol of eternal gratitude for all emergency service personnel who have served or been killed in the course of their duties. This can be done electronically at www.nesm.org.uk/contact.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Reid

STEPHEN REID
Chief Executive



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17 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Under the terms of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, I have interim responsibility for certain appointment functions normally exercised by Northern Ireland Ministers including the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB).

I wrote to you on 27 February 2018 to seek your views on a new competition to recruit Independent members to the NIPB. In my letter, I also highlighted that, in light of the importance of forthcoming senior appointments to the PSNI, there may be a need to reflect further on the appropriate timing of these appointments.

The NIPB faces a number of significant challenges over the coming year. A number of unique and exceptional circumstances have compounded this challenge including the fact that the NIPB was only fully reconstituted in November 2018.

The announcement of the Chief Constable that he plans to stand down in June has also led to the Board needing to urgently exercise one of its key responsibilities to recruit a new Chief Constable. Furthermore, there have been significant changes at senior levels within the PSNI in recent months including pending appointments at Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable level, which the Board will play a central role in recruiting.

Given the critical period ahead, it is imperative the NIPB retains the skills and experience of the current members to maintain a degree of continuity on the Board to ensure it can deliver its critical functions.

I have therefore decided, with the agreement of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Northern Ireland, to reappoint the current independent members with terms due to expire in June 2019 for a further period of nine months to finish on 31 March 2020. This will also allow adequate time to make the necessary preparations for a new competition to launch within the necessary timeframe to replace these current members when they stand down in March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**RT HON KAREN BRADLEY MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**



Councillor Sean McPeake
Chair Mid Ulster District Council
Dungannon Office
Circular Road
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MMcC/PD/COR2054-03-19

17 April 2019

Dear Councillor McPeake

Many thanks for your correspondence of the 12 March 2019, received on the 19 March 2019 and apologies for the lengthy delay in responding.

The Education Authority (EA) is finalising the third year of the Strategic Area Plan Annual Action Plan and hopes to publish this at the end of May 2019.

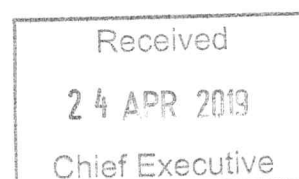
Once published, the EA, in association with the Department of Education (DE) and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) will be making arrangements to meet with all Councils individually to provide an update on the Annual Action Plan and other Area Planning issues.

I will arrange for someone from the Area Planning team to contact Eileen Forde, as requested, once arrangements have been agreed between the EA, DE and CCMS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McConkey'.

Michael McConkey
(Acting) Assistant Director, Education Directorate



“To inspire, support and challenge all our Children and Young People to be the best that they can be.”

Press Release
Monday 17 June 2019

EA publishes third area planning action plan

In April 2017 the Education Authority (EA) published *Providing Pathways – A Strategic Area Plan for School Provision 2017-2020*. The action plan published today, is the third plan within this strategy, identifying a number of work-streams that will be brought forward to address issues around school provision in Northern Ireland.

The action plan was produced in partnership with the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS), Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta (CnaG), the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE), the Controlled Schools' Support Council (CSSC), Governing Bodies Association (GBA), the Catholic Schools' Trustee Service and the Department for the Economy representing the Further Education sector.

The plan will be extended to March 2021, thereby extending the current strategy for an additional year. This extension will ensure that all schools named in the plan will have a future pathway identified for them by March 2021. It will also allow a robust evaluation of the current Strategic Area Plan ensuring effective engagement and collaboration with schools and stakeholders, in the preparation of the new Strategic Area Plan.

EA Interim Director of Education Kim Scott said:

“One of the challenges facing our education system is that we still have a number of schools that are too small to adequately provide pupils with access to a broad and balanced curriculum, extensive extracurricular activities, and high-quality pastoral care.

“In many areas of Northern Ireland there are too many school places for the size of the population, while in other areas and sectors, there are not enough places. Area planning seeks solutions to these issues to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Some areas may have relatively simple solutions such as increasing the enrolment number of a school, while other areas may require amalgamations, closures, change of school management type, or sharing of resources.

“The area planning process brings all education bodies in Northern Ireland around the same table to seek solutions to the often complex challenges including changing demographics and multiple school sectors within specific areas. All local solutions will of course be subject to full consultation.”

“The purpose of area planning is to ensure that children, no matter where they live or what school sector they choose, have access to high quality education that is delivered in schools that are educationally and financially sustainable.”

The plan is available to download at www.eani.org.uk/school-management/area-planning/annual-action-plans

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Our Ref: AD/KM

20 March 2019

Sent via email only

Dear Chief Executive

Re: Holiday Hunger

Further to my letter of 28 November 2018 where I advised you Mid and East Antrim Borough Council had adopted the following motion:

“That this Council declares that it will not tolerate summer hunger again and resolves to work with the statutory sector including other Northern Ireland councils, agencies and voluntary sectors to bring forth a solution before the school summer holidays of 2019; we further commit to sending this resolution to each of the Northern Ireland councils.”

I would like to thank those Councils who have already responded. Can you specifically confirm if your council plan to adopt this motion.

Katrina Morgan, Director of Community is leading on this issue for Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and I would ask you to forward your response directly to Katrina.morgan@midandeastantrim.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Anne Donaghy
Clerk & Chief Executive

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Museum & Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street
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☐ **Larne Office**
Smiley Buildings
Victoria Road
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☐ **Planning Office**
County Hall
182 Galgorm Road
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Chief Executive
Anne Donaghy



Planning Department
Mid Ulster District Council
Magherafelt Office
Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

7th May 2019

TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED

Our reference: - JB-02885557254

Dear Sir or Madam,

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE SERVICE:

I am writing to advise you that BT has received a request from Winston Duff , the Secretary of the Simpson Grant Association to adopt the K6 telephone kiosk at 87 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon. BT70 1TW.

Our obligation to provide a Universal Service will be maintained, as there are other kiosks within the vicinity. The nearest alternative kiosk is Outside Toals Bookmakers 66 Moore Street Aughnacloy BT69 6AY.

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/removals.pdf>

I am writing on behalf of the Secretary, Mr Winston Duff , and ask that Mid Ulster District Council do not raise any objection to cease of service so the parish can adopt the telephone box, which is their desire.

If you do not reply, it will be taken that the council and interested parties have no objection to the permanent removal of this payphone.

A notice of our proposal is being displayed in the kiosk and a copy is enclosed with this letter for your information.

If you require any further information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email at btpcfo@bt.com

Yours faithfully

Jim Blanch

BT Payphones - Commercial Field Officer

Date of this notice



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Public Telephone Kiosk
02885557254**

**Simpson Grant Association has requested
to adopt this telephone box.
We are therefore proposing to remove Payphone
service at this location.**

The nearest alternative payphone can be found :
**Outside Toals Bookmakers
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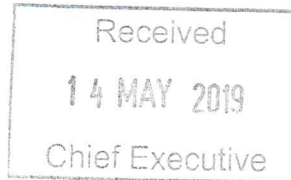
If you have any comments about this, please contact
the planning department at
Mid Ulster Council, Dungannon.
within 42 days from
the date of this notice, quoting the
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Our ref: MCB2019/07975

Councillor Séan McPeake
Chair, Lár Uladh, Mid Ulster District Council
Burn Road
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13th May 2019

Dear Cllr. McPeake,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 April to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, regarding your Notice of Motion in respect of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

I am grateful to you for raising this important matter. Northern Ireland does not have any higher activity radioactive waste and there are no plans for a GDF in Northern Ireland. The management of radioactive waste is a devolved issue. Any future policy decision on geological disposal in Northern Ireland would be a matter for the Northern Ireland Executive, and would be subject to community agreement and planning and environmental consents.

The Notice of Motion in your letter mentions Radioactive Waste Management's (RWM) national geological screening exercise. This exercise draws together existing high-level information about the geology across England, Wales and Northern Ireland that is relevant to the safety of a GDF. A White Paper, *Implementing Geological Disposal*, that was published jointly by the UK Government and the Northern Ireland Executive in 2014, committed RWM to carrying out this exercise. This work was undertaken in part because early consideration of geology was recognised as a crucial step in building public understanding of GDF development and confidence in the process to identify and consider safe potential siting areas. The national geological screening outputs provide information to help answer early questions about potential geological suitability for GDF development in any interested communities.

The UK Government and the Welsh Government have recently launched a new process to identify a suitable location for a geological disposal facility which is being undertaken in England and Wales only. Northern Ireland is not participating in this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this response reassuring.

Best Wishes.

ANDREW STEPHENSON MP
Minister for Business and Industry



An tArd-Mhéara The Lord Mayor
Councillor Deirdre Hargey



29 March 2018

Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Chief Executive's Office
Circular Road
Dungannon
BT71 6BT



Dear Chief Executive

I am writing to extend my sincere sympathy to you on behalf of the citizens of Belfast in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Cookstown on 17 March 2019.

Our thoughts remain with the families of those who lost their lives or were injured.

I hope that the enclosed book of condolence will bring some comfort in knowing all those involved remain in our thoughts and I would be most grateful if you could accept this book on their behalf.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Deirdre Hargey
Lord Mayor of Belfast

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MERCHANT NAVY FUND SUPPORTING PARTNERS

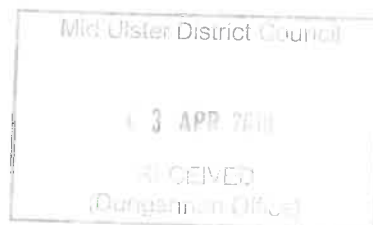


MERCHANT NAVY WELFARE BOARD



Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Burn Road
Cookstown
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March 2019

Dear Mr Tohill

Please 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' on 3 September

This is a formal invitation from Seafarers UK for your local authority to support this year's campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers.

If your local authority has been involved in previous years you will know what we ask you to do - and how easy it is to participate:

1. Please arrange to fly a Red Ensign - the British Merchant Navy's official flag - on civic buildings and flagpoles in public places, on Merchant Navy Day, that falls on 3 September
2. If you can, please organise a flag-hoisting ceremony for local dignitaries, VIPs, Merchant Navy veterans, Sea Cadets, media guests, etc.
3. Promote your support for this important annual campaign via social media and local PR.

When you let us know what you have planned, Seafarers UK will include your local authority on a prestigious 'Roll of Honour' at www.merchantnavyday.uk Note: if your local authority was listed last year and the contact details have not changed *it is not necessary to register again*.

Our new guide to taking part is enclosed with this letter, together with a promotional poster that I hope you will wish to copy and display with details of your local activity inserted.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Nick Harvey
Campaigns Manager

Email: nick.harvey@seafarers.uk
Phone: 020 7932 5969

P.S. Please accept my apologies if you have supported our campaign in previous years and are wondering why you have received this letter. To be able to contact *all* UK local authorities we have to rent a mailing list (compiled from information that is in the public domain) from an external supplier and I regret it has not been possible to extract our previous or existing contacts, or to remove duplicates.

The Merchant Navy Fund is administered by Seafarers UK (King George's Fund for Sailors), a registered charity in England and Wales, No. 226446, incorporated under Royal Charter. Registered in Scotland SC038191. Registered office: 8 Hatherley Street, LONDON, SW1P 2QT. Tel: 020 7932 0000

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Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive

APPENDIX I

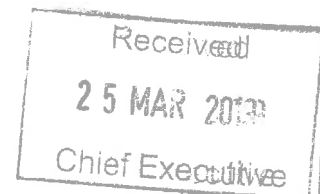


Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

M/2 DS/MS1

19 March 2019

Mr Anthony Tohill
Mid Ulster District Council
Dungannon Office
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Dear Chief Executive

Re: Northern Ireland Air Ambulance

At a Meeting of Newry Mourne and Down District Council held on Monday 4 March 2019 the following Notice of Motion was adopted:

That this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 54 times in the Newry, Mourne & Down area during the first 10 months of 2018.

This Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational and that we, as a Council look at ways to contribute to it through our Efficiencies Working Group and furthermore this Council writes to the Permanent Secretary Richard Pengelly and the other 10 Councils urging them to financially support the NI Air Ambulance.

This Council recognises the fundraising efforts of the Ulster Farmers Union who collected £200K along with all those who have fundraised to support the NI Air Ambulance Service.

Arising out of discussions on this issue it was noted the Air Ambulance was a much needed and vital service particularly in rural and outlying farming communities and it was felt there was an onus on Central Government to provide the necessary funding to keep this service in operation.



The Council would ask that you bring this Motion to the attention of your Council with a view to considering ways in which your Council could financially support the Air Ambulance Service.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive

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Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 27 June 2019
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Mary McSorley, 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.
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 that 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 in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
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 the Economy - Minerals & Petroleum Department	Petroleum Licence Application PLA1/16 EHA Exploration Ltd	The DfE is consulting on an Application for a Petroleum Licence by EHA Exploration Ltd which relates to The South Lough Neagh Basin. DfE has accepted the application as a valid application.	5 July 2019	Planning
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/petroleum-licence-application-pla116		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee 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
Department for the Economy – Minerals & Petroleum Department	Petroleum Licence Application PLA2/16 Tamboran Resources (UK) Ltd	The DfE is consulting on an Application for a Petroleum Licence by Tamboran Resources (UK) Ltd in relation to Lough Allen Basin North, South West Co Fermanagh. DfE has accepted the application as a valid application.	5 July 2019	Planning
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/petroleum-licence-application-pla216		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee 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

Queen's University Belfast (QUB)	New Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy	QUB is consulting on an updated Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. The previous 2008 policy is being revised as a result of an equality screening exercise. The policy applies to students and applicants for courses, employees, job applicants and anyone who works for the university.	9 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/HumanResources/diversity-and-inclusion/policies-currently-under-consultation/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Companies House	Corporate Transparency and Register reform	Consultation on new proposals to enhance role of Companies House, increase the transparency of UK corporate entities and combat economic crime. The consultation considers reform to the information companies are required to disclose, increasing the checks on this information and measures to improve the exchange of intelligence between Companies House and UK Law Enforcement bodies.	5 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/corporate-transparency-and-register-reform		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure Planning Group	New Draft Model Licence conditions 2019 for caravan sites	The proposed Draft Model Licence conditions will assist councils in deciding the conditions to attach to caravan site licences. They will apply to: - permanent residential caravan sites; - holiday caravan sites; - touring caravan sites; - Traveller or Roma sites.	31 July 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/draft-model-licence-conditions-2019-caravan-sites		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NILGOSC	Funding Strategy Statement - circular 05/2019	Under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, NILGOSC is required to prepare, maintain and publish a Funding Strategy Statement which sets out the framework for funding of all pension liabilities. The regulations also require that the FSS and any subsequent changes to it must be agreed following consultation with stakeholders.	31 July 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nilgosc.org.uk/resources/category/18/circulars.aspx		

	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)	Chronic Homelessness Action Plan	Chronic homelessness has been identified as an issue of increasing concern to organisations across the homelessness sector. The development of the Chronic Homelessness Action Plan is a result of NIHE engagement with the sector as part of the delivery of the Homelessness Strategy 2017-22. Like the 2017-22 Strategy, the Action Plan supports a multi-agency approach to addressing homelessness and recognises the importance of local service delivery.	2 August 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Communities	Updated Draft Design Guide for Travellers' sites in Northern Ireland	The DfC is responsible for maintaining a Design Guide for Travellers' sites. The guide is to support the provision of appropriate, cost-effective facilities for Travellers. It should be considered in the development of new	31 July 2019	

		sites and for sites that have to be substantially redeveloped. It seeks to outline the key issues, including the relevant planning context, that must be considered and identify the main design and management elements necessary to create high quality and sustainable Traveller sites which meet residents' traditional and cultural needs. NIHE has a strategic role in provision of Travellers accommodation.		
	Link to Consultation	The document is not published on DfC website but is available from the office on request.		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Health and Social Care England - on behalf of UK Government and devolved administrations	Proposal to introduce mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid	This UK-wide consultation is seeking views on a proposal to add folic acid to flour. The aim is to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects (NTDs), such as spina bifida, in unborn children by raising the folate levels of women who could become pregnant.	9 September 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/adding-folic-acid-to-flour/proposal-to-add-folic-acid-to-flour-consultation-document		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Health and Social Care Board NI	Regional Trauma Network: New Service Delivery Model for Psychological Trauma Services in Northern Ireland and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)	This consultation is seeking views on proposals for a newly enhanced service which will be for any child, young person or adult who is experiencing significant levels of psychological trauma, irrespective of the origin of their trauma.	6 September 2019	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/get-involved/consultations		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	

