

16 October 2014

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of Mid Ulster District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council on Thursday 23 October 2014 at 7pm to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully



Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Consideration of Motions

3.1 Councillor M Quinn to move:

This Council:

- *Notes that many households in the Mid-Ulster area, including a high portion of those in work, are currently experiencing poverty;*
- *Contends that people working full-time should be able to afford housing costs, essential utilities and food bills;*

- *Agrees that the introduction of the minimum wage has been a step forward in the attempt to eradicate poverty but that at its current level it is inadequate for many with financial responsibilities;*
- *Acknowledges that it is our responsibility as a major employer as well as to our ratepayers to seek to reduce poverty and inequality; and*
- *Notes that approximately 13% of council employees across the 3 council areas are paid below a 'Living Wage', currently set at £7.65 per hour, a sum independently set as the level above which an earner can live adequately and with dignity in today's society.*

The Council therefore agrees:

1. *To become a Living Wage employer, in consultation with staff and their representatives, and to revise upwards payment to those employees currently receiving below the living wage level;*
2. *To include a commitment to include the living wage in all new employment contracts; and*
3. *To ensure that the appropriate Council Committee receives reports on progress towards the above at least annually and initially by April 2015*

Delegation

4. Receive briefing from Derek McCallum, Chief Executive, NILGA on its work programme and reconstitution

Matters for Decision

5. Receive and consider minutes of Council meeting held on Thursday 25 September **(A)**
6. Receive and consider minutes and recommendations of Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 6 October **(B)**
7. Receive and consider minutes and recommendations of Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 October **(C)**
8. Receive and consider minutes and recommendations of Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8 October **(D)**
9. Receive and consider minutes and recommendations of Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 October **(E)**

10. Receive paper seeking approval of member and officer attendance at seminars and conferences **(F)**

11. Receive paper seeking approval to initiate procurement for banking services **(G)**
