

## **Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 20 September 2022 by Virtual Means (Reconvened)**

### **Members Present**

Councillor S McAleer\*, Chair

Councillors Ashton\*, Buchanan (5.12 pm)\*, Cuddy\*, Elattar\*, Gildernew\*, Kearney\*, S McGuigan\*, McKinney (5.08 pm)\*, McLean\*, S McPeake\*, Molloy\*

### **Officers in Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive\*\*  
Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment\*\*  
Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)\*\*  
Mrs Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR)\*\*  
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance (SD: CSF)\*\*  
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)\*\*  
Ms McNally, Assistant Director of Finance, Legal, Governance and Transformation\*\* (AD: CSF)\*\*  
Ms Mezza\*\*, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT\*\*  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer\*\*

\* Denotes members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 4.34 pm

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

### **PR159/22 Notice of Recording**

This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

### **PR160/22 Apologies**

Councillor Forde, Doris, Quinn and Totten.

### **PR161/22 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair, Councillor S McAleer reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

*Councillor Molloy declared an interest in PR169/22 Purchase of Lands at Drumcoo from Dungannon Enterprise Centre – Completion.*

## **PR162/22 Chairs Business**

The Chair drew members attention to attached minutes from 8 September 2022.

The Chair advised that the SD: CSF wished to raise an item under Confidential Business.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **PR163/22 Request(s) to Illuminate Council Property – September 2022**

The SD: ODSP presented previously circulated report which considered requests to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;

- Children's Cancer Awareness – Children's Cancer Awareness Month
- RVH Liver Support Group – Organ Donation
- Hear our Voices – Non Verbal Campaign
- Cancer Focus NI – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- DoJ Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Campaign – Awareness Day
- North West Migrants Forum – Black History Month
- Disability Action NI – International Day of Disabled

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan and  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to illuminate the three designated Council properties as follows –

- Monday 26 September 2022, Children's Cancer: Gold
- Wednesday 28 September 2022, Organ Donation Week: Pink
- Friday 30 September 2022, Hear our Voices: Purple & Yellow
- Saturday 1 October 2022, Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Pink & Teal
- Tuesday 18 October 2022, Modern Day Slavery & Human Trafficking: Red
- Friday 21 October 2022, Black History Month: Red
- Saturday 3 December 2022, International Day of Disabled: Purple

## **PR164/22 Member Services**

None.

## **Matters for Information**

### **PR165/22      Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 July 2022**

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 July 2022.

### **PR166/22      Update: Introduction of Autism (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (Autism Legislation)**

Members noted update on recent updated legislation relating to Autism, in the context of updated legislation which passed the NI Assembly in the form of the Autism (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

Councillor Kearney welcomed the report and said that it may be worthwhile touching base with FACTS in Magherafelt as they carry out tremendous work.

The SD: ODSP reassured member that this would be followed up by the relevant Officer.

He advised that Officers had been in contact with FACTS in the past but that the Corporate Policy & Equality Officer would continue to liaise with the FACTS group on their activities.

### **PR167/22      Performance Improvement Annual Assessment Report 2021-2022: General Duty to Improve**

Members noted progress made towards discharging its General Duty to Improve under Part 12 of the Local Government (NI) act 2014 by way of an annual self-assessment report 2021 to 2022.

*The live stream ended at 4.40 pm.*

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 PR168/22 to PR180/22.

## **Matters for Decision**

PR168/22	Employment Relations Matter
PR169/22	Purchase of Lands at Drumcoo from Dungannon Enterprise Centre - Completion
PR170/22	Staffing Matters for Decision
PR171/22	Access route Design Fees for lands at Desertcreat
PR172/22	Transformation
PR173/22	Annual Accounts for 12 Months Ended 31 March 2022

- PR174/22 Wide Area Network Service Tender Procurement (ABC Council) Update  
PR175/22 Connecting Pomeroy Update  
PR176/22 Leisure Services VAT Claim Update

**Matters for Information**

- PR162/22 Chair's Business (Continued)  
PR177/22 Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 July 2022  
PR178/22 Staffing Matters for Information  
PR179/22 Managing Employee Attendance  
PR180/22 Financial Report for 3 Months Ending 30 June 2022

**PR181/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 4.30 pm and concluded at 5.52 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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