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**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 27 October 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson, Chair

**Members Present:** Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels

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

The meeting commenced at 7pm

**C213/16 Apologies**

Councillors Ashton, Burton, Doris, Elattar, Glasgow McPeake, Totten and C O'Neill

**C214/16 Declarations of Interest**

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

**C215/16 Chair's Business**

Councillor Mulligan paid tribute to Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society's success at the recent Britain in Bloom Finals and requested that a reception be hosted in recognition of their hard work and success.

Councillor McLean requested that Matthew Wenlock's success in winning the World Champion Drumming Competition be acknowledged.

Councillor Cuthbertson made reference to serious anti-social behaviour occurring in Moy when buses of people were attending licensed premises in the area. The Councillor acknowledged that the licensing officers had successfully dealt with the situation the previous year and requested that they follow up the current matter and also contact Chief Inspector Robinson who is aware of the problem.

Councillor Gillespie requested that Donaghmore Horticultural Society attend a civic reception for attaining second place at Ulster in Bloom competition.

Councillor G Shiels requested that a letter be forwarded to R Crawford & Company winners of the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Retailer Award – Community Store of the year.

Councillor Mallaghan requested a Chair's reception for Pomeroy GAC senior team on winning the Intermediate Championship and wished the Rock GAC continuing success in their current league.

Councillor McAleer concurred with previous comments regarding Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society stating that she would like to attend any event organised in their honour.

Councillor Kearney made reference to the official opening event of the Heaney Homeplace and complimented all staff involved. The Councillor made further reference to the opening of the bypass in Magherafelt.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson acknowledged the recent success of Cookstown Bowling Club on winning the Irish Junior Cup and the Southern Cup; Messrs Smith and Wilson on winning the Northern Ireland Bowling Pairs Competition; Joe Hutton & Sons Butchers on attaining first place in the Fine Food Awards; and, Royal British Legion Standard Bearers Champions Norman Espie, Susan Park, Ellie Park and Rachel McKeown and wished them well for the forthcoming National Competition. The Chair acknowledged that the current reception policy was being revised and stated that pending the outcome that the aforementioned be considered for recognition.

Councillor McEldowney advised that Kerry Mullen had won the All Ireland Senior Harp Competition and was the first person in Ulster to attain this award and requested recognition of the achievement.

Councillor Molloy acknowledged the hard work of staff on the organisation and delivery of an excellent summer programme followed closely by a programme of events for Halloween and Christmas. The Councillor stated that staff go beyond the call of duty to deliver excellent events. The Chair, Councillor Wilson concurred.

Councillor J Shiels requested that Ampertaine Primary School's success in attaining the Top Northern Ireland School in the Annual Accelerated Reader Competition be recognised.

**C216/16      Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2016**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 22 September 2016 (C195/16 – C206/16 and C212/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**C217/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2016**

Councillor T Quinn requested an amendment to SC26/16 page 3 to read “quoting Rev Jessie Jackson in his statement that “racism and sectarianism hinders growth and destroys the human spirit”

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 22 September 2016 (SC24/16 – SC28/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated and subject to the foregoing amendment, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**C218/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 4 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2016 (P149/16 – P155/16 and P159/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C219/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2016**

Councillor McLean requested that his objection to PR179/16 Brand Implementation Vehicle Livery be recorded.

Councillor S McGuigan made reference to other Councils declaring status in relation to being minimum wage employers and stated that the matter had gone through Mid Ulster Council and sought clarity as to the current status.

The Chief Executive clarified that the matter had been raised and agreed by Council but advised that there was an ongoing review of Environment and Property Services which would have implications on rates of pay. He further advised that the proposals was currently with Trade Unions and that it would be presented to December Policy



& Resources meeting at which time Members would see a full picture of employer implications and implementation plans.

Councillor McGuigan accepted the explanation but expressed disappointment that the implementation had not been dealt with and emphasised that Members should be made aware of any delays.

Councillor McGuigan sought clarity as to the position of Members who represented Council on the Board of the Citizens Advice Bureau stating that when the contract had been at procurement stage he had been advised not to participate on the board due to conflict of interest issues and had adhered to the advice. The Councillor stated that he had recently been approached by the Manager of the CAB who had asked him why he had not returned to the board as a Council Officer had advised that Members would return following procurement. The Councillor stated he had previously asked for clarity concerning the issue and emphasised that Members sit on the boards of various organisations receiving monies from Council.

In response the Chief Executive clarified that Members had been advised not to sit on the board of Citizens Advice Bureau as there was a conflict of interest. He stated that he would welcome a conversation with the Member to provide clarity on the position and apologised that there had been a delay in provision of same. The Chief Executive advised that a procured contract was in no way similar to small grant award to organisations Members may represent Council on. The Chief Executive reiterated that he would converse with Councillor McGuigan to resolve the issue.

Councillor McLean requested that the clarity provided be circulated to all Members.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2016, (PR173/16 – PR182/16 and PR193/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C220/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 October 2016**

Councillor Reid requested an amendment to minute at E251/16 to read “He added that officers should review arrangements in place within legacy councils of Cookstown, Dungannon & South Tyrone and Magherafelt for controlling the burning of tyres on bonfires. He referred to the position adopted by the former Dungannon & South Tyrone Council on monitoring the disposal of used tyres with the use of a unique identifying mark on tyres from tyre outlets and the need to adopt a process of greater monitoring of such outlets within the district. The Councillor also proposed that this matter be progressed with other councils at a Chief Executive level to explore a way forward.”

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 October 2016 (E238/16 – E258/16 and E271/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**C221/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor G Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2016, (D214/16 – D230/16 and D236/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C222/16 Conferences and Seminars**

The Head of Democratic Services referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) RTPI Politicians in Planning Association Network (PIPA) Conference 2016 – Overcoming common challenges across the UK and Ireland through Planning
  - Saturday 19 November 2016 at Friends Meeting House, Manchester;
- (ii) Future Places – using heritage to build resilient communities
  - Wednesday 23 November 2016 9.30am – 3.30pm at Cultra Manor,
  - Councillors Clarke, Glasgow and Reid
- (iii) Agriculture & food conference – moving from recovery to growth
  - Thursday 1 December 2016 9.00 am – 1.30pm, Craigavon Civic Centre

**(iv) Officer Approvals**

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
BTO Birdwatchers Conference	5 <sup>th</sup> November 16	1	Lough Neagh Discovery Centre	Yes
CIPD NI Wellbeing & Employee Engagement Conference	28 <sup>th</sup> November 16	3	Belfast	Yes

Conveyancing Conference	26 <sup>th</sup> October	1	Belfast	Yes
All Island Local Authority Forum – Women’s Leadership Seminar	15 <sup>th</sup> November	2	Dundalk	Yes

#### **Retrospective Approval Sought**

<b>Conference &amp; Seminar</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance Fee</b>
Food Standards Agency	11 <sup>th</sup> October	1	London	Flights only

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

#### **Matters for Information**

##### **C223/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

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

**Resolved** That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

##### **C224/16 Correspondence to Council**

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

In response to Councillor J Shiels request the Chief Executive advised that the Director of Finance represented Council on the ‘Finance Working Group’ and that he was the current Chair of the group.

**Resolved** That the correspondence contained within the previously circulated report be noted

##### **C225/16 Consideration of Motions**

##### **C225.1.16 Councillor Gildernew moved**

Councillor Gildernew moved the motion as undernoted:

*That this council notes that:*

*A majority of voters in the North of Ireland voted to remain in the European Union in the Brexit referendum which took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.*

*The uncertainty caused by the Brexit referendum result is already damaging trade and investment and causing currency fluctuations which are impacting on cross-Border business.*

*A new EU frontier stretching from Dundalk to Derry would create real hardship for people in this region particularly those who cross the border on a daily basis who would face potential customs checkpoints, traffic delays and the closure of local border roads.*

*That the current economic uncertainty will be overshadowed by the situation that would arise should a hard border result in the imposition of tariffs and the restriction of the free movement of goods, services and people on this island.*

*The end of EU economic support for peace building and border communities will hit many vital community projects who have over the past decade received over £1 billion in EU support.*

*With the end of EU subsidies farmers in the North will suffer a dramatic loss of income as CAP accounts for approximately 80% of farm incomes in the north and that this will be a severe blow to the local economy in rural areas north and south of the border.*

*Noting the advances that have been made in the Peace Process, opening border roads, and integrating communities separated from their natural hinterlands during the years of conflict, the imposition of new barriers and a hard border would be an enormous backward step.*

*Welcomes the initiative of those from the business sector, the community sector, farmers and individuals who have come together to form Border Communities Against Brexit to demand that the Irish and British Governments respect the North's remain vote.*

*Recognising that it makes absolutely no sense to have one part of Ireland operating within the EU and another outside, this council will actively support the campaign by Border Communities Against Brexit or the North's remain vote to be respected.*

Councillor Mallaghan seconded the motion and stated that it was now a daily conversation as to how Brexit would affect people across the Island and in particular those west of the River Bann. He stated that although the description for Brexit is that the whole of the United Kingdom voted for it and thus all has to go with it, that the circumstances here are very different. The Councillor made reference to the impact Brexit would have on beef processing particularly in the Dungannon area, milk production which will not be able to go south and acknowledged that local farmers were facing difficult times ahead. Councillor Mallaghan made reference to

the engineering industry who were feeling the impact of currency fluctuation making purchasing very expensive, to the small rural communities who would no longer be able to avail of EU funding and the haulage industry. In conclusion, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the circumstances of Brexit would be felt worse here than across the water and reiterated his support for the motion.

Councillor Kearney supported the motion referring to the SDLP's support for the motion moved in July to support the people here who voted to remain. The Councillor referred to the pressure farmers, businesses and the community sector would experience and made reference to the SDLP amendment to the motion moved in July which sought an urgent meeting with both the Northern Ireland Assembly and the government in the South. He reiterated that the SDLP continues to work for the will of the people and acknowledged the legal challenge regarding the democratic deficit with regard to Brexit. Councillor Kearney made reference to work at a local level whereby the SDLP MLA had hosted a successful conference in Cookstown about the effects of Brexit which had been attended by 200 people and issues such as citizenship, human rights, effect on economy and farmers had been addressed by an excellent panel of speakers. He further advised that 80 'A level' students had also attended. Councillor Kearney stated that it had taken 40 years to develop an agri-food strategy to which there was 53 trade deals involved, that farmers here receive more in the single farm payment than in England, Scotland and Wales and that small medium enterprises would be hardest hit by Brexit. He continued to state that hoteliers had expressed concern, universities with regard to overseas students and that the average fuel fill had increased by approximately £6. Councillor Kearney emphasised that Mid Ulster farmers especially those on the Borders would be hardest hit and that the establishment of an All-Ireland Civic document permitting access to the European single market was vital to the constituency and that free movement of people and services was essential.

Councillor Cuthbertson posed the question as to how often Council would debate the topic. He reminded Members of the question to the electorate, that it had not been a regional vote and stated that others were 'scare mongering'. The Councillor made reference to the fact that businesses along the border had enjoyed a 20% increase in sales, that £8.3 billion of NI manufacturing goes to the United Kingdom i.e. 46% with 17% global sales and £1.4 billion to the Republic of Ireland and thus he did not accept that Northern Ireland would be in poverty. The Councillor acknowledged that tough decisions would have to be made but stated he would clarify that in relation to border roads and cross border checkpoints in the past the main reason for them had been the genocide and ethnic cleansing campaign by the IRA. Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would not support the motion.

Councillor McLean stated that DUP Members would not support the motion and expressed his disappointment that it had been allowed to progress. The Councillor emphasised that it had been a United Kingdom wide vote of which Northern Ireland is a part and stated that people needed to be realistic and that there were good news stories as the 'tills' in Newry were buzzing and surely no one objected to that. Councillor McLean acknowledged there were hard decisions to be made but stated that the motion flew in the face of Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness who had stated that if the British trigger 'Article 50' he has a duty to represent the people as best as he can.

Councillor Cuddy stated he would have an issue with the motion being brought as it had been less than six months since the issue had been discussed and a decision made. He said he respected the concerns of the people and acknowledged that public opinion had been split as within his own family some had voted to remain whilst others voted against. The Councillor emphasised that whilst he understood and respected what was being said Members needed to avail of all opportunities.

Councillor Reid stated that milk production had been hit when the milk quota had been abolished, that fuel prices had begun to creep up prior to Brexit and there was always fluctuation in fuel prices after the summer months. He emphasised that Northern Ireland was part of the United Kingdom and that the Republic of Ireland had joined the European Union after the United Kingdom. In relation to a closed border Councillor Reid stated that this was not factually true and referred to the matter of Brexit being debated previously yet it was back on the agenda. He stated that the UUP would not be supporting the motion

The Chair, Councillor Wilson emphasised that the country was Northern Ireland and was part of the United Kingdom and was not the 'North of Ireland' as referred to in the motion. He acknowledged that the UUP recognise the percentage of people who had voted to remain but stated it was a country wide vote. The Chair advised that he had permitted the motion to be brought to the meeting and bringing the debate to a close sought Councillor Gildernew's response.

Councillor Gildernew acknowledged that people were entitled to their own view but emphasised he had drove a lorry for many years and had to leave home to cross custom checkpoints and emphasised that roads were closed and it had been the military who had decided the location of the designated checkpoints. With regard to sales increases in Newry Councillor Gildernew emphasised his main concern was the 'tills in Mid Ulster' as those in Aughnacloy were not enjoying the rise in sales and stated that Europe would dictate border regulations not the British Prime Minister.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson called for a vote on the motion

For 20

Against 12

The Chair Councillor Wilson declared the motion carried.

#### **C225.2.16 Councillor Cuthbertson moved**

Councillor Cuthbertson in moving the motion stated that everyone would remember the devastating scenes at the Linen Green, Moygashel following the horrendous flooding early last December. He advised that the flooding had been caused when a grill on the Park Lake Stream became blocked resulting in the flood waters engulfing the entire Linen Green site of which no business escaped. Councillor Cuthbertson reminded Members that the businesses had just commenced their most important trading period in the run up to Christmas and had overcome huge difficulties to be open for business within a 24 hour period. The Councillor stated that earlier in the

year a site meeting had been convened at which officers of both the Council and Rivers Agency had been in attendance. During the meeting the delegation had walked the Park Lake Stream and inspected the grill. At the conclusion of the meeting the Rivers Agency had assured Council that they would carry out a review and compile a report on the flooding and measures needed to prevent a reoccurrence. It was noted that the report was to be available in July 2016 but as yet had not been received. In conclusion, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that with no report, not subsequent prevention measures with winter fast approaching there was great concern amongst the traders and thus he moved the motion as undernoted.

*That Mid Ulster District Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, expressing disappointment that Rivers Agency has yet to publish their report on the flooding and also the prevention works needed, to prevent the repeat of the flooding which occurred early December 2015, at the Park Lake Stream which resulted in devastating consequences for traders at the Linen Green, Moygashel.*

Councillor McLean seconded the motion.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that all recognised what had previously occurred but stated that as the Minister for Infrastructure was scheduled to meet a delegation from Council on 16 November he would request that Councillor Cuthbertson withdraw the motion and discuss the issues of concern at the meeting.

Councillor McAleer stated that it was shocking that the report and prevention works required had not been carried out and emphasised that businesses did not need this in hard economic times.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that he believed that Council required a response back with regard to the issue.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that if the motion was carried this evening a letter could be forwarded to the Minister for Infrastructure and thus he could respond on the 16 November.

The Chair Councillor Wilson stated that as there was no opposition he declared the motion carried.

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That items C226/16- C236/16 be taken as confidential business.

*The press left the meeting at 8.00 pm*

### **C237/16 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.30pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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**B**

**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 1 November 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McElDowney, McKinney, McPeake, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Kearney, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr McCrystal, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

**Applicant Speakers**

I/2014/0339/F	Mr Gary Ward
I/2014/0339/F	Ross Planning
I/2014/0339/F	Graham Bell
LA09/2015/0256/F	Councillor Molloy
LA09/2015/0256/F	Mr David Worthington
LA09/2016/0042/F	Mr Andrew Ryan – TLT Solicitors
LA09/2016/0647/F	Mr Jim Maneely
LA09/2016/0685/F	Mr Joe Diamond
LA09/2016/0999/O	Jeffrey Morrow
LA09/2016/1114/F	Councillor Molloy
LA09/2016/1114/F	David Maxwell
LA09/2016/1114/F	Stephen Boyle
LA09/2016/1115/LBC	Councillor Molloy
LA069/2015/1098/F	Mr Jim Maneely

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

**P170/16 Apologies**

Councillors Mullen

**P171/16 Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in applications I/2014/0399/F and LA09/2016/0042/F.

Councillor Glasgow advised that he would be speaking on behalf of the Applicant on application LA09/2016/0042/F.

**P173/16      Chair's Business**

No issues.

**P174/16      Confirm Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 4 October 2016 (P160/16 – P165/16 & P169/16) were considered and, subject to the foregoing, signed as accurate and correct.

**Matters for Decision**

**P175/16      Planning Applications for Determination**

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

**H/2014/0253/F      Wind Turbine (of up to 30m hub height and with blades up to 42.3m to tip height) at lands 256m SW of 27 Calmore Road, Tobermore for Wesley Tomb**

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved:** That planning application H/2014/0253/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**I/2014/0399/F      Single Wind Turbine at Beltonanean Mountain, Cookstown for Mr Graham Bell**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application I/2014/0399/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Cuthbertson made reference to a further 6 turbines and enquired if they were live.

The Planning Officer advised that existing proposals were taken into account but that the application for a windfarm was still processing and that the application before the committee was for a single turbine.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson regarding the sequence of applying for the applications, Ms McCullagh (SPO) stated that the applicant applied for the single turbine first.

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

Mr Ward told the committee that his family live at No. 8 Beltonanean Road and that the proposed wind turbine would leave a detrimental effect on his family life. He stated that the blades of the turbine are in full view of the kitchen window and the noise and shadows would be detrimental to the concentration of his children doing their homework at the kitchen table.

Mr Ward advised that Mrs McGlinchey, Planning Appeals Commissioner visited the property and she was of the opinion when information was all generated that permission shouldn't be granted.

He urged the Committee to agree with the recommendation of the Planners and to refuse the application due to the effects that the wind turbine would have on his family life.

Mr Bell advised that there were no negative comments made as it wasn't close to any houses. The nearest house was over 800 metres away and across the mountain. He felt that the recommendation of the planning report was incorrect and that the application be deferred until further consideration was given.

Mr Bell stated that NIEA raised no objections and that the impact on the dwelling was clearly unacceptable as the nearest house is 860 metres from the wind turbine. He felt that the Planners were setting a precedent as they were hostile towards wind turbines. He felt that as there were no objections from government agencies and to refuse the application would harm the creditability of the Council and said that the application should be deferred due to the flaws within the report.

Mr Bell referred to page 4 of the plan which was circulated and advised that incorrect information was presented for the committee to make a decision on.

The Planning Officer felt confident that it was the site which was consulted on.

The Planning Manager advised that a farm building wasn't evident on the report and said that it was very important to determine what was being put before the planning committee and would be satisfied to deter the decision if members were agreeable.

Councillor Bell enquired if Ms McCullagh (SPO) could respond on the incorrect location.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) stated that she could do so if required. She said that the maps which were submitted may not have picked up a farm building and rather showed a ruin.

Mr Bell pointed out the outlined farm buildings on the overhead presentation and felt that the committee would be vulnerable to make a decision at this stage before further consideration was given.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

**Resolved:** That planning application I/2014/0399/F be deferred until further investigations are carried out.

**LA09/2015/0227/F Wind Turbine associated access and 2 electricity cabinets  
230m NE of 62 Bush Road, Dungannon for Mr Brian  
Cummings**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/0227/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/0227/F be refused.

**LA09/2015/0256/F 44 Dwellings, Estate Roads and Ancillary Works at Earls  
Court, Carland Road, Dungannon for Knockburn Ltd**

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

The Senior Planning Officer circulated an addendum to members present on additional information received on the above item since the agenda was issued.

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 advised that he wasn't against the revised proposal as it was hard to argue against the need for housing in Dungannon. He said that residents of Knockmore Drive had concerns regarding the lack of green space and play areas for children and teenagers.

Councillor Molloy felt that in order to move the application on, consideration would need to be given to making provision for green space and the installation of play equipment.

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

Mr Worthington said that he was fully supportive of the planning officers' decision to approve the application. He advised that 23 hectare site is a normal size for a suburban housing development and that PPS5 reflects this in their plans.

He stated that open space can be incidental and doesn't necessarily have to be open to still retain the diversity of wildlife and trees.

He said that the relationship with existing houses wasn't an issue as they were between 20-40 metres away which contributed to no privacy issues.

The Planning Manager stated that one of the reasons he agreed with Councillor Molloy was on his opinion relating to open space in the area. He said that it was important to consider the recreational needs of children within the area and if the applicant was agreeable then a suitable scheme could be implemented into the scheme which would benefit everyone.

Councillor Reid advised that this was the old Drumglass School site and that existing houses had no access to play facilities. He suggested that as a goodwill gesture the developer implement a suitable play facility so that children didn't have to cross the road. He said that he would support the application on the basis on the amendment of play facilities.

The Planning Manager suggested granting the application for approval subject to condition that play equipment be provided.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/0256/F be approved subject to the conditions on the implementation of appropriate play provision for the area.

**LA09/2015/0845/F Change of House type (from approved under M/2013/0225/F) at 100m E of 99 Tullyvar Road, Aughnacloy for Halingsham Ltd**

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/0845/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/1044/F Change of use to activity farm using existing farm buildings at 50m W of 131 Orritor Road, Cookstown for Mr J Faulkner**

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/1044/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/1107/F 4 applications for major new/existing development, for  
LA09/2016/0069/F industrial/ commercial use of 106 Syerla Road, Dungannon  
LA09/2016/0072/F for O&S Holdings Ltd  
LA09/2016/0427/F**

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

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that it would be more beneficial for the case officer to go through the applications for members present before making a proposal.

The Senior Planning Officer updated the Committee on the proposals outlined above.

Councillor Gildernew said that he wasn't aware of any objections being made from any neighbours. He said that the company concerned was a very successful business which employed in the region of 300 people. He stated that the applicant complies with all the regulations he is asked to do by all the relative agencies.

Councillor Cuthbertson raised concern about businesses within the rural community just continually proceeding to break the law and only applying for planning permission when they're detected.

The Planning Manager disagreed with Councillor Cuthbertson and advised that development management in Mid Ulster was getting better and that it was important that where unauthorised development occurred, planning applications be sought to ensure regulation through condition in liaison with other authorities.

The Planning Manager advised that from the case officer's report it shows that criteria was met and leeway given because it was a major planning application. He said the law was not perfect as there were loopholes and this has put it right by making a determination. If the building was already there, the community was aware and not worried about the expansion.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that there was no deterrent to stop this sort of thing happening again.

The Planning Manager disagreed with Councillor Cuthbertson and advised that this was on the basis of someone feeling they can go above the law.

Councillor Mallaghan said that nothing has changed within the last 18 months with buildings etc., but that the quarry industry had been hit tremendously hard and there was a need to be more flexible to move on which is much needed within the rural community.

Councillor Bateson felt that if some members weren't happy with the decisions made by Officers, then they should reconsider their position about sitting on the planning committee if contradictions were going to be made.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that he was only raising the issue of breaking the law and the consequences relating to it.

The Chair said if what was proposed met planning policy then the Committee has to abide by this.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved:** That planning applications LA09/2015/1107/F, LA09/2016/0069/F, LA09/2016/0072/F and LA09/2016/0472/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/1215/F 24 Dwellings at lands E of 21 Magherafelt Road and N of 15 & 40 Fairlea Heights, Moneymore for A N Property**

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

The Planning Manager asked that this application be withdrawn to enable a drainage assessment to be completed.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/1215/F be withdrawn until further information is received.

**LA09/2015/1286/A Static Electronic Sign at Spar Supermarket, 2 Magherafelt Road, Tobermore for R and J Foods Ltd**

The Acting Senior Planning Officer presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1286/A advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Cuthbertson said as it's a static sign and not moving, was there any consideration given to making the recommendation of not having it lit at night. He enquired about the precedent set as there was a similar sign in Coalisland which wasn't static.

The Planning Manager said that an electronic sign was always going to be dominant and enquired if this was what we want in villages. He said although signage was important to direct the public to shops it shouldn't be seen to over dominate.

Councillor Bell asked would it be possible for the applicant to consider relocating the sign.

The Planning Manager advised that he would be happy to discuss options with the applicant on possible way forward.

Councillor McAleer said that careful consideration needs to be given to this application as there were two roundabouts nearby with road safety being the major factor.



Councillor McKinney stated that the gable wall was the only place that the sign could be erected as there was no alternative site to put it on. He felt that the decision to refuse the application was harsh as there were bigger and brighter signs in other towns and villages in the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor J Shiels referred to other illuminated signs in other villages like Maghera and asked if there was any way that lighting could be dimmed down as it can be dangerous to motorists.

The Planning Manager said that there were two reasons to refuse the application, these being was it detrimental to road safety or detrimental to amenity. He said that Transport NI advised it failed on was road safety and the case officer had advised on detrimental impact on visual amenity..

Councillor Reid proposed to defer the application until further information is received.

The Planning Manager in reply to Councillor Reid's proposal stated that there were times when an officer makes a recommendation, the Committee needs to make a decision and he asked that this be the case tonight.

Councillor McAleer stated that she was concerned about discussing this application further if TransportNI refused the application on the grounds of road safety and said that she would be supportive of the recommendation to refuse based on that principle.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan

To refuse the application on the basis of road safety and visual amenity as per the office recommendation.

Councillor Mallaghan also raised concern about the sign being a distraction but felt that all signs should be judged on their own merit.

Councillor McKinney proposed that consideration should be given to making the sign static for a much longer period of time and that road safety was related to the house on the corner and not the sign.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

To defer the application until further options were considered.

The Planning Manager urged the Committee to make a decision on way forward.

Members voted on Councillor McAleer's proposal to refuse the application as follows:

For – 8  
Against – 6

Members voted on Councillor McKinney's proposal to approving the application as follows:

For – 6

Against - 8

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/1286/A be refused on the basis of road safety and visual amenity as per the officer recommendation.

**LA09/2016/0042/F Change of Use from Tyre Store to Petrol Filling Station with Retail Sales, Café, Ancillary Areas and Parking Facilities at Unit 1 (b), 1 Loves Hill, Castledawson for Noel and Marie Lennon**

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

Mr McCrystal (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1286/A advising that it is recommended for approval but that one late objection had been received following publication of the Committee Schedule.

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

Mr Ryan said that he was objecting to the application on the instruction of his client, citing that the development of a filling station on a major trunk road should have a 12 mile radius between each one. He said that this is not the case on this stretch of road as there were numerous filling station and it was hard to establish the need for another one. He advised that such facilities should be on an existing settlement which wasn't the case here and that the other issue was that the proposal was in an established area. In his opinion it was incorrectly applied and vulnerable to legal decision and asked that the application be deferred until adequate information was received.

The Planning Manager referred to Mr Ryan's statement that he was representing his client's commercial interest and invited him to elaborate as to who the client was and what was his interests were. He also asked if the Council were minded to treat this as an exception to the policy were there any other considerations other than those relating to the policy he wish for members to consider.

Mr Ryan declined to provide more information on his client and said that he client was only interested on the policy ground and that the fundamentals within the proposal haven't been fully considered within the decision.

The Chair invited Councillor Glasgow to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Councillor Glasgow told members that this was a family run business and not a huge corporation. He said that the applicant was reusing a current business which was a big bonus in the rural area and that TransportNI were agreeable as there were no issues. He advised that he had no hesitation on agreeing to speak on behalf of the applicant as there was a need for healthy competition in the area and would personally welcome the establishment coming to the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor McPeake said that he would be supportive of the application as it was a family run business and that approval should be granted.

The Planning Manager referred to Mr Ryan's comment that the policy had not been fully considered and concurred that he felt there were failing in the officer's report and that in his view the policy test had not been met. He therefore requested the Planning Committee consider carefully the wording of the policy and how it related to the application. The Planning Manager then read the policy out loud focusing on the key policy tests in policy IC15 of the Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland. He explained that the policy stated that the provision of roadside service facilities on the trunk road network in the open countryside may be considered acceptable where there is a clear indication of need. The objector had highlighted that it was their view there was no policy provision for a service station because it was not directly on the trunk road network and that no case of need had been considered. The Planning Manager explained that he felt it was a moot point to argue that it was not on the trunk road network given its location and ease of access via an adjoining access road. He explained that the policy did facilitate roadside services for long distance travellers and that it is not always appropriate to expect travellers to divert off major routes for services. The Planning Manager explained that the proposed site would provide convenience to road travellers both travelling in an east west and north south direction. However, he also explained that if pressure for petrol filling stations is left unchecked this could result in a loss of environmental quality. In this case given the petrol filling station is an existing tyre store unit with neighbouring restaurants and industrial/commercial units nearby. As a result it was difficult to see why it would have a detrimental environmental impact.

The Planning Manager reiterated that there were two facets relating to Mr Ryan's objection the first relating to the fact that the site was not directly on the trunk road network and the second relating to the issue of need. In relation to location on the trunk road, the Planning Manager explained that the policy stated that there will be no necessity to locate petrol filling stations in the open countryside. The Planning Manager advised that in this case account needed to be taken of the location of the proposed petrol filling station which was on a minor road accessing on to the Castledawson roundabout both serving the main road network in a north south and east west direction. Indeed, this location already offered services which included restaurants and a Kentucky Fried Chicken and a park and ride. Therefore to suggest that the application be refused because the site was not directly on the main road failed to recognise its existing convenience and advantages for the motorist. He also advised that it already offered a degree of service to the road user given it was a tyre depot. The Planning Manager was therefore of the view that the site could be considered to serve the main road network by virtue of its siting in relation to the Castledawson interchange and it would be inappropriate to rule it out purely because it was in the countryside.

The Planning Manager went on to state that the policy did ask for a clear indication of need and that this was measured in terms of distance of the nearest petrol filling stations. The policy stated that in normal circumstances it is considered reasonable to expect a driver to travel at least 12 miles along the traffic route network before reaching a petrol or service station and that new facilities within 12 miles would not normally be permitted. The Planning Manager drew Committees attention to the word

normally in the policy and that need was expressed in relation to the 12 mile travelling distance criteria. In fact on English motorways there was a tendency for service stations to be located at fairly precise 12 mile intervals. In this case it was clear that travelling west there was a service station at the foot of the Glenshane pass which was not more than 9 miles away and service also existed in the eastern direction at Toome. He also indicated that facilities existed in a North South direction at Magherafelt and Castledawson. Therefore this policy test had not been met. However, in his view Members may make an exception to this test due to the weight that can be given to other material consideration. These include the fact that it would be inconvenient to expect motorists to turn off to Magherafelt or Castledawson when travelling east to west to seek petrol. It also included the fact that the roundabout acted as a convenient interchange service east west and north south directions. Weight must be given to the last use as a tyre store which in itself offers a degree of service to motorists. Weight can also be given to the variety of surrounding areas, as already stated, these included restaurants and a park and ride, which added to the merits of the location already being a service hub.

The Planning Manager also advised that the policy required that access should not be hazardous and should be designed without dangerous right hand turning lanes. He said that this location had the advantage of utilising the existing traffic controls associated with the roundabout system and avoided the need for paring service stations, thus reducing environmental impact. The case officer also confirmed that Transport NI had raised no objection on roads grounds.

The key test in relation to environmental impact outlined in the policy related to integration with the landscape. The Planning Manager advised that given the premises was already a tyre centre and that it was clustered with a range of other buildings and uses it was his view that this would not have a detrimental impact on the countryside. The case officer confirmed that no objections had been received from Environmental Health or any of the other consultees.

The Planning Manager also pointed out that consideration need to be given to the retailing and café included in the proposal. The case officer to confirm the size of the unit was over 160 sq. metres gross, but that it comprised a small office toilets and a café seating an preparation area, as well as retail. The net retail floorspace was just over 30 sq. metres. The Planning Manager advised that policy recognised that petrol filling stations now provide a range of retail goods but that such shops should remain secondary to the use of the petrol station. He was satisfied that this could be achieved if conditions were applied to restrict the retailing unit to that area shown on the plans. He was also satisfied that a retail unit of the area stated would not adversely affect the vitality and viability of the neighbouring town and village centres, but again control over the floor area through condition was important.

In conclusion, the Planning Manager advised that whilst this proposal did not meet the policy tests he was content that Members could treat this as an exception. Indeed taking into account the convenience to motorists, the locational advantages of the site, the permitted uses as a tyre store, and the nature of surrounding buildings he was willing to recommend that this be treated as an exception and permission be granted subject to conditions.

Councillor Mallaghan felt that it's a good outcome and unless there was adequate objections then scare tactics have no place within this committee.

Councillor McKinney enquired if there was provision made for public conveniences at the site and Mr McCrystal advised that these were incorporated into the proposal.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0042/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0647/F Retention of Existing Domestic Garage at Lands W of and Adj. to 17 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland for Vivean Teague**

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

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0647/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0685/F Change of House Type, Repositioning on Site and New Double Garage to Supersede H/2007/0670/F (amended access) at approx. 65m NE of 33A Culbane Road, Portglenone for Ger McPeake**

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

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0685/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0700/O Dwelling and Domestic Double Garage 80m S of 49 Glenshane Road, Knockloughrim for William Shiels**

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0700/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0783/F Retrospective Application for Car Parking Area at Lands to the Rear of 2 – 12 Moneymore Road, Cookstown for LCC Group Ltd**

Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in the application and advised that he would like the opportunity to speak after the report was presented.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0783/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Mallaghan advised that the houses nearby belong to the applicant and that the tenants were happy enough to allow this to happen. This carparking facility has been ongoing for over 5 years, and on that basis it should continue to be used like that. He asked that a deferral for an office meeting until further information is received.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the dismissal by TransportNI and felt that it was a safety issue. He also suggested that if the applicant owned the houses nearby, it may be the case of having to demolish one.

The Planning Manager said that he felt sympathy towards the applicant and would like to get a solution but that Transport NI have objected due to the dangers of traffic, especially on one way but just can't reach a suitable solution.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that listening to what was said tonight that he would agree that the application should be refused.

Councillor Gildernew agreed with Councillor Mallaghan to proceed with a deferral until further information was received.

Councillor Mallaghan enquired if applicant could determine a use for over 5 years could this be considered. He said that evidence was there to prove that there were carparking facilities for staff and residents.

The Planning Manager advised that an enforcement notice had been lodged and that whilst there was some logic in deferring decision until after the appeal, it would be necessary for the grounds for refusing the retention of this use be presented at appeal.

Councillor Cuthbertson suggested that an officer check to see if the planning appeal relates to the decision or the 5 year immunity.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

To defer the meeting until further information is received.

Proposed by Councillor Clement  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

To refuse the application on the grounds of roads safety.

Councillor McAleer said that she would like to see a safe parking solution for residents of the houses living nearby.

Councillor Gildernew advised that he would also be concerned about road safety but would like to see a favourable solution also.

Councillor Reid said that if the Planning Manager has exhausted all avenues for a favourable solution that the only option would be to refuse the application.

The Chair said that the planning appeal could overtake us and would like to see a favourable solution, but on the basis of road safety this could prove difficult.

Councillor McAleer enquired if there was any way around it if they were using the same carparking facilities for 5 years and asked if the residents of the 6 nearby houses used the carparking facilities.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that there was existing parking for the nearby houses and that TransportNI can't remove that.

The Planning Manager referred to Councillor Cuthbertson suggestion and said that as the applicant was a businessman, it may be a possible way forward to demolish one of the house to make way for carparking.

Councillor McAleer proposed to defer the application until negotiations take place on a possible better outcome.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that he was happy to defer but not to the extent of getting an outcome from the Planning Appeal, but would prefer to make a decision tonight.

The Planning Manager felt as an officer's recommendation is in front of members it should be considered, but that it doesn't do any harm to defer applications.

*Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 9.12 pm and returned at 9.14 pm.*

*Councillor Bell left the meeting at 9.12 pm and returned at 9.16 pm*

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0783/F be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2016/0941/F Amended House Design from Approval M/2008/0501 on sites at The Old Fairways Avenue, Colbrooke Road, Fivemiletown for Rahoran Ltd**

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0941/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0947/O Dwelling and Domestic Garage at 100m NW of Junction to Strawmore Lane and Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Vincent McKenna**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0947/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor McPeake requested a deferral on the above application to further investigate options under the farming criteria.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0947/O to defer for an office meeting.

**LA09/2016/0999/O Dwelling on a Farm approximately 80m SW of 39 Mountjoy Road, Dungannon for Martha Dunlop**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0999/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Morrow advised that this site consisted of a 57 acre farm which had been run by Ms Martha Dunlop since the death of her mother. Ms Dunlop's mother had been in receipt of the single farm payment until her death in 2013 which was carried on until 2014 by Ms Martha Dunlop until the process changed. Ms Martha Dunlop is not in receipt of a business number and seems unlikely to receive one due to the change in single farm payment rules. Mr Morrow stated that there is evidence that this is still an active farm holding.

In response to the Planning Manager's query on whether Ms Martha Dunlop was considering applying for a business number, Mr Morrow advised that it was highly unlikely that she would be eligible for the single farm payment, although she was actively using the farm.

Councillor McKinney advised that anyone who previously had a single farm payment number only stayed active until their death.

The Planning Manager suggested deferring this application until further consideration is given by Officers.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and



**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0999/O be deferred until additional matters are considered by Officers.

**LA09/2016/1114/F      Refurbishment of Listed Building to include Demolition  
LA09/2016/1115/LBC      of Existing 2 Storey Rear Return and Construction of New  
   2 Storey Extension and New Single Storey Extension to  
   Rear of Strathmullan House, 56 Killymeal Road,  
   Dungannon for Stephen and Kiera Boyle**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1114/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Maxwell, Mr Boyle and Councillor Molloy in turn to address the committee.

Mr Maxwell advised that he fully supported the scheme on the building and felt the issue mostly related to the indistinguishable difference between the PVC window frames and the wooden window frames proposed for B2 Listed Buildings.

The applicant, Mr Boyle advised that he and his wife took on the idea of restoring the listed building to make it into a family home. He said that before they purchased the building it was a haven for anti-social behaviour and a ruin. He said that to replace the windows was going to prove very expensive as the wooden windows proposed by Historic Environment Division (HED) were in the region of £59,000 and PVC timber effect ones were £19,000. He told the committee that he had taken in samples for members to show the lack of distinguishment between them. He said that the restoration would be an ambitious venture but would like the opportunity to make this into a family home.

Councillor Molloy said that he would like to see the Boyle family having the opportunity to make this into a family home and felt that with advances in windows that it was very hard to distinguish between the windows. He advised that although built heritage was important, this house could be restored to its residential beauty again and that members should give consideration to this request and if not, would ask for a site meeting.

Councillor Gildernew felt that £40,000 was a huge difference in expenditure for the windows and would certainly have a problem recommending it.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

To approve the applications.

Councillor Mallaghan advised that this was a different circumstance to protecting our heritage and that underneath the paint there was wood. He felt that sometimes things get very carried away on what they have to protect and that it was the onus of the Planning Committee to take this proposal as it was making the dwelling into a family home and combating anti-social behaviour in the area.

Councillor McAleer agreed that £40,000 was a lot of money and felt that it was hard to distinguish between the wood and PVC had come a long way.

The Planning Manager agreed that there was an onus on the Committee to treat everyone equally. He advised that at a recent meeting the Council had refused the use of PVC windows in a listed building based on HED recommendation. In the interest of ensuring consistency the Planning Manager asked the committee to give him the opportunity to consider the matter further. If following this the Committee wished to grant permission, the application would need to be forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure for their consideration.

Councillor Robinson referred to listed buildings and said that he liked to see things preserved and criteria adhered to, but that he proposed deferring the application for a month until options are explored to see if a favourable outcome could be reached.

Councillor Gildernew withdrew his proposal and said that he would be happy to second Councillor Robinson's proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That planning applications LA09/2016/1114/F and LA09/2016/1115/LBC be deferred until other options are explored.

*Councillor McPeake left the meeting at 9.45 pm.*

**LA09/2015/0085/O Dwelling and Garage 80m S of 11 Strawmore Lane,  
Draperstown for Gerard Kelly**

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

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/0085/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2015/1098/F 2 Detached Bungalows at Lands 50m NW of 8 Brackaville  
Road, Coalisland for James McGuinness**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1098/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager advised that he would like to hold off on this application until proper planning was in place for the site at Coalisland and suggested waiting until the preferred options paper was made public on Monday.

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

Mr Maneely advised the committee that this application was deferred on the 1 March 2016, with requested accurate information being brought back and several months down the line still no further forward. He said that TransportNI haven't submitted anything, with DETI willing to wait to see if there was a drive which would be their conclusion to the matter. Mr Maneely said that the applicant would be happy to wait as long there was light at the end of the tunnel. In relation to a time line he enquired when there was an indication when this may come up.

The Planning Manager advised that officers were tasked to make a decision on this application and that members should agree with the recommendation as it is for the good of Coalisland. He referred to planning policy and said to let her know of the decision as it was a very complex planning application. He said that there was now a major opportunity to change the whole face of Coalisland.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2015/1098/F to refused.

**LA09/2016/0037/O Site for Infill Dwelling and Garage 80m NW of 4 Dunmurry Road, Moneyneany for Joe Morgan**

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0037/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

*Councillor Gildernew left the meeting at 9.55 pm.*

**The meeting took a recess at 9.55pm and returned at 10.15 pm**

**Development Plan**

**P176/16 Council's Response to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper**

The Planning Officer drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide members with a consultation response to the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC) Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper which was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, local councils are required to consult with consultation bodies, which includes the Council for any district which adjoins that Council carrying out the consultation, before a Council prepares its development plan.

ASAI took place about 10 years again which is similar to Fermanagh and Omagh and that the ASAI be extended.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to agree to a response being issued to FODC as detailed in report and note the contents of the report.

**Matters for Information**

**P177/16 Correspondence from Department of Communities**

The Head of Development Management presented report on Correspondence from Department of Communities to inform members of the outcome of the recent consultation exercise on Ecclesiastical exemption.

Members noted the contents of the report from the Director of Historic Environment Division.

**P178/16 Appeal Decisions Received**

The Head of Development Management presented report on Planning Appeals Decisions to inform members of recent Planning Appeal decisions.

Members noted the contents of the report on Planning Appeal decisions.

**179/16 Report of Delegated Decisions Issued in September 2016**

Members noted the content of the report of delegated decisions issued in September 2016.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke vacated the Chair whilst item LA09/2016/0681/N1 was discussed.

Councillor Mallaghan referred to application LA09/2016/0681/N1 for a wind turbine at Broughderg and raised concern that an office meeting had taken place without members being made aware of it.

The Planning Manager advised that as there was no material change made to the application, it wasn't necessary for members to be in attendance as there wasn't a political decision required, but advised that the issue was still ongoing and would reply to members in due course.

Councillor Mallaghan said that he would be concerned about two issues, firstly that a person would claim on the application form that the wind turbine was for community use and secondly the issue of the community waiting this length of time before raising concern about the wind turbine.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke returned to the Chair.

## **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** That items P180/16 to P184/16 be taken as confidential business.

### **P185/16      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 10.50 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 3 November 2016 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Gildernew, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.07 pm), Buchanan, Cuddy, Elattar (7.07 pm), Forde, Mallaghan (7.07 pm), McKinney, McLean, McPeake (7.07 pm), Molloy (7.07 pm), M Quinn (7.07 pm), T Quinn, Totten (7.07 pm)

**Officers in Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure  
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mrs McNally, Council Solicitor  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Councillor McKinney took the Chair for the first items of business.

**PR194/16 Apologies**

None.

**PR195/16 Declaration of Interest**

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

**PR196/16 Chair's Business**

None.

**PR197/16 Presentation – Mid Ulster Social Media Arrangements**

The Head of Marketing and Communications provided powerpoint presentation on social media arrangements for Mid Ulster District Council.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that management of social media as a corporate communications tool requires a great deal of planning, is resource intensive and requires responsiveness in a timely manner.

*Councillors Bateson, Elattar, Gildernew, Mallaghan, McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn and Totten entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.*

It was advised that at the point of Council's merging in April 2015 there were close to 30 separate web and social media channels with differing levels of activity and engagement. The initial aim was to review, reduce, converge and re-focus social media channels. As a result the main channels agreed and now operational are 10 Facebook channels, 4 Twitter channels and 2 You Tube channels.

Since April 2015 progress has also included the introduction of content planning across services and channels along with prioritised event based activity and campaign work and using social channels to target markets. The Head of Marketing and Communications highlighted successful campaigns such as event at Maghera Walled Garden and Binovation campaign which both had a high outreach over social media channels.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that what works well on social media is human interest and people focussed content along with timely and accurate responses. Getting information out in a crisis or emergency such as recent fire at Cookstown Leisure Centre is also important.

It was advised that the next steps in terms of social media arrangements includes further roll out of staff training to facility led channels, continued focus on content planning and integration of activity across channels and agreement and introduction of more formal measures for social media evaluation.

*The Chair, Councillor Gildernew took the Chair at this point of the meeting and apologised for his late arrival and that of his colleagues.*

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the number of social media channels used and asked if there was a possibility of missing a message if a person was only linked to one of the Council channels, the Councillor further asked if there was any thought to reducing the current number of Council channels.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that from the starting point of close to 30 channels in April 2015 it was thought the number of channels could have been reduced more drastically, however it was highlighted that a number of channels are all well used and would be difficult to cut these, in addition it was advised that there was currently no channel for Dungannon Leisure Centre and that this may need looked at going forward.

Councillor Mallaghan commented that there had been a big improvement in Twitter feed in recent months.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Marketing and Communications advised that marketing and communications staff have access to all channels but that each individual channel is managed by staff from the relevant department/location.

Councillor McLean asked what would happen if someone stepped outside their remit and put something on which could fall back on Council.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that there was a policy in place and that staff responsible for submitting posts were trained, however this did not



necessarily mean that an inappropriate post may never be put online. It was advised that if something did happen steps would be taken to remove the post.

**PR198/16     Receive and confirm minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved**     That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 October 2016 (PR173/16 – PR182/16 and PR193/16) were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR199/16     Ulster Scots Policy – Good Relations Implications**

The Director of Culture and Leisure presented previously circulated report which advised on the possible impacts of the Draft Ulster-Scots Language Policy and considered recommendations as to the mitigating actions.

Councillor Cuddy asked what feedback had been received from Ulster Scots Agency.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that the feedback received from the Ulster Scots Agency raised a number of issues of discrimination between Ulster Scots and Irish language, it was advised however that the European Charter dealt with the issue of discrimination between the minority (Ulster-Scots) and majority language (English). The policy had been amended to reflect the requirements of the Charter regarding discrimination.

Councillor Cuddy commented that there did not appear to be any monies as yet allocated to Ulster Scots and felt that monies should be allocated on a pro rata basis between Ulster Scots and Irish. The Councillor stated that both cultures needed to be respected and that all residents paid rates therefore all residents should get something back. Councillor Cuddy asked when the budget would be set for Ulster Scots.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised there was a budget for minority languages and also a culture and arts budget, the Director stated that officers were now entering into planning for next year's budget and that a plan for actions and activities for Ulster Scots would feed into the budget setting process.

Councillor McPeake felt there was some misunderstanding by the Ulster Scots Agency in that they had not grasped the differences in the European Charter in relation to Irish and Ulster Scots, the Councillor stated that resource should follow need and also commented on the poor response to Council's consultation on the Ulster Scots Policy.

Councillor Cuddy felt that too much emphasis was put on the European Charter, the Councillor stated he did not want to take away from the Irish Language but that a 60/40 split needed to be achieved in terms of funding towards Irish and Ulster Scots.

Councillor Ashton commented that a valid point had been raised in relation to consultation responses she advised however that there was a feeling amongst Unionist community groups that their opinions were not listened to, the Councillor advised that there was a desire for funding towards the cultural element of Ulster Scots. Councillor Ashton also referred to the timing of meetings for language working groups and stated that a 5pm start time was not suitable as those Members who are in employment are unable to attend at that time.

Councillor Buchanan referred to the consultation responses and the discontentment there was in that the Council logo is only in English and Irish and asked what the Council was doing to address this.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that steps were being taken to increase the visibility of Ulster Scots on Council Intranet and website. In terms of Council logo the Director stated that the logo that exists is what was adopted by Council.

Councillor Bateson stated that he was not trying to diminish Ulster Scots but felt there needed to be an objective assessment between the two languages and that the European Charter currently provides this starting point. The Councillor questioned what would happen the European Charter when UK leave Europe.

Councillor McPeake advised that the British Government had signed up to the European Charter which also dealt with other minority languages such as Cornish and Manx. The Councillor stated that there will still need to be some form of assessment between languages following Brexit.

Councillor Cuddy clarified that he did not think that funding towards Irish language should be reduced but that funding between Irish and Ulster Scots should be proportionate.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew stated that the two languages were not like for like.

Councillor Molloy also felt that Councillor Cuddy was missing the point and that there was a difference between a language and the cultural aspects of a language.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the Gaeltacht in which he stated that participants spend one hour a day on learning the Irish language and the rest of the day is spent on cultural activities.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the point of the Gaeltacht was for someone to immerse themselves in the Irish language, he stated that all activities were conversed in Irish and it was not right for Councillor Cuddy to state that only one hour a day was spent on learning Irish. The Councillor also referred to the Ulster Scots translation of Mid Ulster District Council contained within the report and stated he did not feel this was correct. Councillor Mallaghan advised he was open to discussions regarding budgets for languages, he stated that the Ulster Scots community needed to play to their strengths and referenced the strong pipe band

and dancing culture but felt there needed to be some realism in terms of Ulster Scots language.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the recommendations made by the Good Relations Working Group as below and approve the Ulster-Scots policy.

Grounds	Recommendation
Race/Ethnic origin	1. Alongside implementation of the Draft Ulster Scots language Policy, the Council should introduce other policies to accommodate the language needs of minority ethnic communities within the District.
Religious Belief and Political Opinion	2. The policy should be implemented in a way that provides for a visible recognition of the importance of Ulster Scots Language as being an integral part of the make-up of the District. Ulster Scots language text should also be increasingly incorporated in Mid Ulster District Councils website.
	3. There is a need to engage with the Ulster Scots communities in a process of developing the 'language'. This could also include working with other Public Bodies.
	4. Team training or briefing sessions should be done in a manner that 'promotes understanding and tackles prejudice' for staff, in the use of Ulster Scots. The general consensus on the proposed 'Courtesy Code' was that it should be developed with staff representatives so as to reflect the Council's intentions under the policy.
People with a disability and persons without	5. Council should introduce a policy to accommodate the language needs of people with disabilities within the District.

*The Director of Culture and Leisure left the meeting at 7.52 pm.*

#### **PR200/16 Revised Customer Services Policy**

The Head of Marketing and Communications presented previously circulated report which highlighted revisions to the Council's Customer Services Policy.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the revisions to the Council Customer Services Policy as set out within the report be agreed.

## **PR201/16    Castle Buildings, Market Square, Dungannon**

*Councillor Cuddy declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.*

The Council Solicitor presented previously circulated report which provided an understanding of the extent of Council's ownership in the property known as Castle Buildings, Market Square, Dungannon. The report also considered a request from STEP Training and Learning Ltd (STEPTL) to transfer the freehold of the entire property and the external stairwell fronting Castle Lane to STEPTL in order to allow a proposed redevelopment scheme to proceed.

In response to Councillor Molloy's question the Council Solicitor advised that Council could seek reimbursement of legal costs from STEPTL.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved**    That it be recommended to Council to approve the transfer of Council's Freehold and Leasehold interest in the Castle Buildings and the stairwell on Castle Lane and that the transferee(s) pay Council's reasonable legal costs.

## **PR202/16    Review and Update of Receptions Policy**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided a review and update of Council's Reception Policy.

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the policy and stated he would not be happy with the content of point 5.5.2. The Councillor felt that when Council recognises someone it should be a fairly special event and that if Council were continually holding civic awards events then the significance could be taken away from the achievement.

Councillor McLean also felt that if civic events were held every other week then the importance of the event would be lost.

The Head of Democratic Services clarified that when a request was received it would be assigned to the most appropriate place ie. Civic Reception, Chair or Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Awards Event. It was also advised that a request may not merit any event if, for example, the individual or organisation had previously received a reception for the same, or similar attainment.

The Head of Democratic Services asked Members how they wished to proceed regarding the Receptions Policy.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew asked if Members wanted to discuss this matter further in their party groups.

Councillor Mallaghan also stated that when Council holds a civic event it should do so in a civic building.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that this item be given further consideration by party groups and brought back to a future committee meeting.

#### **PR203/16 Rate Estimates Timetable**

The Director of Finance presented previously circulated report which sought agreement to the dates scheduled within the rate estimates timetable for Member engagement.

In response to Councillor Molloy's question the Director of Finance advised that if Members wanted the P&R committee to stay at its normal monthly venue then an alternative date can be proposed for the special Council meeting in February to strike rate.

Councillor Mallaghan requested that the rates estimate timetable be emailed to all Members.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to adopt the proposed Rate Estimate Timetable for Member engagement as detailed within report.

#### **Matters for Information**

#### **PR204/16 Draft Local Government (Payment to Councillors) Regulations**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the Draft Local Government (Payment to Councillors) Regulations (NI) 2016.

In response to Councillor Ashton's question regarding special responsibility allowance it was confirmed that Council were within limit.

The Director of Finance advised that it had been previously discussed that site meetings for planning would become an approved duty however he commented that this was not mentioned within the regulations.

Councillor Mallaghan confirmed that there were times when Members were required to attend planning office meetings and that this was not considered an approved duty. The Councillor asked if Council should respond in that regard.

The Director of Finance advised he would raise this matter at the finance officers working group.

## **PR205/16 Corporate Improvement Plan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Report**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on Council's progress with regard to the delivery of Improvement Objectives set within the Corporate Improvement Plan 2016/17.

Councillor Cuddy asked if senior officers were content with performance over the last quarter.

The Director of Finance advised that overall the vast majority of the report suggests good or excellent progress and that officers were broadly content with progress made at the moment.

## **PR206/16 Good Relations Definition – Mid Ulster District Council**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on discussion and agreement from the Good Relations Working Group on a definition for Good Relations in the context of Council activities.

Members noted the content of the report.

## **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That items PR207/16 to PR217/16 be taken as confidential business.

## **PR218/16 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 9.27 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**D**

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,  
Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Cuthbertson (Chair)

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Gillespie, Glasgow,  
Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan,  
McNamee, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn (7.04 pm), Reid  
(7.10pm), Totten

**Officers in  
Attendance**

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

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

**E272/16      Apologies**

None.

**E273/16      Declarations of Interest**

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

**E274/16      Chair's Business**

None.

**E275/16      Receive and confirm minutes of the Environment Committee  
meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on  
Tuesday 11 October 2016 (E238/16 – E258/16 and E271/16) were  
considered and, signed as accurate and correct.

In response to Councillor McGinley's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that officers were in the process of arranging meeting with Housing Executive to discuss travellers needs.

Councillor McGinley referred to discussion at last month's committee regarding Councillor nomination to bonfire working group and welcomed the decision of UUP to



now nominate to the working group. Councillor McGinley felt it would also be useful for DUP to nominate Members to the group.

Councillor Kearney advised that SDLP had nominated Councillor T Quinn to the working group and asked if this was acceptable as Councillor T Quinn did not sit on the Environment Committee.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that he would check this but understood that as long as the working group reported back to the Environment Committee then it would be acceptable for Councillors who are not on the committee to sit on the working group.

*M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.04 pm*

## **Matters for Decision**

### **E276/16      Review of Public Toilet Opening Hours**

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to review and align the opening hours for Council's Public Toilets.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated it would be important to align public toilet opening hours but that the review should also include the work required at each toilet block.

Councillor Mulligan stated he was aware of toilets in Augher sometimes being open later than the hours stated within report and asked if the opening times listed were current. The Councillor referred to toilets in Aughnacloy which require urgent work and asked what progress had been made in relation to Council project at McIlwaine Hall in which part of the development had been proposed to relocate public toilets in Aughnacloy to this location. Councillor Mulligan also mentioned Knockmany Forest which attracts a high number of visitors and felt that toilet facilities were required at this location. The Councillor also felt that additional signage was required for toilets in Clogher.

The Head of Property Services advised that the opening hours listed within the report were what was current, however the noted the point made by the Member. In relation to toilet provision at Aughnacloy it was advised that the McIlwaine Hall project was part of the capital programme and would continue to move forward. The Head of Property Services advised that signage issues at Clogher were being addressed and that consideration could be given to toilet provision at Knockmany Forest.

*Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.10pm.*

Councillor Burton stated that Council needs to ensure that whatever it states it is doing is what is happening. In relation to toilet provision at Augher, Councillor Burton stated that the toilets were well used and kept spotless however she did feel that the toilets now required some refurbishment work, the Councillor also agreed that signage for toilet provision in Clogher was required and would support need for toilet provision at Knockmany Forest.

Councillor McFlynn felt that the proposed review was worthwhile and stated that the toilet provision at Rainey Street in Magherafelt needed urgent attention.

Councillor S McGuigan advised he would support the review and the need to maximise toilet facilities in the District. The Councillor stated he would also support the need for toilets at Knockmany Forest which was now a recognised Council facility.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to toilets at Draperstown and requested improved signage for same.

Councillor M Quinn referred to toilets at Stewartstown which he felt needed extended opening hours and asked that consideration be given to this.

Councillor McGinley supported Councillor Quinn's comments.

Councillor Reid also supported Councillor Quinn's request for extended opening hours for Stewartstown toilets and referred to previous anti social behaviour at Scotch Street toilets in Dungannon and asked if this was still an issue.

The Head of Property Services advised he was not aware of anti social behaviour at Scotch Street toilets.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to undertake a review to align the opening hours of Council's Public Toilets and to consider Members requests in relation to toilet provision at Knockmany Forest, improved signage at Draperstown and extension to opening hours of Stewartstown toilets.

## **E277/16 Street Naming and Property Numbering**

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster as follows –

- 1 Site off Bush Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Bush Road, Dungannon as Hawthorne Lane.

- 2 Site off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan  
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow

To name development Oakview Manor.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill

To name development Oakview.

Members voted on Councillor Buchanan's proposal –

For – 6  
Against – 7

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 7  
Against - 6

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown as Oakview.

3 Site off Hospital Road, Magherafelt

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney

To name development Bellebrook Mews.

Proposed by Councillor Totten  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley

To name development Bellebrook Lane.

Members voted on Councillor McFlynn's proposal –

For – 9  
Against – 7

Members voted on Councillor Totten's proposal –

For – 7  
Against – 9

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Hospital Road, Magherafelt as Bellebrook Mews.

Councillor McFlynn asked Councillor Totten why he had made the counter proposal.

Councillor Totten advised that he had been approached with the request to name the development Bellebrook Lane.

## **E278/16      Review of Monetary Limits for Gaming Machines and Associated Social Responsibility Issues**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report on the review of monetary limits for gaming machines and associated social responsibility issues.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson referred to recent PSNI twitter feed which advised that police had recently lifted a gaming machine from premises in Cookstown which should not have been there. The Chair also asked if a similar review was taking place in England and Wales.

The Head of Environmental Health advised she was not aware of any details of a current review in England or Wales but that there had been previous reviews conducted.

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan  
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to respond to correspondence from Department for Communities by indicating that any review of monetary limits and use of Social Responsibility Codes of Practice are progressed as part of a wider review of current arrangements for management and control of Betting and Gaming activities and request that the Department for Communities put in place the necessary consultation arrangements for this purpose.

## **E279/16      Protect Life 2 – Strategy Consultation**

*Councillor McGinley declared an interest in this item.*

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought Member's views on the consultation document received from the Department of Health on Protect Life 2.

Members made the following comments in relation to the consultation response document –

Question 1 –

Councillor Reid asked where the figures contained within the document had been sourced from as he did not feel these were correct. The Councillor also referred to recent strategy introduced in Dungannon area and emphasised the need for further similar strategies within the Mid Ulster area.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the figures contained within the document had come from the Department and were overall Northern Ireland figures. It was advised that any discrepancy in figures may be attributed to time lapse in recording of deaths.

*Councillor Reid declared an interest in this item.*

#### Question 2 –

Councillor McGinley expressed need for prevention strategy to also be included within response.

Councillor Burton advised of difficulties experienced by parents of mental health patients who are over the age of 18 and the need for information to be shared with these parents/families for the good of the person who is ill.

The Head of Environmental Health referred to response to question 5 which covered point raised by Councillor Burton.

#### Question 4 –

Councillor Kearney felt that the farming and rural community should also be included within list of priority groups.

#### Question 6 –

Councillor McGinley felt that legal highs should also be included within commentary.

#### Question 9 –

Based on earlier comment, the Head of Environmental Health advised that legal highs would be added to response.

Councillor McGinley referred to closing date of consultation as being 4 November and asked if Council had been given an extension to submit a response.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that a draft response was put forward within deadline and that the agreed response could be submitted once ratified by Council.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to respond to the Protect Life 2 consultation as detailed within report and to include additional comments as per discussion above.

#### **E280/16      Officer Authorisation**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which updated Members on the Authorisation Procedure for staff within Environmental Health and Building Control services.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Delegated Authority and Authorisation arrangements for Environmental Health and Building

## **Matters for Information**

### **E281/16      Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Statistics Report for April to June 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for the first quarter 1 April to 30 June 2016.

### **E282/16      Town and Village Awards 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the local success at the various town and village awards in 2016.

Councillor Burton referred to recent achievements of Castlecaulfield in competitions and asked if it was correct that if the village was successful in Ulster in Bloom this year they could not enter Britain in Bloom next year. Councillor Burton stated if this was the case it was very disappointing for the village, she advised that she had since been informed of an another competition called Communities in Bloom and proposed that Council investigate the opportunity of entering Castlecaulfield in this competition.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was not aware of the issue raised by Councillor Burton and that judges at Britain in Bloom Awards had not indicated this on the evening of the awards.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Burton's proposal.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the situation could be investigated.

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to investigate situation regarding Castlecaulfield's entry to next years Britain in Bloom competition and entry to Communities in Bloom competition.

### **E283/16      Department for Infrastructure/TransportNI: The Church Street/Mullagh Road, Maghera (Abandonment) Order (NI) 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised Members in relation to proposals from Department for Infrastructure/TransportNI to make an Abandonment Order under Article 68 (1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 at Church Street/Mullagh Road, Maghera.

### **E284/16      Building Control Report**

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

## **E285/16      Entertainment Licensing Applications**

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

Correspondence from PSNI was also circulated around table which provided detail of policy of Police in F District (Mid Ulster) to object to the granting of any Entertainments Licence which would allow entertainment beyond 1.00 am Monday to Saturday and beyond midnight on Sunday. This policy will apply across the Mid Ulster District Policing Command area.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Members in attendance at last month's meeting had all heard what the approach of PSNI would be to Entertainment Licensing and asked for clarification if the matter had been discussed at PCSP meetings as stated in letter.

Councillor Burton advised that discussion had taken place at PCSP.

Councillor McGinley asked if the correspondence received from PSNI would be taken as a blanket objection to all applications received for entertainment licences beyond 1.00am as he did not feel this was an acceptable approach.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the correspondence had been circulated tonight to make Members aware of the approach of PSNI, he advised that Council would not accept a blanket objection and that each application would be decided upon on its own merits. The Director advised that Council would respond to PSNI in that regard and further advised that officers had attempted to organise meeting with PSNI to enable matter to be discussed.

Councillor McNamee felt that PSNI were pulling in the opposite direction to Stormont in relation to entertainment/liquor licensing.

Councillor Reid commented that the approach of PSNI would have an impact on this committee.

Councillor Kearney asked if there would now be conflict between PCSP and this committee.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the powers to grant / refuse Entertainment licences following objection rested with Environment Committee and that this would be reflected in response to PSNI.

Councillor Burton advised that she was Chair of PCSP and that when complaints were being made regarding premises with entertainment licences these were usually being brought forward by Councillors. Councillor Burton stated that Council needed to be clear in the message it was sending out.

## **E286/16      Research on Derelict / Idle Sites and Buildings**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the commencement of an initial research survey by the Department of Finance on prominent derelict / idle site and buildings across Mid Ulster.

## **E287/16      Restart a Heart 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Mid Ulster “Restart a Heart Day” event held on 18 October 2016.

Councillor McGinley commented on the success of the Restart a Heart Day and also referred to recent fundraising event in Ardboe which raised £5000 for defibrillators. Councillor McGinley requested that a letter be sent to the family who organised the event in Ardboe to recognise their fundraising efforts.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that a letter would be forwarded.

## **E288/16      Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (NI) 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) legislation and the current progress with the transfer of this function to Councils.

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved**      That items E289/16 – E294/16 be taken as confidential business.

## **E295/16      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.20 pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Thursday 10 November 2016 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,  
Magherafelt**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Molloy, Chair  Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, T Quinn, J Shiels, G Shiels and Wilson
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4: Bellaghy Village Regeneration</b> Damian McConomy and Jean Bonner Councillor Ashton

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**D237/16      Apologies**

Councillors McNamee and C O'Neill.

**D238/16      Declaration of Interests**

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

*Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Community Development Report*

*Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Castledawson Play Park Proposal - NI Housing Executive*

*The Director of Business and Communities recommended that all members declare an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre which was being raised under Economic Development.*

**D239/16      Chair's Business**

The Chair advised that he had received an email from the Island Wheelers regarding the Round 5 of the Ulster Cyclocross League which was held at Windmill Wood, Dungannon. The club congratulated the Council on the excellent condition of the park and passed on their thanks and appreciation.

## **D240/16      Bellaghy Village Regeneration**

The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed representation from Bellaghy Village Regeneration to the Committee. Mr Damian McConomy and Ms Jean Bonner delivered a presentation on the work carried out by Bellaghy Village Regeneration and their vision for the future. Mr McConomy advised that NEST would be an all-ability learning environment, focusing on participation and inclusion for all. NEST would be a not for profit “community interest company” Their Mission is “to provide a safe, supportive place for people for all abilities and their families to learn and develop through a state-of-the-art learning environment”.

*Councillor J Shiels left the committee at 7.18 pm and returned at 7.26 pm.*

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation and advised it clearly shows there is a gap for support for parents for disabled children and the barriers and prejudices that it shows.

Councillor McAleer strongly agreed that this was an excellent idea and was fully aware of the lack of support families receive when they have disabled children.

Councillor McEldowney also agreed that the NEST initiative was an excellent idea and advised that she was aware of the struggles a family with a disabled child can have. She said that this was the case within her own family as her relatives have never had a family holiday altogether.

Councillor Elattar said that this initiative was really needed in the area and a lot of invaluable work being carried out to date by the organisation. She enquired what the organisation would like the Council to do and how they intended to use the premises during the day.

Ms Bonner advised that they were looking at organising toddler and baby groups as early intervention was critical to progress and also at classes to provide courses and essential skills. This would be an opportunity to support families and take away social exclusion.

Mr McConomy stated that when public meetings were held it demonstrated a real eye-opener for the support that it generated. He advised that parents of disabled children indicated that there was nothing for children over the age of 18.

Mr McConomy said that the group would like to have their base within the annex of the Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

Councillor Elattar enquired if the annex would provide enough space for the group.

Mr McConomy advised that currently in his opinion there would be adequate space.

Ms Bonner said that she would envisage training being provided to help young adults prepare for employment through work skills programmes.

Councillor Forde advised that this was badly needed within the area as there were no facilities for disabled children and young adults. She enquired if it would be the group's intention to work with the schools to give a little bit of extra education in that field.

Ms Bonner said that it was the group's intention to work with schools in supporting them from primary to secondary education. She advised that the group would encourage school visits as this may offer support to the children concerned and hoped to cater up for up to 20 people at one time.

Councillor Wilson advised that it was a very impressive presentation and showed the excellent work that was carried out and needed. He enquired if the Seamus Heaney Centre wasn't available what would happen, but would like to help in other ways.

Mr McConomy said that they were here tonight to ask the Council for the use of the Seamus Heaney HomePlace; provision within the annex and if not would like to seek out other alternatives within the Bellaghy area. He said that if possible the preferred site would still be the HomePlace.

Ms Bonner advised that Mid Ulster Enterprises are also investigating other ideas for the group and that they would be open to suggestions as long as the base was accessible with up to date facilities.

The Chair asked would it be possible for officers to seek out alternative areas if required as it was up to the Council to try and help the best way they can.

The Chair thanked representatives for their presentation at which they left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that the Director of Culture and Leisure had a conflict of interest with the proposal and that he would take the lead with the group. The group were providing a magnificent service to the area and would like to help progress this. He said that he would investigate what options were open to helping Bellaghy Village Regeneration group and would bring back suggestions to a future meeting.

Councillor Elattar said that it would be her fear that the group would outgrow the annex space, but that this was a much needed facility in Bellaghy. She said that as Seamus Heaney HomePlace was a flagship centre, it should be considered as Seamus Heaney was about poetry and bringing everyone together like children and all the community. She felt that the group should avail of the annex and if not a good alternative sourced and provided as this was much needed.

Councillor Wilson said that his only concern would be if other groups were also interested in taking over the annex.

Councillor Elattar advised that it was her understanding that the group were promised a space within the Seamus Heaney HomePlace and have worked towards this.

The Director of Business and Communities said that from a Mid Ulster prospective that a scope to investigate options would be sought.

Councillor Cuddy said that if there wasn't an alternative to this site there was a need for consistency as there are so many other villages in a similar position.

The Director of Business and Communities said that Council would investigate what options, including alternative locations were open to helping Bellaghy Village Regeneration group and would bring back suggestions to a future meeting.

**D241/16      Confirmation of Development Minutes held on Thursday 13 October 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 13 October 2016 (D214/16 to D230/16 and D236/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

**Matters for Decision**

**D242/16      Castledawson Play Park Proposal**

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Council approval for the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to 29-31 Parkview, Castledawson from Northern Ireland Housing Executive to facilitate the transfer of the existing community play facilities from Housing Executive to Council ownership.

Councillor Forde advised that this was very beneficial to the community as the children in the area are availing of this play area.

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to seek the transfer of land and play equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive to Council ownership subject to agreement and available resources.

**D243/16      Support to Schools/Sports Clubs for the Provision of Sports Facilities for Community Use**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report asking for consideration towards the approach to aiding schools/sports clubs which provide Floodlit Synthetic Pitch Sports facilities to the community where there is a defined need.

*G Shiels left the meeting at 7.50 pm.*

Councillor Burton raised concern about Option 1 as there seems to be a lot of bureaucracy for groups and schools to manage. She said that when funding is allocated it seems to be the top tier sporting groups that get their share and the lower sporting groups don't get the same support. She felt that this was an opportunity to increase funding from £5,000 to £7,500.

The Head of Leisure advised that in order for a club to be considered for funding they would first have to apply to receive it.

The Director of Culture and Leisure said that the budget within the leisure grants programmes had only £50k underspend in the Capital Sports grants up to March 2017 and within the grants programmes all sporting groups are eligible to apply. She advised that she had taken advice from Williamson Consulting and they advised that the programme has to be open to all sports so consistency by the Council is demonstrated and not susceptible to legal or equality issues.

Councillor J Shiels advised that the three top sporting groups like GAA, rugby and soccer were well financially supported and wondered if there was an opportunity for all other sports to give them a boost.

The Director of Culture and Leisure referred to appendix 1 and said it showed these other clubs have a lot of facilities and the relative amount of funding given to individual participants and clubs was quite low. She said that all grants were open to all clubs as that's the way they are designed.

Councillor J Shiels said that the more support going into a club the more they will receive. He said that smaller groups like badminton clubs may only get a minimal funding grant for i.e. racquets or something small and there was a need to encourage more of an uptake.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

To proceed with the recommendation.

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest in this item as his son was a member of Cookstown Hockey Club.*

Councillor Wilson said that the GAA provides their own pitches and this was not a fair and equitable situation. He stated that when Stormont pick a particular sport they stick with it and there was a need to be fair.

Councillor Wilson raised concern about the lack of consistency between the areas as he said that Hockey was a major sport in Cookstown, but that Dungannon get a higher proportion of funding due to their Service Level Agreement from their legacy Council era. He also raised concern about soccer clubs in Cookstown getting more than the hockey club even though there's more of an uptake. He felt that it wasn't fair and equitable and discriminates against certain clubs.

Councillor Burton referred to minutes where it indicated Dungannon Hockey Club did not provide its own grounds and stated that was why they were provided with a Service Level Agreement. She said that it would be very worthwhile if funding was made available within the budget to provide a three year programme to ensure sustainability when the hockey season takes off again next year. She also stated that certain hockey clubs are league winners and needed the support of the Council.

Councillor Cuddy advised that the original site of Dungannon Hockey Club was on an old gravel facility at Drumcoo and in recent years moved to the Royal School with a certain amount of funding being allocated at the beginning. He said that he fully understood the top three sports getting top tier funding but felt that other teams like hockey should also be acknowledged. He added that the GAA have the best facilities and are still being funded by SportNI and other government bodies. He felt that it was unfortunate that Dungannon Ladies Hockey team haven't got a facility in Dungannon and if nothing was sorted it will result in the team becoming obsolete.

The Chair enquired if the Royal School and Dungannon Hockey Club could both make a separate funding application or was there only an opportunity to make a joint application.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that a joint application for funding would need to be made as the Royal School would need to make the application on behalf of Dungannon Hockey club.

Councillor J Shiels referred to option 2.5 and raised concern that the grant eligibility does not mention about outside school hours and felt that this should be included.

Councillor Wilson proposed to proceed with option 2 but increase funding to £10,000

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that there was no additional budget available above the £5,000.

Councillor Elattar advised that there was a lot of schools providing their premises free to sporting clubs and asked that the Council consider this option next year as it would be putting additional funding back in. She felt that everyone should have the opportunity to apply for funding and that it should be equal across the board, but felt that increasing funding wasn't equal.

Councillor Clarke advised that he would still agree to the proposal but felt that another discussion should be held to find a way forward. He suggested that another forum be arranged to see how to develop clubs and their progress. He said that he believes that all sports help the community through physical and mental health and that this was the key.

Councillor Wilson raised concern about the £7,000 being allocated to Dungannon Hockey Club through the Service Level Agreement which resulted in other areas being overlooked. He agreed with Councillor Clarke's suggestion that another discussion needed to take place so there was an equal share of funding for all sports and not just for the top three.

Wilson withdrawn his proposal.

Councillor Cuddy advised that Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club has had their funding cut by 80%, but that was the fault of the old legacy Dungannon Council which is now going to disadvantage the club.

The Head of Leisure advised that it was the Royal School which was funded and not the Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club.

Councillor Burton said that she still stood by the idea of looking at the budget to try and find funding somewhere and that going forward she would propose looking at a three year plan for minority sports in the Mid Ulster area to show sustainability.

Councillor J Shiels said that he would be happy to second Councillor Burton's recommendation and to discuss next month the provision for a three year plan.

Councillor McEldowney said that the GAA raises their own funding through raffles and going door to door with ticket sales etc. She said that she would agree with the sentiments of Councillor Clarke.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

To proceed with Option 2 on the basis of that consideration be given to implementing a three year support programme for the development and sustainability of sports clubs from the next financial year.

Members voted on Councillor Burton's proposal:

For – 10  
Against – 2

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to Option 2 - introducing a new Revenue Grant Programme with a budget of £50,000 and a maximum award of £5,000 per annum entitled Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants. Both schools and sporting clubs could apply for the use of facilities at schools. This would ensure equality of support across all sports and areas. Consideration be given to implementing a three year support programme for the development and sustainability of sports clubs from the next financial year.

## **D244/16      Good Relations Working Group Report – 11 October 2016**

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention the previously circulated report to seek approval for meeting reports of the Good Relations Working Group held on Tuesday 11 October 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and



**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the Good Relations Working Group Report.

#### **D245/16      Ulster Scots Funding – US Grants Presidential Homestead**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform the Committee of the Ulster-Scots funding opportunity to further develop and enhance the existing U.S. Grant Presidential Homestead.

*Councillors Burton and McAleer both declared an interest in COSTA.*

Councillor Burton stated that she agreed that a facelift to President Grant's would be very welcome but would be concerned about the sitting tenant as they feel that they have very little option but to move out of the dwelling as they haven't an agreement.

The Head of Tourism said that this was only upscaling the animation and would only be integrating other things in the programme and incorporating the upgrading of the facility. He said it wasn't the Council's intention to upset the sitting tenant and would not impose the position and would be more than happy for them to remain at the site.

Councillor Cuddy said that there weren't as many visitors going to the President Grant's Homestead due to the new A4 bypass and was concerned that there wasn't adequate signage to encourage visitors to go to the site. He enquired if there was any chance to tap into the American funding link as it was a valuable part of the community and heritage.

Councillor McAleer felt that if adequate funding and signage was allocated towards President Grant's it could become popular again.

The Head of Tourism said that investigations have been ongoing with US links and within Mid Ulster approximately 20 sites have been identified which was a very good start.

Councillor J Shiels referred to the townland of Gorteade, in Maghera which was the birthplace of Charles Thomson who was the Northern-Irish-born Patriot leader during the American Revolution and Secretary of the Continental Congress and enquired if there was any way to capitalise on this through the US links.

The Head of Tourism acknowledged the importance of the site at Maghera and advised that recently it has come to light and would need to work on this to see what can be achieved as there was a need to attract funding from somewhere.

Councillor Doris enquired if there were any discussions held with COSTA on how they feel about the situation.

The Head of Tourism advised that discussions are ongoing, but would be happy to go along with Councillor Burton and have a discussion with the group.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to commence with the collaboration with the Ulster-Scots Agency and proceed to establish a partnership agreement to govern the implementation of the project.

#### **D246/16 Davagh Forest Dark Skies**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to extend the Teague & Sally, Cookstown Architectural Services in preparation for a green book appraisal for the Dark Skies, Davagh Forest project. The Head of Tourism advised the Committee that the Council has been allocated £2m by Heritage Lottery to develop a secured action plan for and around Davagh.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to £6,200 extending to Teague & Sally, Cookstown Architectural Services contract to include the glamping pods in preparation for a green book appraisal for the Dark Skies project at Davagh project.

#### **D247/16 Economic Development Report**

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) **Strategic Issues**
  - **Roads Infrastructure and Broadband Provision**
  - **Cookstown Social Security Offices**
- 2) **Mid Ulster Skills Forum**
- 3) **Granville Industrial Estate (GIE)/Industrial Land Survey**
- 4) **Department for Communities (DfC) Funding**
- 5) **Maghera Development Framework**
- 6) **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum**
- 7) **Shop Improvement Scheme**
- 8) **Town Centre Positioning Study**

Councillor Burton advised that outlying rural villages should be part of this consultation exercise regarding Dungannon and would suggest that this be taken on board. She referred to the meeting tonight and felt that more time needs to be given to discuss issues regarding Dungannon.

The Director of Business and Communities agreed that particular attention is needed for Dungannon town. As directed by Members he would ensure a consultation exercise with Members specific to Dungannon town and seek the views of other stakeholders.

#### **9) Evaluation of Town Centre Events**

- **Maghera Walled Garden 2016**
- **Cookstown Continental Market 2016**
- Councillor J Shiels referred to the great success the “Blooming Good Fun” day was. He said that the community felt that the venue needs to be used a whole lot more as it had proved how good a success the events can be. He also stated that it would be beneficial to focus on putting the site forward for certain tourism awards.

The Head of Tourism agreed that the Walled Garden was an incredible site for events and subject to weather, would investigate the possibility of having Halloween events there.

The Head of Tourism referred to the Halloween event which took place at the Hill of the O'Neill and advised that the fireworks display was set of behind the Hill at the old army garages as had to change location from previous year due to the new Event Space.

He advised that between 3,000–4,000 people were in attendance to see the display and due to a freak weather cloud it had to be called off. He said that all the major fireworks have been stored so that they can be used for the Christmas event instead.

Councillor Wilson said that he attended the event and couldn't praise the efforts of the staff enough on how well they handled the situation when the fireworks didn't go off. He said that his only concern would be that there were gangs of youths loitering inside Ranfurly House and removing items from the walls and felt that this situation needed addressed.

Councillor Wilson said that he wanted to give full credit to all staff who made all the Halloween events a success.

## **10) Rural Development Programme Business Plans – Select List**

### **11) NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

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

#### **1) Strategic Issues**

- i) **Roads Infrastructure and Broadband** – Members to note progress
- ii) **Retention of Cookstown Social Security Offices** – Members to note progress

#### **2) Mid Ulster Skills Forum**

Members to note progress

#### **3) Granville Industrial Estate/Industrial Land Study**

Members to note progress

- 4) **Department for Communities (DfC) Funding – Cookstown**  
Approving the investigation and consideration of funding application.
- 5) **Maghera Development Framework**  
Members to note progress
- 6) **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum**  
Members to note progress
- 7) **Shop Improvement Scheme**  
Members to note progress
- 8) **Town Centre Positioning Study**  
Members to note progress. Outlying rural villages to be made aware of consultation exercises on Dungannon.
- 9) **Town Centre Events Evaluation:-**
  - i) **Maghera Walled Garden Evaluation** – Members to note Evaluation Report on Maghera Walled Garden 2016
  - ii) **Cookstown Continental Market** – Members to note Evaluation Report on Cookstown Continental Market 2016
- 10) **Rural Development Programme Business Plans – Select List**  
The appointment of both BD Consultancy and Mid Ulster Enterprise Partnership at a cost of £500 (including expenses and excluding VAT) to the Select List to deliver high quality Business Plans for up to 50 applicants to the Rural Development Programme until 31 March 2017.
- 11) **NI Chamber of Commerce & Industry**  
Members to approve Corporate Membership costing £2,500 and review benefits after 12 months.

**D248/16      Community Development Report on Community Grants, Peace IV, Community Planning and PCSP**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- 1) Seek approval for community grant award recommendations
- 2) Update on progress of the development of Peace IV
- 3) Update on progress of Community Planning Mid Ulster
- 4) Note the minutes of the PCSP

Councillor Burton asked that COSTA be included into the circulation list for community planning updates.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

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

**1) Community Grant Award Recommendation**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to grant approval to the Community Grant Award recommendation.

**2) Peace IV**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that members note the progress on Peace IV and approve the removal of the 3 main towns from the shared space element of the plan; with the funding transferring to shared space community grants.

**3) Community Planning Progress**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that members note the progress on Community Planning. COSTA to be included on the circulation list.

**4) PCSP Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that members note the content of PCSP Minutes.

**Matters for Information**

**D249/16 Community Development Update Report**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to update on progress relating to the Community Development Section as of the end of September 2016 on the following areas:

- 1) Community Support – Grants, Community Support, Advice, Village Planning, Community Centres**
- 2) DSD Neighbourhood Renewal**
- 3) PCSP**
- 4) Good Relations**
- 5) Community Planning**

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Community Development.

#### **D250/16 Parks Service Progress Report**

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members of the progress being made regarding activities and associated to Parks Services and highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Parks Service Progress.

#### **D251/16 Leisure Services Progress Report**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members of the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlight events that will be occurring in the future.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Leisure Services Progress.

#### **D252/16 Culture and Arts Progress Report**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the progress being made in Culture and Arts Services and highlight events that have occurred during the months of October. Also to identify events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that will be occurring in the future.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Culture and Arts Progress.

#### **D253/16 Seamus Heaney HomePlace Opening Period of Events**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on the opening period of events and activities of Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy and to highlight events and activities that will be occurring within the facility in the future.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Seamus Heaney HomePlace Opening Period of Events.

#### **D254/16 NI Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

The schemes within the local rural strategy are:

- Rural Business Investment Scheme
- Rural Services Scheme
- Village Renewal
- Rural Broadband; and
- LAG Co-operation

Proposed by Councillor  
Seconded by Councillor

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to Council that Members note the contents of the report on NI Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved:** That items (D255/16 to D260/16) be taken as confidential business.

### **D261/16 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Subject</b>	Conferences & Seminars – November 2016
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
2.1	<b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members</b>
2.1.1	Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum – energy policy, Renewable futures, Brexit and Sellafield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 25 November 2016, Dublin City Hall Council Chamber</li> </ul>
2.1.2	Digital Government 2016 – transforming the delivery of public services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 8 December 2016 at Titanic Belfast, 8am – 4pm</li> </ul>
2.1.3	Transformation the Future Agenda (LGSC & LGTG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, La Mon Hotel and Country Club, 41 Gransha Road, Castlereagh, Belfast</li> </ul>
2.1.4	University of Ulster Advanced Diploma in Civic Leadership and Community Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2017 until July 2018 Ulster University Jordanstown and offsite venues to be confirmed</li> </ul>

<b>3</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
3.1	N/A

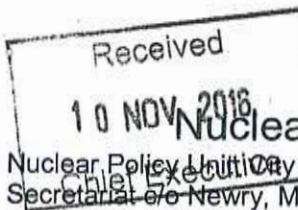
<b>4</b>	<b>Resources</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial</u></b>

4.1.1	Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No conference fee, travel and subsistence.</li> </ul>
4.1.2	Digital Government 2016 – transforming the delivery of public services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£195 plus vat, travel and subsistence</li> </ul>
4.1.3	Transformation the Future Agenda (LGSC & LGTG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No conference fee for contributors to LGTG, Travel and subsistence</li> </ul>
4.1.4	University of Ulster Advanced Diploma in Civic Leadership and Community Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference fee is £2250 per delegate contribution of £1125 will be paid by Local Government Training Group. The remaining cost could be distributed across two financial years</li> </ul>

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
5.1	Costs associated will be set against 2016-17 member Conference and Seminar allocations.

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.

<b>7</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
7.1	Appendix A      Conferences & Seminar Details



## Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum



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To Northern Ireland Council Chief Executives/ Committee Service Managers  
 To Republic of Ireland Council County Managers / Committee Service Managers

1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

### **Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) UK and Ireland Annual Policy Seminar, Annual General Meeting and Steering Committee:**

**"Energy policy, renewable futures, Brexit and Sellafield – what Councils need to know" Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Dublin City Hall Council Chamber**

I would appreciate if you could urgently bring the attached seminar to the attention of the councillors of the appropriate committee in order for it to consider nominating a councillor and / or relevant council officer to attend.

The Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) is holding its UK and Ireland Annual Policy Seminar, along with its Annual General Meeting and policy-making Steering Committee, to Dublin City Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Member and non-member authorities are very welcome to attend the Annual Policy Seminar and associated meetings.

I attach flyers for the seminar and for the business meetings. This meeting gives councillors in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland a unique opportunity to meet with NFLA representatives of member councils in England, Scotland and Wales.

The seminar will consider a number of important and relevant policy developments:

- How should energy policy in the island of Ireland develop over the next decade? How can renewable energy flourish and the public become 'energy citizens'? What should the role of Councils be in developing energy generation, energy efficiency and energy storage solutions? NFLA will present its research and views on these matters.
- What is the view of Friends of the Earth Ireland of how future Irish energy policy should develop? What role can community energy provide within this?
- A recent BBC 'Panorama' documentary alleged serious safety concerns at the Sellafield nuclear processing and radioactive waste management site. NFLA's policy advisor and attendee at the Irish Radiation Issues Committee, Dr Paul Dorfman, will explain what the concerns are to Ireland of Sellafield and of the proposed major expansion of UK new nuclear at Sellafield Moorside, Wylfa and Hinkley Point – all on the Irish Sea coast.

The Annual Policy Seminar is free to attend and we strongly encourage Irish Councils, north and south, to consider sending both a councillor and / or an appropriate council officer to it. Non member authorities are also welcome to attend our business meetings, which would give you an excellent overview of the many issues the NFLA works on.

If you would like to attend, please send the registration form and / or contact Sinead Trainor, the NFLA All Ireland Forum Secretary, of Newry, Mourne and Down Council using the following details – [sinead.trainor@newryandmourne.gov.uk](mailto:sinead.trainor@newryandmourne.gov.uk), fax 00 44 (0)2830 264482 or telephone 00 44 (0)2830 313096. Alternatively speak to myself using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary - On behalf of the NFLA All Ireland Forum Co-Chairs

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## NFLA UK & IRELAND ANNUAL POLICY SEMINAR 2016

### Energy policy, renewable futures, Brexit & Sellafield – what Councils need to know

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, Dame Street, Dublin 2, 1pm – 3pm

The seminar is a free event open to councillors, council officers, LEO Chairs and interested NGOs.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

#### Venue:



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#### Email registration forms or for further information contact:

Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary on 00 44 (0)161 234 3244 [s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk)

**NFLA sincerely thanks Dublin City Council for hosting the 2016 NFLA Annual Policy Seminar**





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- ***Where is the ambition in Irish decentralised energy (north or south) compared to England, Scotland and Wales?***
- ***How can the island of Ireland reach its ambitious renewable targets?***
- ***How does Brexit affect energy policy in Ireland and the UK?***
- ***How do recent concerns on Sellafield impact on Ireland?***
- ***How could UK new nuclear build impact on Ireland?***



#### **Meeting introduction by Cllr Mark Dearey**

NFLA All Ireland Forum Co Chair / Louth CC

*"Energy futures in the British and Irish Isles"*



#### **Sean Morris**

NFLA Secretary

*"NFLA's decentralised energy vision and the issues posed by Brexit"*



#### **Oisín Coughlan (invited)**

Friends of the Earth Ireland Co-ordinator

*"How should Irish energy policy develop and how do we become energy citizens?"*



#### **Dr Paul Dorfman**

NFLA representative to the Environmental Protection Agency's Radiation Issues Committee

*"The risks from Sellafield and the UK new nuclear vision to Ireland"*



#### **Concluding comments by Cllr Ernie Galsworthy**

NFLA UK & Ireland Steering Committee Chair

Please note the Irish Energy Minister Denis Naughten has also been invited to speak at the seminar.





## **Nuclear Free Local Authorities 2016 Steering Committee, Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Seminar**

**Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9.30am – 3.00pm**

**Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2, Republic of Ireland**

The 2016 Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM, Annual Policy Seminar and associated meetings will take place in the capital of the Republic of Ireland, Dublin, and its majestic City Hall. The NFLA Secretariat sincerely thanks Councillor Ciaran Cuffe and officers in Dublin City Council for agreeing to host the AGM and associated meetings. This is the second time the NFLA has held its AGM in Dublin City Hall, the last time being in 2007.

There will be four meetings over the day – all the meetings will all be held in the Council Chamber.

***NFLA Scotland Forum business meeting*** will meet from 9.30am – 10.30am and is for NFLA Scotland members only. There will be a short report from the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor and relevant business around Scottish nuclear policy.

***The NFLA UK and Ireland Steering Committee*** will meet from 10.30am – 12.00pm. A shorter Steering Committee will take place looking at the key areas of nuclear policy the NFLA focuses on. As it links in to the NFLA AGM it is open to all members from the four constituent NFLA National Forums (All Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales), NFLA individual members and non-member who wish to attend in an observer capacity.

***The NFLA UK and Ireland Annual General Meeting (AGM)*** follows directly on from the Steering Committee at 12.00pm – 12.30pm. The AGM will elect the NFLA Steering Committee Chair and agree NFLA Vice Chairs representing the four National Forums. It will also discuss and approve the NFLA financial report and affiliation fees, the NFLA Service Plan, Annual NFLA reports and its formal Terms of Reference and Constitution.

***Lunch*** will be held between 12.30pm – 1.00pm.

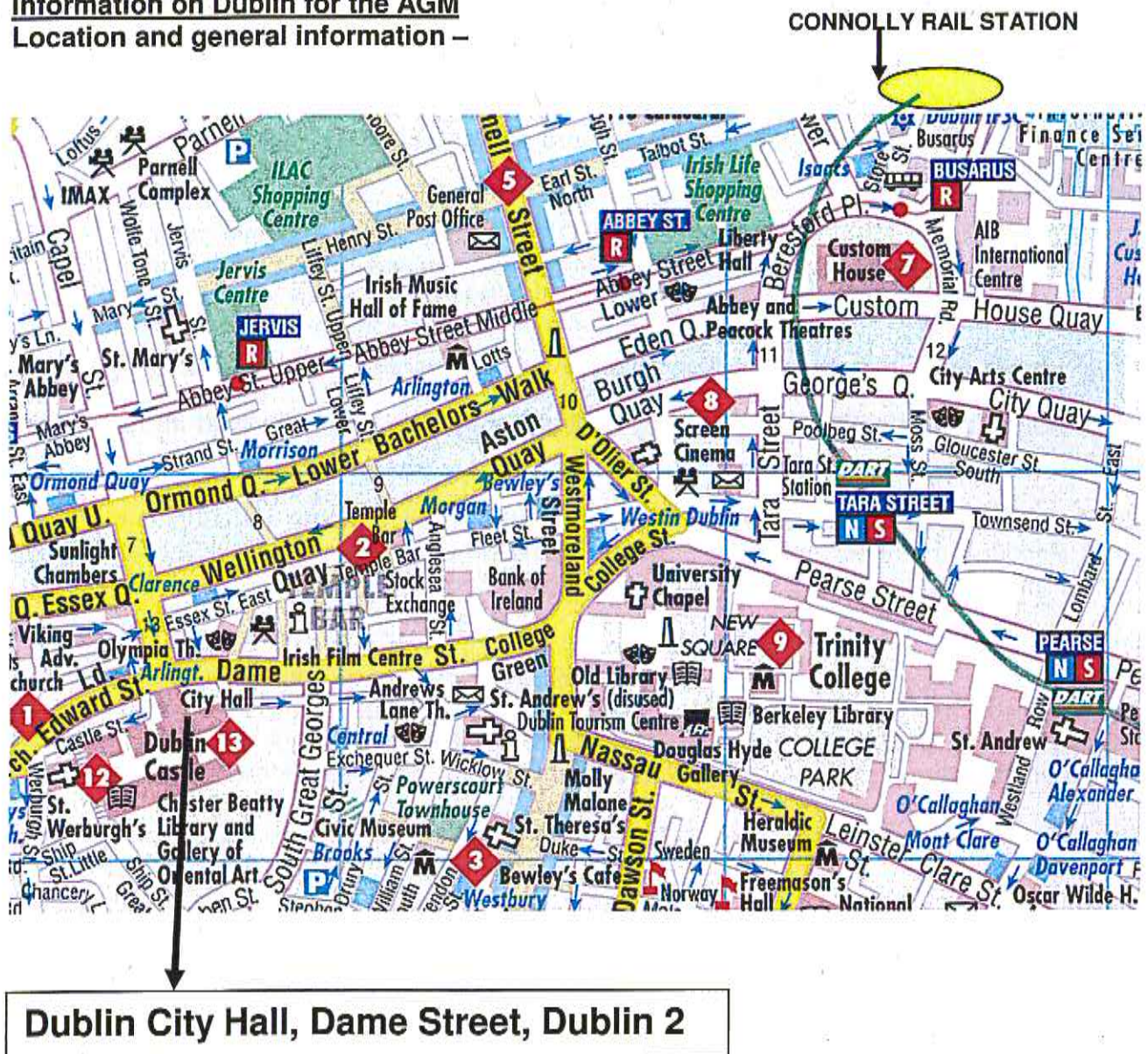
***The NFLA Annual Policy Seminar*** follows lunch and takes place between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. The NFLA Secretariat is seeking to get senior Government Ministers to attend to talk about the future of energy policy on both sides of the Irish Sea. If that is not possible to arrange then a cross-party 'Question Time' approach will be developed to look at energy policy, the great potential of decentralised energy and the risks and concerns of nuclear developments on the Irish Sea coast in England and Wales, and its impact across the British and Irish Isles. A flyer for the seminar will be issued as soon as speakers are confirmed. The seminar will be open to member and non-member authorities and interested NGO representatives.

Information on Dublin and how to get to the city for delegates is also attached in this briefing pack. I look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Sean Morris  
NFLA Secretary



**Information on Dublin for the AGM**  
**Location and general information –**



Dublin is the largest city in island of Ireland and the capital of the Republic of Ireland with a population of over 550,000 people. As the hub of Greater Dublin it is the largest conurbation in the Republic of Ireland with 1.9 million inhabitants.

The city is internationally famous for its engaging and varied history. It contains an excellent selection of hotels, restaurants, shops, museums, cultural and sporting institutions.

**Dublin City Hall** is one of the great buildings of the city. It was built between 1769 – 1779 and it was originally the Royal Exchange where merchants and guilds would come to exchange goods and services. Daniel O'Connell gave his first public address on the Act of Union from the building. The building is adjacent to Dublin Castle, the home of the national Government to the present day. It was bought by Dublin City Council in 1852 and has been its headquarters ever since. In 1916 it was used as a garrison for the Irish Citizen Army. The building contains four prominent statues and 12 murals surrounding its rotunda dome.



A full website on the City Hall is available at the website:  
<http://www.dublincity.ie/dublincityhall/>

### Getting to City Hall:

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### Getting Accommodation in Dublin -

The closest hotel to City Hall is the Jury's Inn Dublin Christchurch who can be contacted on 00 353 1 454 0000 or by email – [jurysinnchristchurch@jurysinn.com](mailto:jurysinnchristchurch@jurysinn.com). The Secretariat is inquiring if a discount booking with the hotel can be made to get a special conference rate. It will contact delegates if it can arrange such a rate.

The official Visit Dublin website has a plentiful list of hotels in the city – go to <http://www.visitdublin.com> for further information.

### Getting to Dublin -

Dublin is easily accessible by car, rail, air and sea; with excellent air connections to all UK cities. It has regular rail connections with Belfast, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Wexford and Waterford. Trains take around 2.5 hours from Belfast, 2 hours and 20 minutes from Galway, 2.5 hours from Cork and 2.5 hours from Wexford. Trains to the north and northwest go from Connolly Station and trains to the west and south from Heuston Station.

The M1 connects Dublin to Belfast and there are good motorway links with Dublin and all main Irish cities.

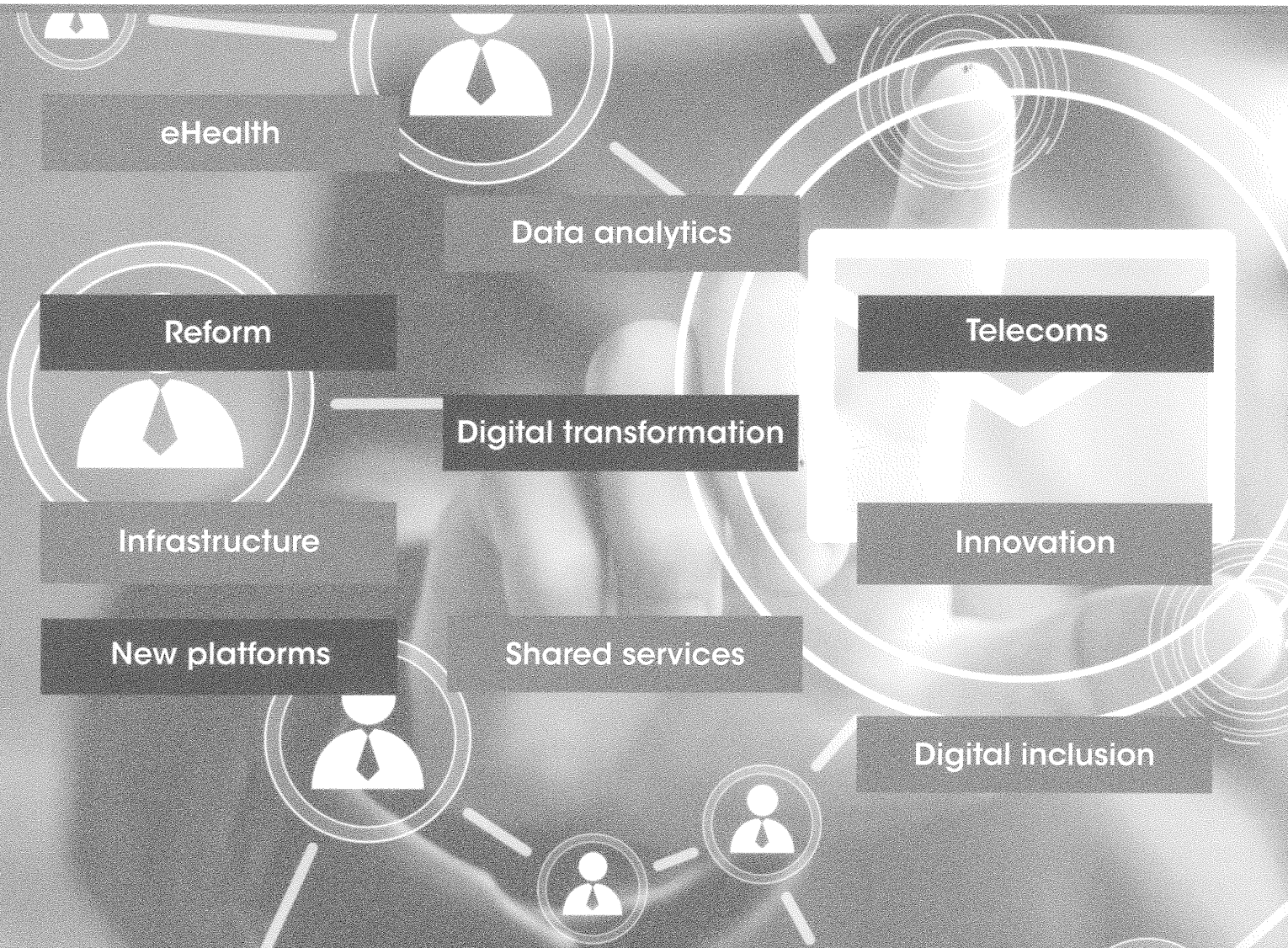
Dublin's International Airport is around 5 miles from the city and its useful website is: <http://www.dublinairport.com>



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# Conference programme

## Plenary Session: BUILDING DIGITAL SERVICES

08.30 Registration & morning coffee

09.00 Chairman's welcome and introduction: **Bill McCluggage**, Managing Director, **Laganview Associates**

09.05 *Delivering smarter public services: Creating a digital government*  
**Paul Wickens**, Chief Executive, **NICS Enterprise Shared Services**

*Driving digital innovation across the public sector*  
**Kevin Cunningham**, Director General, Government Digital Service, **Cabinet Office** (invited)

*Digital transformation in the public sector*  
**Presented by Kainos**

*Digital transformation: Changing how you engage with customers*  
**Graham Cadle**, Assistant Chief Executive, Customer and Transformation, **London Borough of Croydon**

*The next evolution of digital government*  
**Laura Citron**, Managing Director, **WPP Public Sector**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

11.00 Morning coffee / networking break and exhibition viewing

11.20 *Delivering better services through innovative digital solutions*  
**Seamus Doyle**, Chief Information Officer, **Northern Ireland Water**

*A digital engagement pilot platform for citizens*  
**Elaine Gillespie**, Head of Community Planning, **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

*Ireland's Public Services Card and MyGovID: Improving access to public services*  
**Tim Duggan**, Assistant Secretary, **Department of Social Protection (Ireland)**

*Digital inclusion: Ensuring citizen-focused ICT design*  
**Kevin Doherty**, Chief Executive, **Disability Action**

*Transforming services through digital*  
**David Cowan**, Head of Digital, **Translink**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

13.15 Conference lunch and exhibition viewing

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## 14.00 Parallel Session: DATA ANALYTICS

*Getting maximum benefit from your data*  
**Presented by Sopra Steria**

*Unlocking data for better decision making*  
**Marie Cowan**, Director, **Geological Survey of Northern Ireland**

*Using data to transform the delivery of services*  
**Sarah Wilkinson**, Chief Digital, Data and Technology Officer, **Home Office** (invited)

*Big data and analytics for the public sector*  
**Richard Skeggs**, Business Data Manager  
**Business and Local Government Data Research Centre**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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## 14.00 Parallel Session: EHEALTH

*Using data to drive the transformation of healthcare*  
**Paul Pierotti**, Head of Analytics Ireland  
**Accenture**

*Innovative solutions to transform the delivery of health care*  
**Paul Duffy**, Co Director, IT and Telecommunications  
**Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**

*eHealth Ireland: Technology enabled solutions*  
**Fran Thompson**, Delivery Director, eHealth Programme  
**Health Service Executive (Ireland)**

*Innovation in healthcare: The CHD Transition NI app*  
**Sarah Quinlan**, Chief Executive Officer  
**Children's Heartbeat Trust**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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16.00 Conference close



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I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Digital Government conference  
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- ☐ Public sector delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = €234
- ☐ Receive details of exhibition opportunities
- ☐ Receive details of sponsorship opportunities

## Delegate details

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr): \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cancellations / substitutions

\* For those unable to attend, a substitute participant may be sent at any time for no additional charge. Alternatively for cancellations received in writing, by fax or email, the following charges will apply:

- More than 14 days before the conference: 25% fee
- Less than 14 days before the conference: 100% fee
- Failure to attend: 100% fee

## Acknowledgement of registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all delegates. Joining instructions will be sent out following receipt of registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement seven days prior to the start of the conference, please contact Michelle Davidson at [registration@agendaNI.com](mailto:registration@agendaNI.com) to confirm your booking.

## Who should attend:

This event will be of interest to senior managers and decision-makers working across Northern Ireland's public services. Not just for CIOs, it is also for those within organisations interacting with the public sector, both in policy-making and service delivery roles.

- ✓ Chief Executives / Directors / senior managers
- ✓ Chief Information Officers / IT Directors
- ✓ Local government officers
- ✓ Policy-makers
- ✓ Corporate planners
- ✓ Board members of public sector agencies
- ✓ Voluntary / community sector leaders / NGOs
- ✓ Health / education sector professionals
- ✓ Services organisations – IT / telecoms / advisory



## Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.

## How to register



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## **“TRANSFORMATION – THE FUTURE AGENDA”**

**08 & 09 December 2016**

**La Mon Hotel and Country Club,  
41 Gransha Road,  
Castlereagh, Belfast**

### **Draft Programme**

## **DAY 1    08 December 2016**

**9.00 am    REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION OPENS** – Refreshments Available

**10.00 am    ‘OPENING REMARKS’**  
*Brian Hanna, Chairman*  
*Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland*

### **SESSION 1 – CHAIR, HARRY McCONNELL**

**10.15 am    POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT ON COUNCILS AND THE  
COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE**  
*Professor Mike Smyth*

**10.45 am    PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC SERVICES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
SERVICE DELIVERY**  
*Quintin Oliver – Director, Stratagem NI*

**11.15 am    GRAPPLING WITH PERFORMANCE – HOW ORGANISATIONS  
ARE CHANGING THEIR APPROACH**  
*Peter Reilly – Principal Associate, Institute of Employment Studies*

**11.45 am    REFRESHMENT BREAK AND VIEWING EXHIBITION**

**12.15 pm    HR ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**  
*Thelma Browne – HR Lead, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council  
and Chair PPMA NI*

**12.45 pm    LUNCH AND VIEWING OF EXHIBITION**

## SESSION 2 – CHAIR, HARRY McCONNELL

- 2.00 pm**     **EVOLVING ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**  
*Anne Donaghy, Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council  
and Chair Solace NI*
- 2.30 pm**     **DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL/EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS**  
*Tom Evans, Chief Executive, Labour Relations Agency*
- 3.00 pm**     **EQUALITY COMMISSION**  
*Paul Oakes – Advisory Services Manager*
- 3.30 pm**     **THE TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY IN  
WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
*Sue Evans, HRD, Warwickshire County Council  
and National Chair PPMA*
- 4.00 pm**     **END OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS – INTERACTIVE EVENT,  
POSITIVE PARTIES' TASTER SESSION**
- 5.00 pm**     **CLOSE OF DAY ONE**
- 7.30 pm**     **EVENING MEAL SUPPORTED BY THE LA MON HOTEL**

## DAY 2    09 December 2016

## SESSION 3 – CHAIR, HARRY McCONNELL

### REFRESHMENTS AND VIEWING OF EXHIBITION

- 10.00 am**     **LEADERSHIP/TRANSITION**  
*Maureen Walkingshaw, HR Director, Business and Public Sector BT*
- 11.00 am**     **CHIEF EXECUTIVE FORUM SUPPORTED SESSION ON  
LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT**  
*Ian Acheson, Programme Director, Sampson Hall Ltd.*
- 11.30 am**     **THE TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND**  
*Steve Reeve/Mark Hughes – University of Brighton*
- 12.00 noon**   **LGTG & LAUNCH OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND  
COACHING AND MENTORING NETWORK AND  
CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**  
*Stephen Reid – Chair, LGTG and  
Chief Executive, Ards and North Down Borough Council*
- 12.30 pm**     **LUNCH**




# Advanced Diploma in Civic Leadership and Community Planning

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The Business Institute

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**“I would recommend this course to anyone who has an interest in this area, as I believe you will be challenged in your thinking and gain from the networking”**

**Jackie Patton**

Good Relations Officer,  
Ballymena Borough Council

The Advanced Diploma in Civic Leadership and Community Planning is an innovative leadership development programme. The first of its type in Northern Ireland, this programme has been developed to meet the need for a practical, accredited programme for key players involved in developing and implementing community planning.

The programme will provide participants with knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices of community planning and effective leadership to enable them to make a strategic contribution to attaining organisational objectives and improved performance.

**Who is it for?**

This programme is currently recruiting elected members and officers in district councils; officers in statutory agencies; and representatives from the community and voluntary sector.

**Programme design**

Through practical workshops and dissemination of good practice, participants will gain the knowledge, skills and competence required to undertake a civic leadership role.

The programme will be delivered over eighteen months, with participants completing six modules and attending six action learning sets.

Each module will require attendance at two one-day workshops, a total of 12 days. Successful completion of the Advanced Diploma programme will also require private study.



The diploma requires completion of the following six modules:

### Personal Leadership Competence

This module explores personal leadership and development within the context of community planning, including the competence needed for effective leadership. It examines new thinking and theories of responsible leadership developed to tackle the complex issues in society today that engage and empower players.

### Civic Leadership People and Place

This module explains the different models of community planning and civic leadership in different contexts. It draws on established models of community development and regeneration in Northern Ireland and emerging models of community planning. Consideration is also given to how community planning will be implemented in practice in Northern Ireland including new roles, commitment, inter-organisational working, neighbourhood arrangements and community capacity.

### Effective Personal and Communication Skills

This module develops participants' self-awareness, confidence and communication skills. Participants will enhance their self-awareness of how they are perceived by others and how they can build more effective relationships to influence and advocate on behalf of others. This module will also provide participants with the understanding of how to handle the media and examine innovative approaches to communicating effectively with a wide range of audiences and stakeholders.

### Consensus Building and Partnerships

This module will enable participants to understand how consensus building and partnership working underpin community planning. It will explore strategy development through partnerships between a range of stakeholders and agencies.

### Community Engagement

This module will examine the evolving nature and role of community engagement in policy development, local decision making and in the scrutiny and development of public services. It will analyse and question how models of community engagement can be applied in a community planning context.

### Change Management

This module will explore the drivers for modernisation and service excellence across the public service in Northern Ireland. It will enable participants to explore models change and the tools and techniques that can be used to plan, implement, and evaluate change. Particular attention will be paid to the people dimensions of change.

Participants will be guided in their learning through the use of case-studies, presentations, from practitioners and study visits.



## Assessment

Participants will complete a number of assignments after undertaking the necessary workshops, action learning sets, background research and study.

A variety of assessment methods will be used including analytical studies, business reports, case studies and transfer of learning from presentations and group work.

## Admission requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but potential students must be capable of undertaking academic work at Advanced Diploma level which equates to the first year of a primary degree.

## Fees

The fees are currently £2250. A contribution towards the course fee is available to councils from the Local Government Training Group.

## Tutors

The Programme Team is drawn from both the Ulster University Business School and the School of the Built Environment. Members of the team include Dorothy McKee, Steve Pollard, Gavan Rafferty and Janette Sheerman.

## How to enrol

Elected Members and officers in district councils should contact their Member Services Officer and Training Liaison Officer respectively. Prospective candidates outside local government can contact the Course Director Steve Pollard for an application form, contact details are provided below. Additional information on the programme can be obtained from:

Steve Pollard  
Programme Director  
Room 2D24A  
Ulster University Business School  
Shore Road  
Newtownabbey  
County Antrim  
BT37 0QB

**T:** +44 (0)7710717161 or +44 (0)28 9036 6572

**E:** [sf.pollard@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:sf.pollard@ulster.ac.uk)

**“Community Planning is a developing subject area I knew I needed to learn more about in my role as leader of a community development organisation. This course is relevant to those who want a realistic course of study that enables input and ideas from real work to be included as valuable in addition to the academic matters.”**

**Katie Hanlon**

Ballynafeigh Development  
Association



EVENT	TITLE	DATE & VENUE	VENUE
Registration & Induction		Mon 13 March 2017	Room TBC
Module 1	Civic Leadership: People and Place SUR302	Mon 20 March 2017 & Mon 3 April 2017	Room TBC Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 24 April 2017	Offsite
	Assignment Submission Date	Tue 30 May 2017	
Module 2	Personal Leadership Competence BMG318	Tue 30 May 2017 & Mon 12 June 2017	Room TBC Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 26 June 2017	Offsite
	Assignment Submission Date	Mon 31 July 2017	
Module 3	Effective Personal and Communication Skills BMG319	Mon 18 Sept 2017 & Mon 2 Oct 2017	Room TBC Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 16 Oct 2017	Offsite
	Assignment Submission Date	Mon 13 Nov 2017	
Module 4	Consensus Building & Partnerships SUR305	Mon 13 Nov 2017 & Mon 27 Nov 2017	Room TBC Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 11 Dec 2017	Offsite
	Assignment Submission Date	Mon 8 Jan 2018	
Module 5	Community Engagement SUR314	Mon 8 Jan 2018 & Mon 22 Jan 2018	Room TBC Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 5 Feb 2018	TBC
	Assignment Submission Date	Mon 5 March 2018	

Module 6	Change Management BMG321	Mon 5 March 2018 & Tue 20 March 2018	Room TBC  Room TBC
	Action Learning Set	Mon 9 April 2018	Offsite
	Assignment Submission Date	Mon 7 May 2018	
	Change Management Presentations	Mon 7 May 2018	Room TBC
	Graduation	July 2018	

Please note:

1. Workshops for Modules 1 to 6 will be delivered from 1.15pm – 7.30pm
2. The venue for Modules will be confirmed
3. Assignment feedback is normally returned within three weeks.

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**Subject**                      **Tender for Chamber Discussion System**

**Reporting Officer**      **Barry O'Hagan**

**Contact Officer**        **Barry O'Hagan**

<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To approve the tender award to the most economically advantageous tender for the sound and discussion system for Mid Ulster District council's Chamber in Dungannon.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>The process to tender the replacement of the discussion system was approved at P&amp;R and by Council in October 2016.</p> <p>The specification sought the replacement of the microphones discussion units with hard wired flush recessed units similar to those in Magherafelt Offices chamber. Speaker will be replaced, a recording facility provided and equipment within the chamber relocated to the store.</p> <p>The procurement competition has been carried out and the main findings are summarised below.</p>

3	Key Issues																
3.1	<p>The tender was advertised in line with the procurement policy. Council received 3 valid tenders before the closing date of the 2 November 2016. The tenders were opened by the Vice Chair and a Procurement officer. A panel assessed and scored the three submissions in accordance with a most economically advantageous matrix of 50% cost and 50% quality against the requirement and specifications of the services required.</p> <p>The following summaries the scores attained:</p> <table><tr><th>Supplier</th><th>Quality</th><th>Cost</th><th>Overall Score</th></tr><tr><td>VP Bastion</td><td>48%</td><td>44%</td><td>92%</td></tr><tr><td>ABSOLUTE TECHNOLOGIES</td><td>36%</td><td>47%</td><td>83%</td></tr><tr><td>OKTO TECHNOLOGIES</td><td>38%</td><td>50%</td><td>88%</td></tr></table>	Supplier	Quality	Cost	Overall Score	VP Bastion	48%	44%	92%	ABSOLUTE TECHNOLOGIES	36%	47%	83%	OKTO TECHNOLOGIES	38%	50%	88%
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	It is recommended that the Council award the tender for the replacement of the discussion system to VP Bastion and the work to be carried out without disturbance to the Council meeting schedule before the end of the current financial year at a cost of £44,465.
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<b>4</b>	<b>Resources</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial :</u></b> The total value of the tender is £44,465 including maintenance in year 1
4.2	<b><u>Human:</u></b> Democratic services will receive training as part of the installation and commissioning
4.3	<b><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></b>
4.4	<b><u>Other :</u></b> Additional feature and options are provided for

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
5.1	Works will avoid Council meeting schedules to ensure there is no disturbance to scheduled meetings in the next quarter.

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	<p>It is recommended that the Council award the tender for the discussion system to the most economically advantageous tender VP Bastion.</p> <p>An additional feature (Kramer unit: Campus with Wi-Fi at a cost of £3200) was proposed over and above the specification requested. ICT in conjunction with Democratic services will evaluate the additionality and value the added equipment could bring to the chamber. Whilst not part of the tender requirements permission is sought to procure same from the ICT budget if the equipment is a suitable fit for the chamber.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
7.1	None

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<b>Subject</b>	Response to Proposals on Parliamentary Constituencies
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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide members with a draft response to the Boundary Commission's Provisional Proposals Report on the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies and to be considered of approval.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	A review commenced in February 2016 of the parliamentary constituencies across the United Kingdom following the publication of the parliamentary electorate statistics in December 2015. Boundary Commission's across the UK are required to submit their reports on their respective reviews by October 2018.
2.2.	The Boundary Commission has produced a report for public consultation. The report sets out the boundaries and names of the new constituencies as proposed by the Boundary Commission. The consultation closes on 28 November 2016.

<b>3</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
3.1	<p>In summary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 18 parliamentary constituencies</li> <li>• Proposals reduce the number of constituencies to 17</li> <li>• Mid Ulster parliamentary constituency will disappear under proposals</li> <li>• Fermanagh and South Tyrone will remain in name but its boundaries will change</li> <li>• Mid Ulster Local Government District would be positioned across 4 parliamentary constituencies of Glenshane, North Tyrone, Fermanagh &amp; South Tyrone and Upper Bann &amp; Blackwater under the proposals</li> </ul>
3.2	A draft response is attached as Appendix A. This response does not offer an alternative to the proposals presented by the Commission but rather identifies issues which could be considered potential barriers to seamlessly delivering its services to all residents across the district.



<b>4</b>	<b>Resources</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial</u></b> – N/A
4.2	<b><u>Human</u></b> – N/A
4.3	<b><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></b> – N/A
4.4	<b><u>Other</u></b> – N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
5.1	N/A

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	That members consider and approve the draft response to the Boundary Commission's Provisional Proposals on the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

<b>7</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
7.1	Appendix A   Draft Response  Appendix B   Provisional Proposals Report, Boundary Commission for NI



10 November 2016

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Dear Mr McConville

### **Response to Boundary Commission Provisional Proposals Report**

I refer to the Boundary Commission's Provisional Proposals identified to inform the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies. In making reference to the Commission's Report the council makes the following commentary in so far as the proposals affect its district.

This response is not intended to offer an alternative to the proposals presented by the Commission but rather identifies issues which the Council consider to be a potential barrier to seamlessly deliver its services to all residents across the district.

The council notes that the provisional proposals if implemented would see its 40 Electoral Wards being positioned across 4 parliamentary constituencies rather than 2 under current arrangements. This is further reinforced by the council now sharing the 4 parliamentary constituencies with 4 councils (Fermanagh & Omagh, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, Derry & Strabane and Causeway Coast and Glens) under the proposals, rather than with 1 other council (Fermanagh and Omagh) as it is at present. On considering the proposals the council observes that:

- They appear to be counter to the principle of coterminosity which have developed in recent years in response to the need to deliver services in a joined up manner across government for the benefit all residents. They have the potential to dilute the principle of coterminosity.
- The proposals will bond areas and communities which traditionally have not had a natural affiliation nor connection.
- Mid Ulster Local Government District is a boundary which is synonymous with local communities and broadly co-terminus with the existing Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & South Tyrone parliamentary constituencies

- The names of the existing parliamentary constituencies where the council's 40 Electoral Wards are positioned (Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & South Tyrone) resonate with local communities as they have been established from county names and have a geographical basis. Proposed boundaries and the naming convention for same do not give recognition to the newly established local government administrative boundaries which communities are becoming accustomed to
- The council relies upon its close liaison and working relationships with its NI Assembly and Westminster Parliamentary representatives to progress matters to the benefit of its residents. The proposals offer an opportunity for the Council to work with a greater number of elected representatives but they would represent a smaller proportion of the council's area lessening impact stake within the district
- Proposals have potential to stretch and thinly spread NI Assembly and Westminster Parliamentary representatives, and that of council officials, to progress matters of mutual benefit due to their requirement to work with a greater number of local government districts and other bodies. This is demonstrated with the council's electoral wards being positioned across 4 parliamentary constituencies rather than 2 as is at present. For example, under proposals:
  - 5 wards will now fall under Fermanagh & South Tyrone
  - 15 wards will now fall under Glenshane
  - 11 wards will now fall under North Tyrone
  - 9 wards will now fall under Upper Bann & Blackwater

In summary, the changing of established constituencies where a broad level of coterminosity has been experienced allowing council elected representatives to strategically work with their NI Assembly and Westminster Parliamentary representatives will make it difficult for the council to continue to co-ordinate its activity of delivering strategic gains for the residents of the district.

The Council is supportive of the work of the Commission and requests that its views be considered as part of its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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# Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland



# PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS REPORT

*2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies*

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is an independent and impartial non-departmental body constituted under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 and the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. Details of the membership and constitution of the Commission are set out in Appendix A. The legislation sets out the procedure to be followed by the Commission when formulating its proposals.
2. There are four Boundary Commissions in the United Kingdom: one each for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is responsible for keeping the representation of Northern Ireland in the House of Commons under continuous review and is required to submit a report to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland every five years showing the constituencies into which it recommends that Northern Ireland should be divided and proposing the names by which they should be known.

### *Timing*

3. The current review commenced on 24 February 2016, after the publication of the Parliamentary electorate statistics for the United Kingdom as at 1 December 2015 which is the “review date” specified in the legislation. The Northern Ireland register of Parliamentary electors at the review date can be viewed on the website of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland at [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk). The review is being carried out simultaneously in each of the four constituent parts of the United Kingdom by the respective Boundary Commissions. Each Commission is required to submit its report before 1 October 2018.

### *The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011*

4. The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 substantively amended the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, including the introduction of new rules for the redistribution of seats and new provisions for public hearings which are set out in Appendix B and Appendix C respectively.

### *The base data for the review*

5. The legislation specifies that the electorate figures to be used for the current review must be those from the electoral registers published on 1 December 2015. The Commission may not base its work on projected electorates or population figures but must work on the basis of the numbers of electors on the electoral register at the review date. In developing its proposals, the Commission may have regard to local government boundaries. The legislation stipulates that these are the ward boundaries in force at the most recent council election date before the review date. For this review, these are the ward boundaries in force at 22 May 2014.

## *The allocation of constituencies*

6. The legislation provides that there will be 600 House of Commons' constituencies allocated to the four parts of the United Kingdom according to a prescribed formula. The allocations of constituencies for this review are set out in the table below:

Country	Electorate at 1 December 2015	Existing Allocation	New Allocation
England	37,294,494*	533	499(+2)
Northern Ireland	1,243,369	18	17
Scotland	3,842,736#	59	51(+2)
Wales	2,181,841	40	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,562,440</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>600</b>

\* The total electorate for England does not include the electorate of the Isle of Wight which will comprise two protected constituencies.  
# The total electorate for Scotland does not include the two protected island constituencies which are exempt from the 5% electoral parity rule.

## *The electoral quota and electoral parity*

7. The Boundary Commissions must ensure that each constituency has an electorate that is within 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota. The quota is defined as the total UK electorate (less the electorate of the four protected constituencies) divided by 596. Based on the number of registered electors on 1 December 2015, the UK quota for the current review is 74,769 electors, giving a +/- 5% range of 71,031 to 78,507 electors. While certain other factors may be taken into account by Commissions, they are all subordinate to the electoral parity requirement.
8. The reduction of one seat allocated to Northern Ireland as a result of the formula means that this review will have an impact across all existing constituencies.

# Chapter 2

## Process and Procedures

### *Commencement*

1. The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland announced the start of its 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries on 24 February 2016<sup>1</sup>, following the publication of the UK electoral registers for 1 December 2015 and agreement on the allocation of the 600 constituencies to the four constituent parts of the United Kingdom.

### *Guidance Booklet*

2. The Commission has produced a guidance booklet to help make the review process more widely known and understood. It contains more detail about the review process than this chapter and can be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.boundarycommission.org.uk](http://www.boundarycommission.org.uk) or requested from the Commission's offices (contact details are provided in Chapter 7).

### *Meeting with Political Parties*

3. As has been the practice at previous boundary reviews, the Commission met representatives of political parties and independents not affiliated to any party. The meeting took place in Parliament Buildings on Friday 27 May 2016. Invitations were extended not only to those parties and independents represented at Westminster, but also to those represented in the Northern Ireland Assembly.
4. The Deputy Chairman explained the role and remit of the Commission; the procedures it would follow; the rules within which it is required to work and the proposed timetable. The meeting did not consider any specific boundary proposals. An agreed note of the meeting can be viewed on the Commission's website.

### *Provisional Proposals*

5. This report sets out, for public consultation, the boundaries and names of the proposed new constituencies. Copies of this report and the accompanying map have been published on the Commission's website and placed on display at the main offices of the 11 local authorities, public libraries, Area Electoral Offices and the offices of the Electoral Commission. The times for visiting the display venues should be confirmed with the relevant office.
6. The rationale for the Commission's proposals is contained in Chapter 4 of this report and the composition of the proposed new constituencies is set out in Appendix D.

### *Representations*

7. Representations may be made to the Commission within 12 weeks of publication of these Provisional Proposals. Representations that take issue with the Commission's proposals will be

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/news-centre/2018-review-announced>



particularly helpful if they include alternative suggestions which take into account the legislative requirements and the need for a consistent approach throughout Northern Ireland.

## ***How to respond***

8. Any person or body wishing to make representations about these Provisional Proposals should do so in writing on or before **28 November 2016**.
9. There are a number of options for providing your response. You can make your views heard at one of the public hearings, by post, email or online. These are set out in Chapter 7.
10. Should you have any queries about the review or how to participate in the consultation process, further information can be obtained from the Commission's website at **[www.boundarycommission.org.uk](http://www.boundarycommission.org.uk)** or by telephoning the Commission's offices at **028 9052 7821**.
11. The Commission will normally only accept representations in writing, subject to any requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The public hearings will provide an opportunity to make oral representations. The Commission will not agree to requests by individuals or groups to meet in order that they may present their point of view.
12. The written representations received will be published on the Commission's website. Personal contact information from representations from individuals will be removed before publication.

## ***Public hearings***

13. During the initial consultation period on its Provisional Proposals, the Commission will hold four public hearings around Northern Ireland to give an opportunity for the public to make representations on them. The hearings will take place during October 2016 and each hearing will last for one day, which will include an evening session for those unable to attend during normal working hours.
14. The locations and dates for each public hearing are detailed below. The timing for each hearing is set out on the Commission's website.

Date	Location
5 October 2016	Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena
11 October 2016	Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh
20 October 2016	Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge, Belfast
25 October 2016	Seagoe Hotel, Portadown

15. The Commission has appointed Chairs for each hearing who will determine the procedure to be followed. Representations may be made by any person or organisation that the Chair considers has an interest in the Commission's proposals. The Chair may set time limits for any individual speaker to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to make their representation. The Chair may permit

questions to be directed through the Chair to any speaker and may ask questions of his or her own. The provisions in the legislation relating to the conduct of public hearings are reproduced at Appendix C.

16. The Commission will arrange for a record of the proceedings of the public hearings to be published on its website as soon as practicable after their conclusion.

### ***Scrutiny period***

17. After the 12 week initial consultation period, the Commission will publish the representations received and the records of the public hearings, and will invite written comment on them during a secondary consultation period of four weeks.

### ***Revised Proposals***

18. On completion of the secondary consultation period, the Commission will consider all representations received, the records of the public hearings and any scrutiny comments concerning representations made. Following this, it may make amendments to the Provisional Proposals and publish the resulting Revised Proposals for further public consultation.
19. The consultation period for the Revised Proposals will be eight weeks. Hard copies of the Revised Proposals will be available for scrutiny in the same public display points used for the Provisional Proposals consultation. There will not be any public hearings in connection with the Revised Proposals and only written representations on the Revised Proposals will be considered.

### ***Final Recommendations***

20. The Commission will take into account any representations received regarding its Revised Proposals and decide whether any further modifications are required. Should it decide to modify its Revised Proposals before submitting them to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Commission is not required to publish the modifications for consultation prior to the submission of its report.

### ***Report submission***

21. At the end of the review, the Commission will submit its recommendations in a report to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland who is responsible for laying the report before Parliament.
22. When reports have been submitted by all four Boundary Commissions, Ministers will be responsible for submitting a draft Order in Council to Parliament giving effect to their recommendations. The draft Order in Council can modify the recommendations made by a Commission only if that Commission asks for the required modifications and notifies the relevant Secretary of State. Once the draft Order in Council completes its legislative process, it will come into operation from the next general election to the United Kingdom Parliament.

# Chapter 3

## Rules and General Principles

### *Legislative requirements*

1. The legislation requires that:
  - Northern Ireland shall be divided into 17 constituencies
  - each constituency shall have an electorate of between 71,031 and 78,507
  - these electorates shall be as recorded on the register dated 1 December 2015
  - any local government wards which are taken into account shall be as on 22 May 2014.

### *Approach adopted*

2. The Commission has decided to use local government wards as the building blocks for the proposed constituencies.
3. Subject to the absolute requirement of the quota range, the Commission has taken into account:
  - special geographical considerations
  - any local ties that would be broken by its proposed changes
  - the boundaries of the 18 existing constituencies.
4. The special geographical considerations include the size, shape and accessibility of proposed constituencies; mountains, passes, lakes and main rivers; and the integrity of built-up areas. The Commission has sought to:
  - create manageable shapes
  - include at least one significant town in each constituency
  - respect organic communities.
5. Research on 'local ties' throughout the UK has identified a wide range of possibilities, including patterns of commuting and shopping, hospital and school catchment areas, transport routes and people's self-identification. In addition, where appropriate and as far as practicable within the Rules, the Commission has taken into consideration the six long-established county boundaries; and for Belfast, the City Council boundary.
6. The statutory reduction in the number of constituencies, combined with the imposition of the tighter quota range, means that this review will require more radical changes in existing boundaries than its predecessor, the 2008 Review. Subject to the requirements of the legislation, the Commission has sought to minimise these changes.
7. Four of the existing constituencies already fall within the required electoral range: Lagan Valley (71,855), Newry and Armagh (78,158), North Antrim (76,278) and South Down (75,606). However, all of the existing constituencies require adjustments to bring them into line with the May 2014 ward boundaries and to accommodate the overall loss of one seat.

8. Rule 7 would allow constituencies to be defined as low as 69,401 if the Commission was satisfied that the application of the UK quota range would 'unreasonably impair' its ability to take into account the discretionary factors set out in Rule 5. The Commission tested a diverse range of options for a 17-seat regional structure and concluded that the limited flexibility afforded by Rule 7 would not produce a significantly better outcome. Since it was not in a position to advance a credible argument that its ability to take the discretionary factors into account had been unreasonably impaired, the Commission concluded that Rule 7 should not be applied.

### ***Names and designation***

9. The Commission was required to recommend a name and designation (either 'county' or 'borough') for each of the proposed constituencies.
10. The Commission decided to retain the name of every proposed constituency which was sufficiently similar to an existing constituency, provided that it still fitted. Otherwise, where appropriate, the Commission has applied the long-established convention of naming constituencies after counties qualified by compass points.
11. In three cases where this did not seem appropriate, new names have been proposed based on geographical features or historical associations.
12. The Commission proposes designating only the Belfast constituencies as borough constituencies. The practical effect of this designation concerns the level of candidates' expenses allowable at elections.

# Chapter 4

## The Delineation of Constituencies

### *Regional Modelling*

1. The Commission began the delineation process by identifying and testing a diverse series of regional models. Since the four existing Belfast constituencies amount to 3.48 quotas, it was decided to test both three-seat and four-seat options for Belfast.
2. The Commission concluded from this exercise that the best models were those which provided for a three-seat Belfast. They were better both at the regional level and for each of the individual Belfast constituencies.
3. As a result of this preliminary work, it was decided that Belfast should be the starting point for the review process.
4. Taking account of local ties, the Commission decided that the three Belfast constituencies should, taken together and as far as possible, match the borders of Belfast City Council. The total Parliamentary electorate within the City Council area equals 2.87 quotas.
5. Given that Belfast Lough separates the existing constituency of Belfast East from Belfast North, it was considered impractical to transfer wards between these two. Transfers would be possible only between North and West; West and South; and South and East.
6. The Commission noted that the City of Belfast east of the River Lagan contains 72,001 registered electors. The river accordingly provided a suitable geographical boundary for a revised constituency of Belfast East.
7. The Commission then had to define two Belfast constituencies west of the Lagan. The first, which has been provisionally named Belfast South West, runs west from the Lagan to the City's western boundary. The Commission extended it northwards until it satisfied the quota. Likewise, the proposed Belfast North West runs northwards from the boundary of the new Belfast South West, extending by two wards beyond the City boundary at the M2 motorway in order to satisfy the quota requirement.
8. After defining the three Belfast constituencies, the Commission examined County Down. The Commission recognised that it could retain the existing constituencies of Strangford and South Down with merely incremental adjustments.
9. The Commission was able to construct a viable successor to the existing constituency of North Down by bringing in the five wards lying outside the Belfast City Council boundary from the existing Belfast East. These wards were previously part of the North Down constituency until 1997.
10. There remained in County Down parts of the existing constituencies of Lagan Valley and Upper Bann. The Commission proposes that these should be combined to create a new constituency which has been provisionally called West Down.

11. For the existing constituency of Newry and Armagh, the Commission proposes incremental adjustments to take account of the 2014 ward boundaries. This would include a slight reduction to accommodate the proposed regional structure.
12. The Commission proposes to bring the remainder of the existing constituency of Upper Bann up to quota by extending it to the west as far as Caledon and Coalisland. The Commission proposes renaming it Upper Bann and Blackwater to take account of the second main river it would include.
13. For the existing constituency of Foyle, no change is necessary other than the inclusion of the entire 2014 ward of Slievekirk.
14. The Commission proposes dividing most of the rest of the region west of the Bann into three:
  - a successor constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone
  - a new constituency, provisionally called North Tyrone, comprising most of the rest of County Tyrone
  - a new constituency provisionally called Glenshane, comprising County Londonderry except for (a) the Coleraine area; and (b) that part of the County included within the proposed Foyle constituency.
15. Finally, to the northeast, the Commission proposes four constituencies broadly matching the historic boundary of County Antrim plus the Coleraine area:
  - North Antrim would shift northwards, taking the Coleraine area from the existing constituency of East Londonderry
  - East Antrim would shift southwards, adding wards from the existing constituencies of Belfast North and South Antrim
  - South Antrim would shift southwards, taking Lisburn from the existing constituency of Lagan Valley
  - a new constituency would be created which has been provisionally called West Antrim, incorporating Ballymena.
16. To take account of the extension to Coleraine, the Commission proposes that the constituency of North Antrim should change its name to Dalriada.

## ***Proposed Constituencies***

### ***Belfast East***

17. At the review date the electorate of Belfast East was 63,358, which falls 11,411 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes a successor constituency comprising those wards which lie between the River Lagan and the eastern boundary of the City. This would mean transferring out the wards of Dundonald, Carrowreagh, Grahamsbridge, Ballyhanwood and Enler; and transferring in those wards from Belfast South which lie between the River and the City boundary (Hillfoot, Cregagh, Ravenhill, Woodstock, Ormeau, Rosetta and Belvoir).
18. Belfast East would have an electorate of 72,001, which is 3.7% below the UK quota and 1.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

## ***Belfast North West***

19. The electorate of Belfast North was 69,041, which falls 5,728 short of the quota. The Commission proposes a new constituency which would transfer out most of the wards lying outside the City boundary (Whitehouse, Rathcoole, O'Neill, Carnmoney Hill, Glebe, Glengormley) while retaining two of them in order to meet the quota (Valley and Colinbridge). To the south, it would transfer in from Belfast West the wards of Forth River, Ballygomartin, Clonard, Beechmount, Falls and Shankill.
20. Belfast North West would have an electorate of 71,266, which is 4.7% below the UK quota and 2.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

## ***Belfast South West***

21. The electorate of Belfast South was 64,876, which is 9,893 short of the quota. A new constituency is proposed which would extend from the Lagan to the western boundary of the City, taking in the whole of Dunmurry ward. Its northernmost wards would be Colin Glen, Turf Lodge, Ballymurphy, Falls Park, Blackstaff and Central. Belfast South West would have an electorate of 73,643, which is 1.5% below the UK quota and 0.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

## ***Dalriada***

22. The electorate of North Antrim was 76,278, which is within the quota range. However, substantial changes are proposed in order to accommodate the new regional structure.
23. The proposed new constituency of Dalriada would:
  - add to the existing North Antrim constituency 12 wards in the Coleraine area (Castlerock, University, Quarry, Waterside, Churchland, Mountsandel, Windy Hall, Dundooan, Portrush and Dunluce, Hopefield, Atlantic, and Portstewart)
  - otherwise have the River Bann as its western boundary
  - transfer in Lurigethan from East Antrim
  - contain at its southern end the wards of Portglenone, Maine, Cullybackey, Kirkinriola and Glenravel.
24. The main towns would be Coleraine and Ballymoney.
25. Dalriada would have an electorate of 74,654, which is 0.2% below the UK quota and 2.1% above the Northern Ireland average.

## ***East Antrim***

26. The electorate of East Antrim was 63,304, which is 11,465 short of the quota. The Commission proposes to adjust the constituency boundaries as follows:
  - at the southern end, transfer in from the existing Belfast North six wards which fall outside the City boundary (Whitehouse, Rathcoole, O'Neill, Carnmoney Hill, Glebe and Glengormley)
  - also at the southern end, transfer in Jordanstown from South Antrim
  - at the northern end, transfer out (a) Torr Head and Rathlin and (b) Lurigethan.

27. The main towns would include Carrickfergus and Larne.
28. East Antrim would have an electorate of 73,317, which is 1.9% below the UK quota and 0.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Fermanagh and South Tyrone***

29. The electorate of Fermanagh and South Tyrone was 70,238, which is 4,531 short of the quota. In addition to adjusting for the 2014 ward boundaries, two major changes are proposed:
- transfer out seven wards at the eastern side of the existing constituency (Mullaghmore, Killymeal, Killyman, Ballysaggart, Moygashel, Caledon and Moy)
  - transfer in eight wards at the northern side of the existing constituency (Newtownsaville, Fintona, Dromore, Trillick, Drumquin, Glenderg, Castlederg and Newtownstewart).
30. Enniskillen would be the main town.
31. Fermanagh and South Tyrone would have an electorate of 73,194, which is 2.1% below the UK quota and 0.1% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Foyle***

32. The electorate of Foyle was 70,602, which is 4,167 short of the quota. The Commission proposes to address this by extending the constituency boundary to include the entirety of the 2014 ward of Slievekirk.
33. Foyle would then have an electorate of 71,398, which is 4.5% below the UK quota and 2.4% below the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Glenshane***

34. The electorate of East Londonderry was 67,359, which is 7,410 short of the quota. Two major changes are proposed which would in effect create a new constituency:
- extend the southern boundary to Lough Neagh, broadly matching the County boundary
  - transfer the Coleraine area out to the proposed new constituency of Dalriada.
35. The southernmost wards in the constituency would be Draperstown, Lissan and The Loup. The main towns would include Limavady, Maghera and Magherafelt.
36. Glenshane would have an electorate of 74,355, which is 0.6% below the UK quota and 1.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Newry and Armagh***

37. The electorate of Newry and Armagh is 78,158, which is at the high end of the UK quota range. In addition to adjusting for the 2014 wards, the Commission proposes to transfer out the wards of Blackwatertown and Loughgall.
38. Newry and Armagh would have an electorate of 74,715, which is 0.1% below the UK quota and 2.2% above the Northern Ireland average.



## ***North Down***

39. The electorate of North Down was 64,700, which is 10,069 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes to address this deficit by transferring in the following wards from Belfast East: Dundonald, Ballyhanwood, Carrowreagh, Grahamsbridge, and Enler.
40. North Down would include Bangor, Holywood, Donaghadee and Dundonald. It would have an electorate of 74,317, which is 0.6% below the UK quota and 1.6% above the Northern Ireland average.

## ***North Tyrone***

41. The electorate of West Tyrone was 64,003, which is 10,766 short of the UK quota. A new constituency of North Tyrone is proposed which would be created through the following changes to West Tyrone:
- transfer out eight wards at the south-western side of the constituency, as specified under 'Fermanagh and South Tyrone' above
  - transfer in the ward of Mullaghmore from Fermanagh and South Tyrone
  - transfer in ten wards from the existing constituency of Mid Ulster (Oaklands, Cookstown East, Cookstown West, Cookstown South, Coagh, Ardboe, Stewartstown, Donaghmore, Pomeroy and Loughry).
42. The main towns would include Strabane, Omagh and Cookstown.
43. North Tyrone would have an electorate of 71,379, which is 4.5% below the UK quota and 2.4% below the Northern Ireland average.

## ***South Antrim***

44. The electorate of South Antrim was 68,020, which is 6,749 short of the UK quota. The Commission proposes to:
- transfer out 15 wards to the proposed constituency of West Antrim (Burnthill, Carnmoney, Fairview, Ballyduff, Mossley, Ballynure, Ballyrobert, Doagh, Ballyclare East, Ballyclare West, Parkgate, Shilvodan, Randalstown, Cranfield and Toome)
  - transfer in wards from the existing constituency of Lagan Valley (Ballinderry, Maghaberry, Lambeg, Hilden, Lagan Valley, Old Warren and Knockmore).
45. The main towns would include Antrim and Lisburn.
46. South Antrim would have an electorate of 71,614, which is 4.2% below the UK average and 2.1% below the Northern Ireland average.

## ***South Down***

47. The electorate of South Down was 75,606, which is within the UK quota range. Modest adjustments are proposed to accommodate the 2014 ward boundaries:
- Crossgar and Killyleagh ward would transfer in its entirety to Strangford
  - Gransha and Banbridge East wards would transfer in their entirety to the new constituency of West Down.

48. The main towns would include Downpatrick and Newcastle.
49. South Down would have an electorate of 74,040, which is 1.0% below the UK quota and 1.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Strangford***

50. The electorate of Strangford was 64,750, which is 10,019 short of the UK quota. The Commission accordingly proposes the following adjustments:
- transfer in from North Down the balance of Loughries ward
  - transfer in from Belfast South the wards of Galwally, Cairnshill and the balance of Carryduff East
  - transfer in from South Down the balance of Crossgar and Killyleagh ward.
51. The main towns would include Newtownards, Saintfield, Killyleagh and Portaferry.
52. Strangford would have an electorate of 74,741, which is equivalent to the UK quota and 2.2% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***Upper Bann and Blackwater***

53. The Commission proposes a new constituency, provisionally called Upper Bann and Blackwater after the two main rivers which run through the middle of it. Extending along the south shore of Lough Neagh, Upper Bann and Blackwater would take in parts of four existing constituencies: Newry and Armagh, Upper Bann, Mid Ulster and Fermanagh and South Tyrone.
54. The main towns would include Portadown and Dungannon.
55. Upper Bann and Blackwater would have an electorate of 73,641, which is 1.5% below the UK quota and 0.7% above the Northern Ireland average.

### ***West Antrim***

56. The Commission proposes to insert a new constituency called West Antrim between the existing North Antrim and South Antrim which would run from the Bann to Ballynure and from Slemish to Carnmoney. The town of Ballymena would sit on its northern boundary, which would also comprise the wards of Grange, Ahoghill, Galgorm, Broughshane and Slemish. On its boundary with South Antrim the new constituency would contain the wards of Shilvodan, Parkgate, Ballyrobert, Mossley, Burnthill, Ballyhenry, Carnmoney, Fairview and Ballyduff.
57. West Antrim would have an electorate of 72,664, which is 2.8% below the UK quota and 0.6% below the Northern Ireland average.

### ***West Down***

58. The Commission proposes significant changes to the existing constituency of Lagan Valley. Its successor, provisionally called West Down, would include parts of Upper Bann, South Down and Belfast South. Relative to the existing constituency of Lagan Valley, it would:
- Transfer out the wards of Ballinderry, Maghaberry, Lambeg, Hilden, Lagan Valley, Old Warren and Knockmore to the proposed constituency of South Antrim

- Transfer in from the existing constituency of Belfast South the wards of Newtownbreda, Knockbracken, Beechill and Carryduff West
- Transfer in Banbridge East from South Down
- Transfer in from Upper Bann the wards of Magheralin, Donaghcloney, Waringstown, Bleary, Gilford, Banbridge North, Banbridge West and Banbridge South.

59. The main towns would include Banbridge and Dromore.
60. West Down would have an electorate of 72,430, which is 3.1% below the UK quota and 1.0% below the Northern Ireland average.

## **Summary**

61. The Commission has identified and considered a range of optional models for Northern Ireland's 17 future Parliamentary constituency boundaries. Out of necessity, the proposals require substantial changes to the existing constituency structure. The Commission has tried to minimise these changes.
62. Under the Commission's proposals, there would be three Belfast constituencies (Belfast East, Belfast North West and Belfast South West).
63. Outside Belfast, eight constituencies would recognisably continue with varying degrees of adjustment to their boundaries. These would retain their names (East Antrim, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Foyle, Newry and Armagh, North Down, South Antrim, South Down, and Strangford.)
64. Six new constituencies would be created, which have been provisionally called Dalriada, Glenshane, North Tyrone, Upper Bann and Blackwater, West Antrim and West Down.
65. All the proposed constituencies fall comfortably within the UK quota range, running from 4.7% below to equivalence.
66. All the proposed constituencies are within 3% of the Northern Ireland average, running from 2.6% below to 2.2% above.
67. The electorates of the proposed constituencies range from 71,266 (Belfast North West) to 74,741 (Strangford).
68. The Commission has not found it necessary or desirable to split any of the local government wards which have been used as building blocks.

# Chapter 5

## The Effects of the Proposals

### *The proposed constituencies*

1. At present, Northern Ireland is represented by 18 Members of Parliament. The effect of the amendments to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, contained in the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, will be to reduce the number of Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland to 17 at the next General Election after the boundary changes are implemented.
2. The proposed constituencies are set out in the previous chapter and in Appendix D. A map showing the proposed constituencies has been produced to accompany this report.
3. All of the proposed constituencies are within 5% of the UK electoral quota of 74,769 i.e. between 71,031 and 78,507 electors.
4. All of the proposed constituencies are within 3% of the Northern Ireland electoral average of 73,139 (the figure obtained by dividing the Northern Ireland Parliamentary electorate by the number of constituencies).
5. The table below shows the 17 proposed constituencies together with the variance from the UK electoral quota and the NI electoral average.

Constituencies in Alphabetical Order	Electorate: 1 December 2015	Variance: UK quota	Variance: NI electoral average
Belfast East	72,001	-3.7%	-1.6%
Belfast North West	71,266	-4.7%	-2.6%
Belfast South West	73,643	-1.5%	+0.7%
Dalriada	74,654	-0.2%	+2.1%
East Antrim	73,317	-1.9%	+0.2%
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	73,194	-2.1%	+0.1%
Foyle	71,398	-4.5%	-2.4%
Glenshane	74,355	-0.6%	+1.7%
Newry and Armagh	74,715	-0.1%	+2.2%
North Down	74,317	-0.6%	+1.6%
North Tyrone	71,379	-4.5%	-2.4%
South Antrim	71,614	-4.2%	-2.1%
South Down	74,040	-1.0%	+1.2%
Strangford	74,741	0%	+2.2%
Upper Bann and Blackwater	73,641	-1.5%	+0.7%
West Antrim	72,664	-2.8%	-0.6%
West Down	72,430	-3.1%	-1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,243,369</b>		

# Chapter 6

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**The Hon Madam Justice McBride**

(Deputy Chairman)

**Dr William Smith**

(Commissioner)

**Ms Sarah Havlin**

(Commissioner)

September 2016

# Chapter 7

## How to Respond

Any person or body wishing to make representations about these Provisional Proposals should do so in writing on or before **28 November 2016**.

The Commission will only accept representations in writing, with the exception of those verbal submissions made at the public hearings. Representations can be made as follows:

### By post

You can write to the Secretary to the Boundary Commission:

Eamonn McConville  
Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland  
The Bungalow  
Stormont House  
Stormont Estate  
Belfast  
BT4 3SH

### By email

You can email your response to: [review@boundarycommission.org.uk](mailto:review@boundarycommission.org.uk)

### Online

You can submit your representation(s) online at: [www.bcn2018.uk](http://www.bcn2018.uk)

The online facility also allows respondents to upload documents, spreadsheets and maps in support of any alternative proposals. The online consultation should be read alongside this document and the supporting map.

# Appendix A

## Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland: Membership and Constitution

The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland is constituted in accordance with section 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended.

At the commencement of the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries on 24 February 2016 its composition was as follows:

Chairman: The Speaker of the House of Commons \*

Deputy Chairman: The Hon Madam Justice McBride

Members: Dr William Smith  
Ms Sarah Havlin

Assessors: The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland  
Mr Graham Shields

The Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland  
Mr Alan Brontë

The Chief Survey Officer of Land and Property Services  
Mr John Deyermund

The Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland#

Secretary: Mr Eamonn McConville

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*\* The Deputy Chairman, by custom, presides at all meetings of the Commission and the Speaker is kept fully informed of the progress of the work of the Commission.*

*# The post of Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland is currently vacant.*

# Appendix B

## Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended

### SCHEDULE 2

#### RULES FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

##### *Number of constituencies*

- 1 The number of constituencies in the United Kingdom shall be 600.

##### *Electorate per constituency*

- 2 (1) The electorate of any constituency shall be -
- (a) no less than 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
  - (b) no more than 105% of that quota.
- (2) This rule is subject to rules 4(2), 6(3) and 7.
- (3) In this Schedule the "United Kingdom electoral quota" means  
U/596

where U is the electorate of the United Kingdom minus the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6.

##### *Allocation of constituencies to parts of the United Kingdom*

- 3 (1) Each constituency shall be wholly in one of the four parts of the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).
- (2) The number of constituencies in each part of the United Kingdom shall be determined in accordance with the allocation method set out in rule 8.

##### *Area of constituencies*

- 4 (1) A constituency shall not have an area of more than 13,000 square kilometres.
- (2) A constituency does not have to comply with rule 2(1)(a) if -
- (a) it has an area of more than 12,000 square kilometres, and
  - (b) the Boundary Commission concerned are satisfied that it is not reasonably possible for the constituency to comply with that rule.



### ***Factors***

- 5 (1) A Boundary Commission may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit -
- (a) special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
  - (b) local government boundaries as they exist on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date;
  - (c) boundaries of existing constituencies;
  - (d) any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies;
  - (e) the inconveniences attendant on such changes.<sup>2</sup>
- (2) The Boundary Commission for England may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit, boundaries of the electoral regions specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date.
- (3) This rule has effect subject to rules 2 and 4.

### ***Protected constituencies***

- 6 (1) There shall be two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.
- (2) There shall continue to be -
- (a) a constituency named Orkney and Shetland, comprising the areas of the Orkney Islands Council and the Shetland Islands Council;
  - (b) a constituency named Na h-Eileanan an Iar, comprising the area of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.
- (3) Rule 2 does not apply to these constituencies.

### ***Northern Ireland***

- 7 (1) In relation to Northern Ireland, sub-paragraph (2) below applies in place of rule 2 where -
- (a) the difference between -
    - (i) the electorate of Northern Ireland, and
    - (ii) the United Kingdom electoral quota multiplied by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), exceeds one third of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
  - (b) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland consider that having to apply rule 2 would unreasonably impair -

- (i) their ability to take into account the factors set out in rule 5(1), or
- (ii) their ability to comply with section 3(2) of this Act.

(2) The electorate of any constituency shall be -

- (a) no less than whichever is the lesser of -  
N-A

and 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and

- (b) no more than whichever is the greater of -  
N+A

and 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota,

where -

N is the electorate of Northern Ireland divided by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), and

A is 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota.

### ***The allocation method***

- 8 (1) The allocation method referred to in rule 3(2) is as follows.
- (2) The first constituency shall be allocated to the part of the United Kingdom with the greatest electorate.
- (3) The second and subsequent constituencies shall be allocated in the same way, except that the electorate of a part of the United Kingdom to which one or more constituencies have already been allocated is to be divided by -

$$2C+1$$

where C is the number of constituencies already allocated to that part.

- (4) Where the figure given by sub-paragraph (3) above is the same for two or more parts of the United Kingdom, the part to which a constituency is to be allocated shall be the one with the smaller or smallest actual electorate.
- (5) This rule does not apply to the constituencies mentioned in rule 6, and accordingly -
- (a) the electorate of England shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(1);
  - (b) the electorate of Scotland shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(2).

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<sup>2</sup> Rule 5(1)(e) does not apply to a report due to be submitted before 1 October 2013, as specified by section 11(2) of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011

## ***Interpretation***

- 9 (1) This rule has effect for the purposes of this Schedule.
- (2) The “electorate” of the United Kingdom, or of a part of the United Kingdom or a constituency, is the total number of persons whose names appear on the relevant version of a register of parliamentary electors in respect of addresses in the United Kingdom, or in that part or that constituency.

For this purpose the relevant version of a register is the version that is required by virtue of subsection (1) of section 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be published no later than the review date, or would be so required but for -

- (a) any power under that section to prescribe a later date, or
  - (b) subsection (1A) of that section.
- (3) “Local government boundaries” are -
- (a) in England, the boundaries of counties and their electoral divisions, districts and their wards, London boroughs and their wards and the City of London,
  - (b) in Wales, the boundaries of counties, county boroughs, electoral divisions, communities and community wards,
  - (c) in Scotland, the boundaries of local government areas and the electoral wards into which they are divided under section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004, and
  - (d) in Northern Ireland, the boundaries of wards.
- (4) “Ordinary council-election day” is -
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, the ordinary day of election of councillors for local government areas;
  - (b) in relation to Scotland, the day on which the poll is held at ordinary elections of councillors for local government areas;
  - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, the day of an election for any district council (other than an election to fill a casual vacancy).
- (5) The “review date”, in relation to a report under section 3(1) of this Act that a Boundary Commission is required (by section 3(2)) to submit before a particular date, is two years and ten months before that date.
- (6) “The United Kingdom electoral quota” has the meaning given by rule 2(3).
- (7) A reference in rule 6 to an area is to the area as it existed on the coming into force of Part 2 of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

# Appendix C

## Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended

### SCHEDULE 2A

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS ABOUT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

##### *Purpose of hearings*

- 1 The purpose of a public hearing is to enable representations to be made about any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

##### *Number of hearings*

- 2 (1) In relation to any particular report under section 3(1)(a) of this Act -
  - (a) the Boundary Commission for England shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in each English region;
  - (b) the Boundary Commission for Scotland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Scotland;
  - (c) the Boundary Commission for Wales shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Wales;
  - (d) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Northern Ireland.
- (2) The public hearings in an English region shall be concerned with proposals for that region, and shall between them cover the whole region.
- (3) The public hearings in Scotland shall be concerned with proposals for Scotland, and shall between them cover the whole of Scotland.
- (4) The public hearings in Wales shall be concerned with proposals for Wales, and shall between them cover the whole of Wales.
- (5) The public hearings in Northern Ireland shall be concerned with proposals for Northern Ireland, and shall between them cover the whole of Northern Ireland.

##### *Chair of hearing*

- 3 For each public hearing the Boundary Commission concerned shall appoint a person to chair the hearing.

### ***Length of hearings***

- 4 A public hearing shall be completed within two days.

### ***Procedure at hearings***

- 5 It is for the chair of each public hearing to determine the procedure that is to govern that hearing.

- 6 The chair shall make arrangements for a public hearing to begin with an explanation of -

- (a) the proposals with which the hearing is concerned;
- (b) how written representations about the proposals may be made (as mentioned in section 5(1)(a), (4)(b) or (5)(c) of this Act).

- 7 (1) The chair of a public hearing must allow representations to be made -

- (a) by each qualifying party;
- (b) by any other persons (whether individuals or organisations) considered by the chair to have an interest in any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Paragraph (b) above has effect subject to sub-paragraph (3)(b) below.

- (2) The chair may restrict the amount of time allowed for representations-

- (a) by qualifying parties, and
- (b) by other persons,

and need not allow the same amount to each.

- (3) The chair may determine -

- (a) the order in which representations are made, and
- (b) if necessary because of shortage of time, which of those wishing to make representations are not allowed to do so,

in whatever way the chair decides.

- 8 (1) The chair may put questions, or allow questions to be put, to a person present at the hearing.

- (2) If questions are allowed to be put, the chair may regulate the manner of questioning or restrict the number of questions a person may ask.

## ***Interpretation***

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In this Schedule -

“the chair” means the person appointed under paragraph 3 above;

“English region” means an electoral region specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the day referred to in rule 5(2) of Schedule 2 to this Act;

“public hearing” means a hearing under section 5(1)(b) of this Act;

“qualifying party” means a party that is registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and either -

- (a) has at least one Member of the House of Commons representing a constituency in the region, or (as the case may be) the part of the United Kingdom, in which the hearing is held, or
- (b) received at least 10% of the votes cast in that region or part in the most recent parliamentary general election.

# Appendix D

## Composition of the Proposed Constituencies

(Alphabetical order)

### Belfast East Borough Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Belfast LGD</b>			
Ballymacarrett	3,528	Merok	3,085
Beersbridge	3,443	Orangefield	3,405
Belmont	3,534	Ormeau	3,409
Belvoir	3,422	Ravenhill	3,062
Bloomfield	3,474	Rosetta	3,636
Connswater	3,532	Sandown	3,207
Cregagh	3,150	Shandon	3,755
Garnerville	3,478	Stormont	3,667
Gilnahirk	3,563	Sydenham	3,333
Hillfoot	3,588	Woodstock	3,072
Knock	3,658		

Total constituency electorate - 72,001

### Belfast North West Borough Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Belfast LGD</b>			
Ardoyne	3,645	Falls	3,237
Ballygomartin	3,994	Forth River	3,112
Ballysillan	3,333	Fortwilliam	3,290
Beechmount	3,497	Innisfayle	3,700
Bellevue	3,386	Legoniel	3,540
Cavehill	3,295	New Lodge	3,310
Chichester Park	3,688	Shankill	3,997
Cliftonville	3,574	Water Works	3,757
Clonard	3,665	Woodvale	3,087
Duncairn	3,731		

### Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD

Collinbridge	2,222	Valley	2,206
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Total constituency electorate – 71,266

## Belfast South West Borough Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Belfast LGD</b>			
Andersonstown	3,641	Malone	3,399
Ballymurphy	3,377	Musgrave	3,472
Blackstaff	3,682	Poleglass	3,677
Central	4,342	Shaw's Road	3,816
Colin Glen	3,888	Stewartstown	3,566
Dunmurry	3,774	Stranmillis	3,832
Falls Park	3,646	Turf Lodge	3,472
Finaghy	3,406	Twinbrook	3,338
Ladybrook	3,632	Upper Malone	3,470
Lagmore	4,409	Windsor	3,804

**Total constituency electorate - 73,643**

## Dalriada County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Causeway Coast and Glens LGD</b>			
Atlantic	2,463	Kinbane	2,579
Ballycastle	2,360	Loughguile and Stranocum	2,518
Ballymoney East	2,153	Lurigethan	2,108
Ballymoney North	2,483	Mountsandel	2,415
Ballymoney South	2,190	Portrush and Dunluce	2,197
Castlerock	2,546	Portstewart	2,175
Churchland	2,590	Quarry	2,514
Clogh Mills	2,638	Rasharkin	2,600
Dervock	2,405	Route	2,322
Dundooan	2,448	Torr Head and Rathlin	2,565
Dunloy	2,494	University	2,127
Giant's Causeway	2,448	Waterside	2,801
Hopefield	2,491	Windy Hall	2,700
<b>Mid and East Antrim LGD</b>			
Cullybackey	2,043	Maine	2,275
Glenravel	2,446	Portglenone	2,318
Kirkinriola	2,242		

**Total constituency electorate – 74,654**



## East Antrim County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD</b>			
Abbey	2,281	Monkstown	2,242
Carnmoney Hill	2,280	O'Neill	2,154
Glebe	2,314	Rathcoole	2,144
Glengormley	2,318	Rostulla	2,452
Jordanstown	2,439	Whitehouse	2,118
<b>Mid and East Antrim LGD</b>			
Ballycarry and Glynn	2,617	Greenisland	2,363
Boneybefore	2,389	Islandmagee	2,353
Burleigh Hill	2,220	Kilroot	2,889
Cairncastle	2,623	Kilwaughter	2,946
Carnlough and Glenarm	2,244	Love Lane	2,453
Castle	2,625	Sunnylands	2,642
Craigyhill	2,552	The Maidens	2,524
Curran and Inver	2,469	Victoria	2,657
Gardenmore	2,491	Whitehead South	2,546
Gortalee	2,338	Woodburn	2,634
<b>Total constituency electorate – 73,317</b>			

## Fermanagh and South Tyrone County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Fermanagh and Omagh LGD</b>			
Ballinamallard	2,084	Florence Court and Kinawley	2,117
Belcoo and Garrison	2,062	Irvinestown	2,110
Belleek and Boa	2,267	Lisbellaw	2,192
Boho, Cleenish and Letterbreen	2,328	Lisnarrick	1,948
Brookeborough	1,852	Lisnaskea	1,804
Castlecoole	2,095	Maguiresbridge	2,379
Derrygonnelly	2,028	Newtownbutler	1,881
Derrylin	1,867	Newtownsaville	1,999
Donagh	1,960	Portora	2,056
Dromore	1,955	Rosslea	1,734
Drumquin	2,066	Rossorry	1,717
Ederney and Kesh	2,056	Tempo	2,047
Erne	2,308	Trillick	1,879
Fintona	1,786		
<b>Derry and Strabane LGD</b>			
Castlederg	2,472	Newtownstewart	2,283
Glenderg	2,435		
<b>Mid Ulster LGD</b>			
Augher and Clogher	2,456	Castlecaulfield	2,328
Aughnacloy	2,246	Fivemiletown	2,105
Ballygawley	2,292		
<b>Total constituency electorate – 73,194</b>			

## Foyle County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Derry and Strabane LGD</b>			
Ballymagroarty	2,606	Galliagh	2,734
Brandywell	2,544	Kilfennan	2,729
Carn Hill	2,316	Lisnagelvin	2,554
Caw	2,742	Madam's Bank	2,412
City Walls	2,356	New Buildings	2,753
Clondermot	2,661	Northland	2,855
Creggan	2,698	Shantallow	2,752
Creggan South	2,641	Shantallow East	3,027
Culmore	2,943	Sheriff's Mountain	2,409
Drumahoe	2,845	Skeoge	2,770
Ebrington	2,496	Slievekirk	2,480
Eglinton	2,688	Springtown	2,478
Enagh	2,667	Victoria	2,657
Foyle Springs	2,585		
<b>Total constituency electorate – 71,398</b>			

## Glenshane County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Causeway Coast and Glens LGD</b>			
Aghadowey	2,528	Garvagh	2,287
Altahullion	2,205	Greysteel	2,896
Ballykelly	2,318	Greystone	2,306
Coolessan	2,038	Kilrea	2,530
Drumurn	2,354	Macosquin	2,389
Dungiven	2,401	Magilligan	2,269
Feeny	2,292	Roeside	2,085
<b>Mid Ulster LGD</b>			
Ballymaguigan	2,614	Maghera	2,280
Bellaghy	2,556	Swatragh	2,377
Castledawson	2,517	Tamlaght O'Crilly	2,467
Coolshinny	2,554	The Loup	2,704
Draperstown	2,055	Tobermore	2,481
Glebe	2,388	Town Parks East	2,320
Lissan	2,459	Valley	2,406
Lower Glenshane	2,249		
<b>Derry and Strabane LGD</b>			
Claudy	2,536	Park	2,494
<b>Total constituency electorate - 74,355</b>			

## Newry and Armagh County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</b>			
Abbey	2,635	Fathom	2,802
Ballybot	3,165	Forkhill	2,796
Bessbrook	3,013	Mullaghbane	2,829
Camlough	2,822	Newtownhamilton	2,703
Crossmaglen	2,746	St. Patrick's	3,211
Damolly	2,859	Whitecross	2,726
Drumalane	3,022		
<b>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD</b>			
Cathedral	3,040	Navan	3,508
Demesne	3,447	Richhill	3,442
Hamiltonsbawn	3,471	Seagahan	3,656
Keady	3,492	Tandragee	3,430
Mahon	3,151	The Mall	3,232
Markethill	3,517		
<b>Total constituency electorate - 74,715</b>			

## North Down County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>North Down and Ards LGD</b>			
Ballycrochan	2,602	Groomsport	2,857
Ballygrainey	3,202	Harbour	3,006
Ballyholme	2,891	Helen's Bay	2,790
Ballymagee	2,995	Hollywood	3,117
Bloomfield	2,804	Kilcooley	2,714
Broadway	2,768	Loughview	2,846
Bryansburn	2,863	Rathgael	2,462
Castle	2,772	Rathmore	2,890
Clandeboyne	2,717	Silverbirch	2,867
Cultra	2,915	Silverstream	2,531
Donaghadee	2,890	Warren	2,952
<b>Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD</b>			
Ballyhanwood	2,228	Enler	2,175
Carrowreagh	3,081	Graham's Bridge	2,139
Dundonald	2,243		
<b>Total constituency electorate - 74,317</b>			

## North Tyrone County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Fermanagh and Omagh LGD</b>			
Beragh	2,015	Gortrush	2,090
Camowen	2,182	Killyclogher	2,070
Coolnagard	2,184	Owenkillew	1,970
Dergmoney	1,711	Sixmilecross	1,980
Drumnakilly	2,053	Strule	1,705
Fairy Water	2,157	Termon	1,832
Gortin	2,028		
<b>Mid Ulster LGD</b>			
Ardboe	2,622	Loughry	2,033
Coagh	2,282	Mullaghmore	2,097
Cookstown East	1,974	Oaklands	2,321
Cookstown South	2,206	Pomeroy	2,552
Cookstown West	2,270	Stewartstown	2,162
Donaghmore	2,559		
<b>Derry and Strabane LGD</b>			
Artigarvan	2,564	Glenelly Valley	2,406
Ballycolman	2,570	Sion Mills	2,610
Dunnamanagh	2,461	Strabane North	2,513
Finn	2,807	Strabane West	2,393
<b>Total constituency electorate - 71,379</b>			

## South Antrim County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD</b>			
Aldergrove	2,524	Hightown	2,087
Antrim Centre	2,583	Mallusk	3,217
Clady	2,489	Springfarm	2,924
Crumlin	2,457	Steeple	2,135
Fountain Hill	2,090	Stiles	2,356
Greystone	1,934	Templepatrick	2,420
<b>Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD</b>			
Ballinderry	2,693	Lambeg	2,291
Ballymacash	2,290	Lisnagarvey	2,223
Ballymacoss	3,064	Maghaberry	2,701
Derryaghy	2,616	Magheralave	2,318
Glenavy	2,394	Old Warren	2,397
Harmony Hill	2,257	Stonyford	2,122
Hilden	2,449	Wallace Park	2,503
Knockmore	2,519	White Mountain	3,478
Lagan Valley	2,083		
<b>Total constituency electorate - 71,614</b>			

## South Down County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</b>			
Annalong	2,959	Kilkeel	2,455
Ballydugan	2,620	Knocknashinna	3,037
Ballyward	2,986	Lecale	2,916
Binnian	2,949	Lisnacree	3,162
Burren	2,834	Mayobridge	3,295
Castlewellan	2,766	Murlough	3,045
Cathedral	2,738	Quoile	2,754
Derryleckagh	3,114	Rostrevor	3,103
Donard	2,657	Strangford	2,783
Drumaness	2,820	Tollymore	2,856
Dundrum	2,877	Warrenpoint	2,977
Hilltown	3,234		
<b>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD</b>			
Loughbrickland	3,790	Rathfriland	3,313
<b>Total constituency electorate - 74,040</b>			

## Strangford County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>North Down and Ards LGD</b>			
Ballygowan	3,063	Gregstown	2,537
Ballywalter	3,161	Killinchy	2,590
Carrowdore	2,917	Kircubbin	2,920
Comber North	2,738	Loughries	2,830
Comber South	2,750	Movilla	2,549
Comber West	2,681	Portaferry	2,559
Conway Square	2,886	Portavogie	2,569
Cronstown	3,198	Scrabo	3,078
Glen	3,056	West Winds	2,843
<b>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</b>			
Ballynahinch	2,884	Kilmore	2,817
Crossgar and Killyleagh	2,884	Saintfield	3,006
Derryboy	2,920		
<b>Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD</b>			
Cairnshill	2,385	Galwally	2,304
Carryduff East	2,490	Moneyreagh	2,126
<b>Total constituency electorate - 74,741</b>			

## Upper Bann and Blackwater County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD</b>			
Aghagallon	3,408	Killycomain	2,773
Ballybay	3,008	Knocknashane	2,972
Blackwatertown	3,825	Lough Road	3,328
Brownlow	3,681	Loughgall	3,676
Corcrain	2,946	Mourneview	3,256
Craigavon Centre	3,349	Parklake	3,394
Derrytrasna	3,367	Shankill	3,760
Kernan	3,257	The Birches	3,743
<b>Mid Ulster LGD</b>			
Ballysaggart	1,947	Killymeal	2,053
Caledon	2,467	Moy	2,125
Coalisland North	2,383	Moygashel	1,874
Coalisland South	2,476	Washing Bay	2,417
Killyman	2,156		
<b>Total constituency electorate - 73,641</b>			

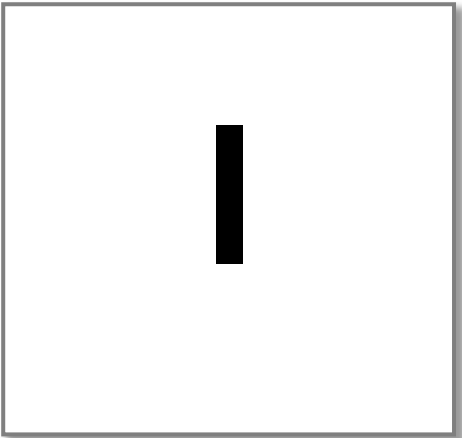


## West Antrim County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD</b>			
Ballyclare East	2,580	Cranfield	2,300
Ballyclare West	2,647	Doagh	2,389
Ballyduff	2,332	Fairview	2,110
Ballyhenry	2,107	Mossley	2,502
Ballynure	2,519	Parkgate	2,365
Ballyrobert	2,469	Randalstown	2,377
Burnthill	2,454	Shilvodan	2,456
Carnmoney	2,109	Toome	2,541
<b>Mid and East Antrim LGD</b>			
Academy	2,110	Fair Green	2,023
Ahoghill	2,576	Galgorm	2,370
Ardeevin	2,344	Glenwhirry	2,280
Ballee and Harryville	2,299	Grange	2,631
Ballykeel	2,159	Kells	2,417
Braidwater	2,099	Park	2,137
Broughshane	2,650	Slemish	2,282
Castle Demesne	2,030		
<b>Total constituency electorate - 72,664</b>			

## West Down County Constituency

WARD	ELECTORATE	WARD	ELECTORATE
<b>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD</b>			
Banbridge East	3,148	Dromore	3,122
Banbridge North	3,129	Gilford	3,250
Banbridge South	3,311	Gransha	3,290
Banbridge West	3,623	Magheralin	3,372
Bleary	3,326	Quilly	3,012
Donaghcloney	3,290	Waringstown	3,734
<b>Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD</b>			
Ballymacbrennan	2,293	Hillsborough	2,545
Beechill	2,396	Knockbracken	2,488
Blaris	2,201	Lagan	2,339
Carryduff West	2,320	Maze	2,211
Dromara	2,440	Moirra	2,534
Drumbo	2,214	Newtownbreda	2,000
Hillhall	2,584	Ravernet	2,258
<b>Total constituency electorate - 72,430</b>			



<b>Subject</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.

3	Key Issues																		
3.1	<p>The following outlines the open consultations of which Council has been notified:</p> <table><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Issue</th><th>Closing Date</th></tr><tr><td>Department for Infrastructure - Water and Drainage Policy Division</td><td>Sustainable Water - A Long Term Water Strategy for Northern Ireland (2015 - 2040) Draft Strategy Implementation Action Plan</td><td>30 Nov 2016</td></tr><tr><td>Department for the Economy</td><td>Consultation on proposed changes to the law applying to Northern Ireland Credit Unions.</td><td>05 Dec 2016</td></tr><tr><td>Northern Ireland Executive</td><td>Consultation on the Programme for Government - the highest level strategic document of the Executive.</td><td>23 Dec 2016</td></tr><tr><td>Department of Health</td><td>Consultation on the proposed amendments to The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2005.</td><td>30 Dec 2016</td></tr><tr><td>Education Authority</td><td>Review of Residential &amp; Outdoor Education – consultation</td><td>6 Feb 2016</td></tr></table> <p>Documentation on the aforementioned consultations may be provided on request</p>	Organisation	Issue	Closing Date	Department for Infrastructure - Water and Drainage Policy Division	Sustainable Water - A Long Term Water Strategy for Northern Ireland (2015 - 2040) Draft Strategy Implementation Action Plan	30 Nov 2016	Department for the Economy	Consultation on proposed changes to the law applying to Northern Ireland Credit Unions.	05 Dec 2016	Northern Ireland Executive	Consultation on the Programme for Government - the highest level strategic document of the Executive.	23 Dec 2016	Department of Health	Consultation on the proposed amendments to The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2005.	30 Dec 2016	Education Authority	Review of Residential & Outdoor Education – consultation	6 Feb 2016
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<b>4</b>	<b>Resources</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial</u></b> - N/A
4.2	<b><u>Human</u></b> - N/A
4.3	<b><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></b> - N/A
4.4	<b><u>Other</u></b> - N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
5.1	Not applicable

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	Members review and note the consultations.

<b>7</b>	<b>List of documents attached</b>
7.1	Not applicable.

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<b>Subject</b>	Correspondence to Council – November
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.

<b>3</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
3.1	<b>Correspondence from Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh Borough Council</b>
3.1.1	Lisburn & Castlereagh Borough Council carried a motion at its October 2016 meeting in support of ME and fibromyalgia, as follows: .  <i><b>“Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City Council calls on the Health Minister to support the ongoing and productive work of ‘Hope 4 ME &amp; Fibro Northern Ireland’ for the provision of a Specialist Consultant with biomedical knowledge and experience for the 700 plus ME and 17,000 fibromyalgia sufferers in Northern Ireland”.</b></i>
3.1.2	The correspondence is attached as Appendix A this report. Lisburn & Castlereagh has written to all councils seeking support for their resolution.

<b>4</b>	<b>Resources</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial</u></b> N/A
4.2	<b><u>Human</u></b> N/A
4.3	<b><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></b> N/A
4.4	<b><u>Other</u></b> N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
5.1	N/A

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.

<b>7</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
7.1	Appendix A Letter from Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Appendix B





Our Ref: TD/BS/sb/CE27

9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Mr Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Circular Road  
Dungannon  
BT71 6DT

Dear Anthony

**Re: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Notice of Motion in support of ME and Fibromyalgia**

I wish to advise you that at a Meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held on 25 October 2016 the Council passed unanimously the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Alderman W A Leathem on the subject of ME and Fibromyalgia:

**"Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council calls on the Health Minister to support the ongoing and productive work of 'Hope 4 ME & Fibro Northern Ireland' for the provision of a Specialist Consultant with biomedical knowledge and experience for the 7000 plus ME and 17,000 fibromyalgia sufferers in Northern Ireland".**

During consideration of the above Notice of Motion by this Council the following issues were highlighted:

- a) Hope for ME & Fibro Northern Ireland's recent conference on the theme "Chasing Competent Care" which revealed ground breaking research on recently discovered ME blood biomarkers;
- b) the announcement on 21 September 2016 that Fibromyalgia was to be recognised as a long-term condition by health professionals in Northern Ireland;

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- c) Mr David Simpson, MP, had taken on the role of Fibromyalgia Ambassador to help raise awareness about this serious health condition.
- d) the "Missing Millions" event organised by the organisation 'ME Action' on 27 September 2016 at Stormont Estate which was successful in its 'global day of protest' to raise awareness on the need for Government funding into research for biomarkers and effective treatment;
- e) the difficulty in diagnosing ME and Fibromyalgia and misdiagnosis, and also there being no specialist consultant physicians in Northern Ireland; and
- f) the numerous symptoms of Fibromyalgia, including extreme fatigue, joint pains, severe headache, poor concentration, nausea and disturbed sleep patterns.

I can advise that the Council agreed to write to the Minister for Health, Michelle O'Niell MLA, seeking support for the above Notice of Motion on ME and Fibromyalgia.

The Council also agreed to write to:

- all Councils in Northern Ireland seeking support for this Council's resolution to lobby the NI Assembly on the subject of ME and Fibromyalgia;
- the MLAs representing the Lisburn & Castlereagh area seeking their support to the Council's resolution; and
- Mr David Simpson MP, the Ambassador for Fibromyalgia, to advise of the Council's resolution.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Theresa Donaldson**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**