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Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 28 July 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Wilson, Chair

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.05pm), Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels, and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C154/16 Apologies

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive and Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities

Councillors Doris, Elattar, S McGuigan, McKinney, Monteith, Mullen and C O'Neill

C155/16 Declarations of Interest

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

C156/16 Chair's Business

Councillor McGinley advised Members that Councillor C O'Neill had given birth to twins. The Chair, Councillor Wilson extended congratulations to the Councillor C O'Neill.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he had represented Council at the 100th year commemoration of the Battle of the Somme in the North of France a trip which has been the highlight of his career with Council. The Councillor extended thanks to fellow Members for affording him the opportunity and reflected how he had been touched by the commemoration and stated that in reflecting on a battle which demonstrated man's in humanity to man all should be mindful to make better decisions.

Councillor Mallaghan reflected on the undernoted motion moved by Councillor McFlynn and the amendment proposed by himself also undernoted which was carried at the Council meeting on 25 June 2015.

That this council recognises the dangers posed to the public and to the environment by the illegal burning of tyres at bonfires and similar; strongly opposes this activity; and calls on statutory agencies, landowners, the PSNI, and the fire and rescue service to work with this council, in a co-ordinated multi-agency approach to bring this harmful and irresponsible activity to an end.

Amendment proposed by Councillor Mallaghan.

We welcome that the Minister of the Environment through his Agency the NIEA will bring in appropriate measures which adequately deal with used tyres as the current system does not rigidly control how suppliers do this. That this Council does not clean up the remains from bonfires from any other property that does not belong to Council. On Council property that is used for bonfires, only suitable materials are used and all other materials such as tyres, rubbish, flags, election posters or effigies of individuals are removed. That this Council seeks to prosecute through its powers anyone who illegally dumps any hazardous materials on public or private lands associated to bonfires.

Councillor Bateson entered the meeting at 7.05pm

Councillor Mallaghan sought an update as to the outcome of bonfires in July 2015.

In response the Director of Environment and Properties advised that following the motion in June 2015 there had been a number of multi-agency meetings led by the Director of Business and Communities. He further stated that there had been a couple of surveys conducted in relation to bonfires on Council owned land at which time the bonfire material had been mostly wood although on a number of occasions tyres had been present. The Director advised that all bonfire sites on Council owned lands had been cleared. With regard to the tyres the Director advised that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency had been contacted but had stated that they would only remove the tyres from a safe place not actual bonfire sites. It was further noted that there had been no change in legislation and that there was no means of tracing the origins of the tyre. The Director clarified that there was six bonfires on Council owned property but that many of the bonfires across the district were not on Council property and emphasised that Council had not cleared the latter. It was noted that Council was in receipt of a Freedom of Information request regarding the cost of clean-ups following bonfires.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the motion of Council had not been carried out.

The Director of Environment and Properties stated that the safety of staff is paramount and risk assessments are required with regard to removal of any materials dumped on Council property. With relation to materials dumped on private

property removal of same is the responsibility of the landowner or those responsible for dumping. The Director confirmed that on the basis of staff safety no material was cleared away prior to the 11 July.

Councillor Kearney requested that Professor Declan McKenna a resident of the district be considered for a civic award for achievements in relation to prostate cancer research. Councillor Kearney stated that prostate cancer was the most common cancer in men in Northern Ireland.

Councillor McNamee referred back to the discussion on bonfires and stated that the fire at the Killymoon site at Cookstown was constructed by non-residents and that many residents were extremely annoyed especially as it had contained tyres, which the PSNI had brought to his attention were traceable and named the owner.

Councillor Molloy stated that the wishes of the Council had not been adhered to and whilst safety of staff is paramount there were numerous agencies who would remove tyres as burning of same was detrimental to the environment. Councillor Molloy asked since Council paid to clean up the debris post bonfires why action was not taken beforehand.

In response to queries raised the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that in relation to the named owner of the tyres this was an illegal dumping matter which the NIEA would investigate.

With regard to the bonfire sites the Director advised that discussions had taken place with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency prior to the celebratory event and they had stated they were working on a province wide basis and thus Council was expected to retrieve the tyres and bring them to an appointed place. The Director stated that he was not aware of any Council that had done this and that in the lead up to the bonfires any tyres spotted on sites had been reported directly to the NIEA for investigation. In relation to the Killymoon bonfire site the Director stated that there had been liaison with the PSNI.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that Council should await the report.

Councillor T Quinn advised that he had raised issues in relation to the Killymoon site at the last meeting of the PCSP and that it was his understanding that this was the only contentious site in the district of Mid Ulster. The Councillor emphasised that moving forward much work need to be undertaken to find a solution to what was a contentious situation.

Councillor Cuddy stated that in the past when tyres were being taken for the bonfire at Milltown site Dungannon local tyre suppliers had been asked to ensure tyres were locked away at night and the situation greatly improved. Councillor Cuddy emphasised the importance of tyre providers dealing with disposal of old tyres responsibly and stated that forthcoming bonfires in relation to 'Internment Commemorations' also needed to be monitored.

Councillor Mulligan concurred with Councillor Cuddy's earlier sentiments regarding attendance at the Somme Commemorations. Councillor Mulligan drew attention to the renovations which had taken place in the Chamber stating that in the legacy Council the tiered layout had been changed due to health and safety legislation and asked had there been a change in the legislation. Drawing attention to the steps

Councillor Mulligan stated that they could cause a fall and expressed concern regarding lack of consultation. In response the Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the Director of Environment and Property would investigate.

Councillor Bateson advised that he had been contacted by the Christian Fellowship in relation to use of a car park in Maghera. He stated that whilst there was issues in relation to car park designation which may prohibit its use he requested that the matter be looked at to see if a solution could be identified.

Councillor Mallaghan left the meeting at 7.13 pm

In response, the Chair Councillor Wilson stated that the issue would be raised at the Environment Committee. The Director of Environment and Property stated that he was aware of the situation and time limitations would not permit committee consideration and stated that if an alternative venue could be identified the Chair of the Environment Committee could grant permission as a matter of urgency. It was noted that use of off street car parking was legislated under the Parking Order.

Councillor Mallaghan returned to the meeting at 7.15 pm

The Chair, Councillor Wilson extended congratulations to David Ames and Iain Sloan in relation to their forthcoming participation in the Olympic games, the Chair emphasised that their achievement was great for them personally and Cookstown hockey club.

C157/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 30 June 2016

In response to Councillor McGinley’s enquiry the Head of Democratic advised that following the notice of motion carried at the June meeting of Council in relation to maternity, paternity and sick leave for Members a letter had been forwarded to the Department of Communities and to date a response had not been received.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 30 June 2016 (C127/16 – C139/16 and C153/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C158/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday 30 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor F Burton and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 30 June 2016 (SC20/16 – SC23/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C159/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Monday 4 July 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuiga and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Monday 4 July 2016 (E175/16 – E192/16 and E203/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C160/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 July 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 (P127/16 – P132/16 and P136/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C161/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2016.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2016, (D174/16 – D187/16 and D190/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C162/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2016

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2016, (PR136/16 – PR146/16 and PR152/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C163/16 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) The Somme Association - Somme/Guilleont Tour 2016
Thursday 1st September – Monday 5th September
- (ii) Brexit: Making sense of the crisis
Tuesday 6th September, Baby Grand, Grand Opera House, Belfast 9.00am – 4.00pm
- (iii) APSE Annual Seminar incorporating the APSE Service Awards 2016
Survival of the Fittest: Ensuring a future for local government's frontline
7-8th September 2016 Derry/Londonderry
- (iv) Northern Ireland Planning Conference: planning for investment and delivery
Thursday 13th October 2016 Baby Grand, Belfast 9.00am – 1.00pm
 - Approval sought for Planning Officer to Attend.
 - Councillors Kearney and J Shiels

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels 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

C164/16 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

C165/16 Consideration of Motion

C165.1/16 Councillor McGinley to move

Councillor McGinley thanked the Chair for his efforts to accommodate the forthcoming discussion stating that he had originally requested a special meeting of Council but this had not proved possible due to the holiday period together with diary commitments.

Reflecting that the matter was no less urgent as people were very anxious Councillor McGinley stated that although at present nothing had changed the potential is that everything would. The Councillor emphasised that the sting of Brexit would be truly felt if and when 'Article 50' is triggered and the support and resources is cut from critical areas with only the empty promises of the leave campaign to fill the gaps. He continued that the referendum result had clearly stated that the citizens of the North had voted to remain in the European Union and it was the vote of the people of England that would create major challenges for people, for the economy and for relationships across Ireland.

Councillor McGinley drew particular attention to the concerns of the business community, the voluntary and community sector together with the agriculture and tourism sectors emphasizing that Brexit would adversely impact on the North's economy. The Councillor emphasized that the 'leave campaign' was opposed by the vast majority of citizens in the North nationalists, unionists and republicans alike and stressed that the position to remain in the EU, expressed by voters from across the community, must be respected and further stressed that it was not a done deal but a 'live issue'.

In order to recognise the vote of the people of the North, Councillor McGinley said that all options must be explored and he believed that an 'all island' wide dialogue was needed in the aftermath of the referendum result. The Councillor stated that there was now an opening to examine new relationships for everyone who lives on the island of Ireland and that the opportunity should be seized.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was his understanding that the issue of 'brexit' had been added to the councils risk register and stated that he hoped to hear from the officers what the main concerns were and asked if there had been any exercise conducted identifying the most vulnerable organisations, sectors or areas within this council area.

In conclusion Councillor McGinley stated that the situation created required careful navigation and thus moved the undernoted motion:

That this council recognises the democratic deficit created by the result of the EU referendum.

Further recognises that as political leaders we have to work together to give effect to the democratically expressed decision of the people to remain in the EU and to put the needs of all our people and economy across the island of Ireland to the fore.

Calls on the executive office to articulate the will of the electorate here in the north who clearly voted to remain.

Councillor McPeake seconded the motion and spoke of the negativity, anger, resentment and fear across the community especially from agriculture and food sectors, community and voluntary sector and farmers. He further reflected on the last Rural Development Programme which had delivered £17m in programmes and a further £14m in match funding, the businesses which had received money leading to

the creation of 180 jobs, improved rural childcare and community group funding. The Councillor emphasised that the future was bleak highlighting also the plight of farmers and the end of the single farm payment.

Councillor McPeake mentioned a CPI report which highlighted that a random business survey had revealed that 92% of businesses anticipated a negative in the next 5 years due to Brexit. The Councillor stated that the motion was timely and all must work together emphasising that a lot of people who had voted to leave, if given the opportunity would now vote to remain.

Councillor G Shiels shared some national statistics relating to the first quarter of trading in goods and services and stated that there was a new optimism hitting the economy. The Councillor also stated that the United Kingdom had been destined for a recession prior to the referendum and it was rich of others to speak of the losses to the farming industry when the fishing industry had suffered greatly in the EU, milk farmers and the production of milk was trailing the ground and that now the United Kingdom had the opportunity to control its own destiny. Councillor G Shiels emphasised that since Britain had voted to leave the EU many other countries were discussing to do likewise and it may not be long before the Ard Fheis was calling to pull out and the Republic of Ireland doing likewise when they realise that the benefits of the European Union were coming to an end. Reflecting on newspaper headlines Councillor G Shiels drew attention to the successful contract secured by Wright Buses in Ballymena emphasising that these buses were not going to mainland Europe and a further article highlighted what the EU spent their money on. In conclusion Councillor G Shiels stated that there were many untruths but that the next three months will show improvement.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that there had been one referendum not five and it was clear that the people either voted 'yes' to remain in the European Union or 'no' to leave. The Councillor stated that he was a member of the DUP and that they had been the only party who had campaigned for a leave vote and thus he was pleased with the outcome emphasising that whilst it was not a great start it was only the start of the road and there are many countries queuing up to do trade with the UK and the USA were lifting the ban on UK lamb and beef rules so it was not all 'doom and gloom'. In conclusion Councillor Cuthbertson stated that whilst he was campaigning for the Assembly elections 99.5% of farmers had indicated they would vote to leave and the sooner the UK was out of the EU the better it would be.

Councillor Kearney proposed the undernoted amendment:

"That this Council calls on the British Government to respect the will of 56% of the people of the North who voted to remain within the EU.

Requests an urgent meeting with representatives of the Irish and British Governments."

Councillor Kearney congratulated the 25,612 Mid Ulster citizens, 60.4% from different backgrounds and political parties who sent out a clear message to remain in the EU. He advised that the SDLP had conducted an extensive canvass in support of remain and five weeks on the canvass continues due to pressure from the business, farming and community sectors seeking clarification on a way forward.

Councillor Kearney emphasised that the SDLP would continue to endeavour that the democratic will of the people would be respected and had met with parties across the Island of Ireland and Heads of State across the Continent to establish the growing consensus that the will of the people should not be ignored.

Drawing attention to the fact that 53 years ago both Ireland and the UK had joined the then EEC Councillor Kearney highlighted the benefits such as co-operation, peace, stability, opportunity and citizenship of Europe in the aftermath of two world wars, poverty and famine. He reflected that John Hume had encouraged this and that given the terrible events across Europe in recent day's peace was vulnerable and there was sufficient evidence that many still lived in poverty.

Councillor Kearney emphasised that the aftermath of the referendum had resulted in a prolonged era of uncertainty highlighting growing austerity, crisis in agriculture, education, freedom of movement, goods and services, wavering currency rates all of which were critical to an industrial hub such as Mid Ulster. He recalled that the EU membership had permitted businesses to flourish and funding had been generous to Ireland both North and South but stated that the most vulnerable in society would now suffer and areas such as agriculture and agri-food was most concerning and outlined supporting statistics of existing EU funding.

Stating that Brexit would overshadow the remainder of the current Council term he emphasised that Council must instigate discussions on behalf of businesses, farmers and community groups and stated that future generations would suffer the results of the ill-conceived Brexit outcomes. Councillor Kearney sought support for the motion stating the 56% of the people of the North voted to remain and the rightful place was within the EU.

Councillor M Quinn seconded the amendment and stated that like Scotland the North of Ireland had voted to remain in the EU and drew attention to the fact that the newly elected Prime Minister had visited Scotland and stated that she would consider their wishes to remain in the EU. The Councillor emphasised that the SDLP would use every tool available to prevent the North leaving the EU emphasising that the will of the English is not the will of local people, they had not given their consent to leave the EU and thus membership should be upheld.

Councillor McLean stated that he would outline a couple of anomalies namely that neither the SDLP nor SF recognised that Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom and were not 'the North'. He thus concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson's earlier comments and emphasised that in the Council Chamber a majority vote wins and that both the UUP and DUP had been forced down routes due to a nationalist majority. Councillor McLean in conclusion stated that the DUP Leader, First Minister had stated that she would ensure that Northern Ireland would get the best deal possible.

Councillor Reid stated that nine out of ten farmers known to him had voted to leave the EU as only one third of British money paid into the EU was returned. He made reference to the milk quotas and the detrimental impact they had had on dairy farmers and also the grain prices rising which had killed farming. Councillor Reid concurred with earlier comments that the referendum had been a clear 'yes or no' vote.

Councillor Bateson drew attention to the requirement for the Good Friday agreement which emphasised that different considerations were needed. He further stated that those who had led the 'leave' vote had no plans in place to deal with the issues which had arisen and could not believe that they had won.

The Director of Organisational Development left the meeting at 7.55pm

Councillor Mallaghan stated that no one really knew what the future would hold but stated that it was known that Lloyds was cutting 9000 jobs across the UK, that local companies such as Greiner Packaging had expanded due to funding from the European Union and that Moypark following the Brexit vote may move their headquarters to Dublin. Reflecting on some of the aforementioned articles regarding global trading Councillor Mallaghan highlighted that a company had had a machine delivery delayed because of customs paperwork and that in the past he had spent time in the continent waiting at borders. He emphasised that the 'doom and gloom' were facts and that four weeks into the decision to leave the EU he was not sure that all the statistics were there to suggest growth.

Councillor McPeake stated that in relation to over-reaction if anyone thinks that the Conservative government would prioritise the North particularly in terms of agriculture they were mistaken as their priorities would lie with banks and businesses and drew on the irony of the DUP Minister for Agriculture going to Brussels looking for money for dairy farmers.

Councillor Molloy referred to earlier comments regarding beef exports and stated that the lifting of restrictions with the USA was not due to Brexit but had been ongoing for the past two years and the South were already utilising the new legislation.

Councillor McLean stated that the comments from Sinn Féin were 'a little bit rich' given that the SDLP had taken the lead on Brexit in Mid Ulster and Sinn Féin had not been at the schools for the voting nor at the count as they had been during the Assembly elections.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that it was ironic that members of Sinn Féin were stating what was best for Northern Ireland people when they belonged to a party who had bombed the heart out of the country for years.

Councillor B McGuigan in relation to Councillor McLean's earlier comments in regard to the referendum election campaign stated that he had visited a number of polling stations with Ian Milne MLA and could not understand the comments made.

Councillor Clarke referred to the comments of Councillor Cuthbertson and stressed that it was very serious to say that SF was the party that bombed the heart out of the North and that the statement needed to be withdrawn.

Councillor Clarke advised that on the day of the referendum election he had carried out the same actions as those of previous elections and stated that in relation to agriculture the UK policy would be for cheap food as 98% of people did not belong to the rural community. The Councillor emphasised that this would lead to meat entering the market with no history its origin, he also stated that if Brexit was carried

through farming would be non-existent and companies such as Moy Park would be gone.

Councillor Reid stated that now the vote had been taken all signs and election posters should be taken down.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that there was no doubt that there was uncertainty but the referendum was over and the result was to leave. The Chair emphasised that it was now essential for Stormont to respond swiftly, that Northern Ireland was part of the UK and the vote was to leave and the Prime Minister had stated that 'Brexit meant Brexit' and it was fantasy to believe that Northern Ireland could opt out.

The Chair stated that whilst it was good to see neighbouring countries prosper the primary concern of Mid Ulster Council must be Northern Ireland and whilst Ireland had five million people it was economic madness to ignore the 60 million in the UK. He stressed that Northern Ireland had a land border and the priority of the Northern Ireland Executive was to plan for the way forward.

Councillor McGinley stated that he would remind fellow Members that the majority of people in Mid Ulster had voted to remain in the EU and requested that their decision was respected.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson called for a vote on the amendment as undernoted:

That this Council calls on the British Government to respect the will of 56% of the people of the North who voted to remain within the EU.

Requests an urgent meeting with representatives of the Irish and British Governments."

For	19
Against	14
Abstain	0

The Chair, Councillor Wilson called for a vote on the substantive motion as undernoted:

That this council recognises the democratic deficit created by the result of the EU referendum.

Further recognises that as political leaders we have to work together to give effect to the democratically expressed decision of the people to remain in the EU and to put the needs of all our people and economy across the island of Ireland to the fore.

Calls on the executive office to articulate the will of the electorate here in the north who clearly voted to remain.

That this Council calls on the British Government to respect the will of 56% of the people of the North who voted to remain within the EU.

Requests an urgent meeting with representatives of the Irish and British Governments.”

For	19
Against	14
Abstain	0

The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared the motion carried.

C165.2/16 Councillor Mallaghan to move

Councillor Mallaghan read the undernoted motion,

That this council offers its sincere congratulations to the Tyrone Senior Football team on winning the Ulster Championship and wishes them every success in campaign for All Ireland glory.

In speaking of the team's success to date Councillor Mallaghan stated that the achievement was a direct result of the investment and resources put into Gaelic games. The Councillor commended the year on year success stating that it portrayed the partnership of the Ulster Council, Tyrone County Board, Mid Ulster District Council, the capital grants scheme, Schools and Clubs and wished the team every success in the forthcoming All Ireland competition stating that the team would be there on the third Sunday of September for the final.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the motion and stated that as a Derry man he did recognise that they were strong contenders and wished the team every success and truly hoped the team would bring the 'Sam Maguire' Cup back to the District.

The Vice Chair, Councillor McAleer concurred with Councillor Mallaghan and wished Mickey Harte and the team every success.

Motion carried

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That items C166/16- C171/16 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 8.00 pm

C172/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 2 August 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Clarke, Chair Councillors Bateson, Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan (7.17 pm), McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels
Officers in Attendance	Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Solicitor Miss Thompson, Committee Services/Senior Admin Officer
Others in Attendance	Applicant Speakers LA09/2016/0164/F Mr O’Kane LA09/2016/0310/F Mr Cassidy H/2014/0354/F Mr Loughrey

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

P137/16 Apologies

Councillors McAleer and Mullen.

It was noted that Councillor Mallaghan would join the meeting later.

P138/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Kearney declared an interest in planning application LA09/2016/0164/F and advised he would speak on this item later in the meeting.

P139/16 Chair’s Business

The Chair reminded members of the public attending the meeting to speak on an application that they had a maximum of three minutes speaking time.

P140/16 Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 July 2016, (P127/16 – P132/16 & P136/16), were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question the Head of Development Management advised that there had been no downturn in the number of applications being received but that staff summer leave was a contributing factor to the fewer number of applications being on the agenda.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke stated that there was still a high throughput of applications on the validated list.

Matters for Decision

P141/16 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2015/1209/F Dwelling and detached garage at 60m E of 45 Gulladuff Road, Maghera for Ronan O'Neill

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

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in this application.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1209/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0164/F Replacement dwelling and garage at 17 Tobermore Road, Magherafelt for Mr O'Neill

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0164/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr O'Kane to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr O'Kane stated that he lived adjacent to the application site and that the living areas of his home were to the rear of the house where his family spend 90% of their time. Mr O'Kane stated that the application would have an adverse impact on his family living space due to overshadowing and that late afternoon and evening sun will be blocked by this application. Mr O'Kane also advised that no one had visited his property to observe the relationship between the two properties.

Mr O’Kane advised that the proposed proximity and position of the replacement dwelling is also an issue as the replacement dwelling is proposed to move forward on the site which he felt will cause overbearance and overlooking to his own property. Mr O’Kane advised that his own property had a single storey side extension and was designed in sympathy with other nearby properties and asked that consideration be given to similar type of extension for this application. Mr O’Kane also stated that he had not objected to a previous application at 17 Tobermore Road.

Mr O’Kane asked that the Committee refuse the application due to the overshadowing and overbearance which will be caused to his own property.

Councillor Kearney advised he was speaking on behalf of the applicant and stated that the property at 17 Tobermore Road had been in the ownership of the O’Neill family since 2002 and that the application is intended to be a home for Mr O’Neill and his wife.

Councillor Kearney advised that the applicant did initially consider redevelopment of the current dwelling which is on site but now believes replacement of the dwelling to be more favourable. Councillor Kearney stated that the applicant accepts the application site is within an urban area but feels that the proposal will enhance the area. Councillor Kearney also advised that the applicant has sought to work with planners in relation to this application and has made attempts to overcome issues of concern.

Councillor Kearney advised that there is only one first floor window on the side extension which will overlook the property at 15 Tobermore Road, this will be a bathroom window with frosted glass. In addition, it was advised that the hipped end of the roof of the side extension has had its eaves dropped and if dropped any further will mean loss of room space.

Councillor Kearney stated that neither the height nor proximity of the proposal was excessive and that floor levels would not be changed. Councillor Kearney advised that the applicant accepted the right of neighbours to object to the application but felt that the proposal had been planned sympathetically.

Councillor Kearney withdrew to the public gallery

The Head of Development Management stated he had visited the application site that morning and accepted that the proposal will be in closer proximity to no. 15 than what is on site currently however attempts have been made by the applicant to resolve issues and stated that the proposed 12m separation between the two dwellings is generous. The Head of Development Management stated that overall the proposal was still acceptable.

Councillor Mallaghan entered the meeting at 7.17 pm

In response to Councillor Bell’s question Mr O’Kane advised that the photographs submitted had been taken at dusk (10 pm approximately). Mr O’Kane stated that issues in relation to proximity needed to be addressed.

Councillor McPeake asked if overshadowing had been properly considered and if so he would be happy to propose the approval of the application.

The Head of Development Management advised that overshadowing and proximity had been given due consideration however a shadow analysis could also be requested which would provide further clarification if Members felt it would be of assistance.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That a shadow analysis report be provided in relation to application LA09/2016/0164/F.

Councillor Reid asked if the shadow analysis was found acceptable if the application could be approved without coming back to committee.

The Council Solicitor advised that in theory the committee can delegate to the Planning Manager but felt that there would be new information, and it might be best if the application was brought back to committee.

Councillor Bateson asked how long a shadow analysis would take.

The Head of Development advised that a shadow analysis can be done by the agent on a software package and it would therefore depend how long it took the agent to prepare and submit the report.

Councillor Kearney rejoined the meeting.

LA09/2016/0310/F Dwelling and garage on a farm at lands 30m NW of 112 Sixtowns Road, Draperstown for Gerard McNamee

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0310/F 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 Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that the replacement dwelling was occupied by Ms Kathleen McNamee who died in November 2006. The property passed to the applicant following the completion of probate in 2012. Mr Cassidy referred to previously submitted maps which confirm that the replacement dwelling was never part of the applicant's farm.

Councillor Mallaghan asked for clarification regarding ownership of the application site.

Mr Cassidy advised that the applicant was in the process of acquiring the necessary lands.

The Head of Development Management felt that there was still some uncertainty surrounding the application.

Councillor Mallaghan proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting as it was not felt a decision could be made on the application tonight.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0310/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2016/0520/F Installation of biogas purification and bottling plant at Granville Ecopark, Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon for Granville Ecopark Ltd

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0520/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1139/O Dwelling at site approximately 130m E of 9-11 Tamlaghtmore Road, Derrycrummy, Cookstown for Raymond Hamilton

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1139/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1193/F Air Rifle Shooting range approximately 80m NE of 30 Todds Leap Road, Ballymackilroy, Ballygawley for Todds Leap Club

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1193/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0144/O Site for 2 infill dwellings approximately 10m NW of 27 Colliers Lane, Coalisland for Peter and Jacqueline O'Neill

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0144/O advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0144/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0517/F Removal/Variance of condition 4 (visability splays) of approval M/2014/0433/O at land approximately 40m SE of 15 Cloghog Road, Coalisland for Mr Joe McLarnon

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0517/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1166/O Conversion and extension of existing building to form dwelling at site 10m W of 59 Kinrush Road, Ardboe for Ciaran Coyle

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1166/O advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1166/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

H/2014/0354/F Alteration and extension to existing retail building at Forbes Furniture, Station Road Industrial Estate, Magherafelt (Amended Scheme)

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report which gave consideration to Council's position on a planning appeal which was heard in June 2015, of which the appeal decision was subsequently quashed following a legal challenge to the Courts by Mr Forbes.

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

Mr Loughrey advised he represented Castlefarm properties and their objection to the proposal.

Mr Loughrey advised that the initial draft reasons for refusal of the application related to retail impact and traffic safety concerns, this was appealed by the applicant who then went on to launch a legal challenge against the PAC decision when the appeal was dismissed. As the Planning Appeal decision was quashed in its entirety by the High Court and is to be reheard Mr Loughrey felt it was wrong of Council to change its position in relation to the planning application and not contest this appeal.

In relation to the SPPS, Mr Loughrey confirmed that an assessment of need as required by same, had not been carried out.

Mr Loughrey accepted the application had a valid certificate of lawfulness but did not feel this was a realistic fallback position and referred to the PAC's Report at the Article 31 Inquiry which referred to this applicant having only a theoretical fallback. He advised that his clients have an alternative site at Meadowlane which is within the town centre and is capable of accommodating such an application.

Mr Loughrey referred to the transport assessment and went on to advise that his client had now commissioned his own assessor with regard to traffic concerns.

Mr Loughrey stated that there was not enough evidence for Council to change its stance in relation to this application.

In response to Councillor Mallaghan's question the Head of Development Management advised that the application does have a Certificate of Lawfulness however, the key issue relating to the application is the potential of the fallback position available to the applicant, that is, whether it would be reasonable to force the application to move to a town centre location whenever a suitable building already exists.

Councillor Bateson referred to the SPPS which states that planning authorities should adopt a town centre first approach and the potential conflict this creates if Council do not contest the appeal.

The Head of Development Management advised that conditions have been attached to the application which will limit what can be sold on the premises.

Councillor McKinney referred to a Lidl supermarket only being metres away from the application site.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke stated it was important to manage the current situation in the best way possible.

Councillor Bell asked if assurances can be given that town centre businesses will not be negatively affected by this application.

The Head of Development Management advised that the conditions cited in the report which places a limit on the type of items which can be sold should be enough to provide a safeguard against any negative impact on the town centre.

Councillor J Shiels felt the issue before Members was whether they considered the application, with the conditions attached, will attract enough people out of the town to cause concern.

The Head of Development Management advised that Members were not being asked to determine the application but rather whether Council intended to contest the Appeal.

Councillor Bateson stated that this application should not be a back door approach to the applicant getting a supermarket.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That Council accept the recommendation not to contest the Appeal and will withdraw the sole planning reason for refusal for planning application H/2014/0354/F provided the proposal remains the same as that proposed in drawing SCH 02 dated 9 February 2015 and subject to the conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P142/16 Appeal Decisions Received

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report advising Members of recent decisions made by Planning Appeals Commission.

In relation to appeal decision for application I/2013/0249/O the Head of Development Management highlighted the decision of the Commissioner in which it was concluded that a group of farm dwellings can comprise of just a dwelling and domestic garage. Members were advised that this decision is in conflict with previous appeal decisions but that it will need to be kept in mind when considering future applications.

P143/16 Report of Delegated Decisions Issued in June 2016

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

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That items P144/16 to P147/16 be taken as confidential business.

P148/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 8.23 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

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Subject Conferences & Seminars – August 2016

Reporting Officer P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Contact Officer E Forde, Member Support Officer

1	Purpose of Report
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.

2	Background
2.1	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
2.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance
2.1.1	La Touche Legacy, Greystones Seminar – Emerging Ireland Post 1916 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 23 September – Sunday 25 September 2016, Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones, Co Wicklow
2.1.2	Northern Ireland Annual Economic Conference – Planning for the future in a fractured economic landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 19 October 2016, City Hotel, Derry 9.00am – 5pm
2.1.3	Energy in Northern Ireland – the energy market, renewables and security of Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 6 December 2016, Belfast, 8.30 am – 1.00pm
2.1.4	Economic Development in Northern Ireland: key challenges and future opportunities post Brexit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 16 January 2017, Belfast, 8.30am – 1.00pm
2.1.5	Improving Mental Health Provision in Northern Ireland: prevention, treatment and developments in care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 17 January 2017, Belfast 8.30am – 1.00pm
2.1.6	Commissioning in Healthcare Conference - London Olympia Centre – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 28th September 2016

3	Key Issues
3.1	N/A

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>

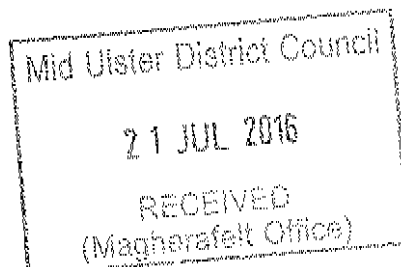
4.1.1	La Touche Legacy, Greystones Seminar – Emerging Ireland Post 1916 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €100 plus accommodation, travel and subsistence
4.1.2	Northern Ireland Annual Economic Conference – Planning for the future in a fractured economic landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £165 plus VAT, travel and subsistence
4.1.3	Energy in Northern Ireland – the energy market, renewables and security of Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £210 plus VAT, travel and subsistence
4.1.4	Economic Development in Northern Ireland: key challenges and future opportunities post Brexit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £210 plus VAT, travel and subsistence
4.1.5	Improving Mental Health Provision in Northern Ireland: prevention, treatment and developments in care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £210 plus VAT, travel and subsistence <p>Commissioning in Healthcare Conference - London Olympia Centre –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, accommodation, travel and subsistence

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

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

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details

Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Magherafelt District Council
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Dear Mr Tohill,

Northern Ireland Annual Economic Conference
Planning for the future' in a fractured economic landscape

Please find enclosed details of the Northern Ireland Economic Conference which will be held on **Wednesday- 19th October** in the City Hotel, Derry. The major theme of this year's conference will be UNCERTAINTY- the Brexit decision will have " seismic impact on the Northern Ireland economy, and coupled with the change to the local political landscape and ongoing chaos in UK government and political circles, every sector of the local economy is looking into the unknown.

These uncertainties will permeate much of the discussion; this year's conference – other key themes will include:

- ./ **Northern Ireland regional economic forecast**
- ./ **City regions** as economic drivers
- ./ Growing the **north west economy**
- ./ Boosting **productivity** and **Innovation**
- ./ Role of **Infrastructure** in stimulating growth
- ./ Improving our competitiveness
- ./ Enhancing **cross-border** trade and investment
- ./ **DEDICATED WORKSHOP:** Value of **skills** to the economy

*Discounted conference fee of £1.65 (...vArJ available to local government**

To secure your place, please call +44 (0)28 9261 9933, visit www.agendaNi.com or email registration@agendaNi.com. I have very much hope that you will join what promises to be an interesting day's discussion.

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Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2016

Registration

Wednesday 9th October 2016 • City Hotel, Derry

Email: registration@agendaNi.com

I wish to:

Fax: +44 (0)28 926 1995

☒ I reserve _____ places at the Northern Ireland Economic Conference

Delegate Fee £255 + VAT @10% = £280.50

Fee includes documentation, lunch and other refreshments served during the conference and is payable in advance. Fee does not include accommodation or travel.

☐ Discount for local government / voluntary / community sector;
Delegate Fee £165 + VAT @ 20% = £198

☐ Receive details of sponsorship opportunities at the conference

☐ Receive details of exhibition opportunities at the conference

Terms and conditions

* For those unable to attend a substitute participant may be appointed. However, the substitute must be notified in writing of the substitution by email by 14.00 on the 7th October. Changes will apply:

- More than 14 days before the conference: 25% fee
- Less than 14 days before the conference: 50% fee
- Cancellation after 14 days: 100% fee

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Northern Ireland's economic summit

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference is Northern Ireland's premier economic analysis event and is unique in being the only forum which takes a high level look at the performance of, and prospects for the local economy. Now in its 21st year, the conference is firmly established as the annual autumn 'summit' for Northern Ireland's economic community, including policy-makers and business leaders. It is a one-stop-shop for all the latest information on the local economy as well as an excellent opportunity for networking and discussion with key players in the economy, across all sectors.

Derry and the North West region as an economic driver

2016 will see the conference take place in Derry city for the first time, which will provide an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of balanced regional economic development across Northern Ireland and will emphasise the key role Derry plays as an economic driver for the wider north west city region.

Uncertainty for the Northern Ireland economy...

The vote for the UK to leave the European Union will have a profound impact on the Northern Ireland economy. The political chaos in the wake of the referendum will undoubtedly lead to businesses putting any investment plans on hold. This deep uncertainty is perhaps a bigger challenge for businesses than the political unrest of the past. As in previous years, there will be a focus on cross-border trade which Brexit threatens to disrupt. It is hard to think of a single sector of the economy that will not be affected and questions around the practicalities of Brexit will permeate much of the discussion at the conference this year.

The new political landscape locally has undergone a change since the Assembly elections in May. There will be a new Programme for Government and a new Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI) in the Autumn. In addition to Brexit there are a number of global factors that will impact the local economy including the slowing down of growth in China and the collapse of the oil price. Additionally, there is the prospect of the devolution of corporation tax, although much of the detail has yet to be worked out with London. The ongoing confusion within the UK Government has put future plans to balance the UK budget, with additional austerity measures, into doubt.

What should attendees expect?

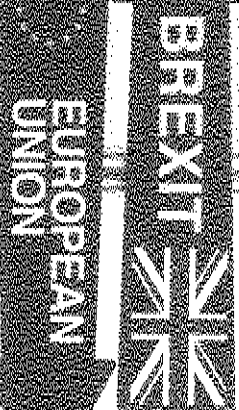
- ✓ Expert local and visiting speakers
- ✓ Major economic summit
- ✓ Economic outlook and forecast
- ✓ Unique information presented
- ✓ Not-to-be-missed annual conference
- ✓ Unrivalled networking opportunity
- ✓ All sectors represented – government, business, third sector

The 2016 Northern Ireland Economic Conference will examine many of these factors and consider the likely impact on the future performance of the local economy, with a strong focus on the role Derry and the north west region can play as a driver for growth.

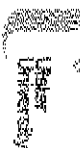
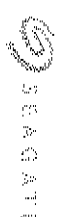
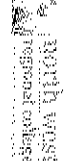
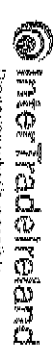
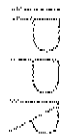
Brexit: What will it mean for Northern Ireland?

The shock Brexit vote will have massive political and economic repercussions – both internationally and closer to home. We've already seen turbulence in global stock markets, the resignation of David Cameron as Prime Minister and chaos in the political parties in Britain. But what will Brexit mean for the Northern Ireland economy? Political uncertainty has created market volatility and it will undoubtedly have repercussions for FDI and perhaps for the long-awaited cut in corporation tax. All areas of the economy will have to adjust to a new political and economic landscape outside of the EU as we come to terms with what it means for trade, movement of labour, employment legislation, taxation, exports, agriculture, manufacturing, investment in infrastructure, travel and tourism – the list goes on.

Join the discussion at the Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2016...



Hear speakers from:



Key issues to be addressed at the conference will include:

- ✓ Economic impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland;
- ✓ Economic priorities in the new Programme for Government;
- ✓ Northern Ireland regional economic forecast;
- ✓ City regions as a new period of growth;
- ✓ Growing the new NI economy;
- ✓ Boosting productivity and innovation;
- ✓ Role of infrastructure in stimulating growth;
- ✓ Improving our competitiveness;
- ✓ Enhancing cross-border trade and investment;
- ✓ PANEL DISCUSSION: Looking to the future of the regional economy
- ✓ DEDICATED WORKSHOP: Value of skills to the economy

Conference programme

09.00 THE NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

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

Hilary McClintock, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council

Priorities for the future of the Northern Ireland economy: Addressing the challenges
Martin McGuinness, MLA, deputy First Minister (invited)

The Northern Ireland economic outlook at a time of uncertainty
Professor Noel Gibson, Director, Economic Policy Centre, Ulster University

What will Brexit mean for the future of the UK economy?

Chris Giles, Economics Editor, Financial Times

Checking the North West economy: Making it happen in Derry and Strabane
John Keppie, Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

10.45 Morning coffee / networking opportunity



Recent estimates put the cost of Brexit to the Northern economy at £1 billion per annum and the cost

to the Southern economy at £3 billion per annum. Brexit is likely to lead to the

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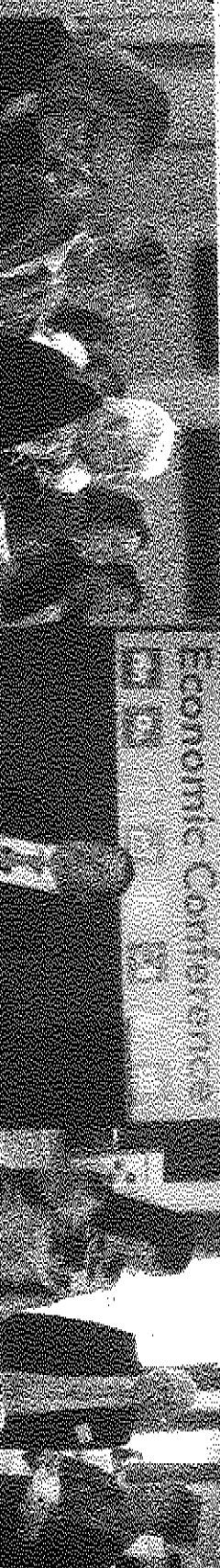
Martin

McGuinness, MLA

deputy First Minister

for Northern Ireland

Economic Conference



Conference programme

11:15

EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS

Higher education as a key driver of economic growth
Professor Paddy Nixon, Vice Chancellor, Ulster University

Boosting Britain's low wage sectors - a strategy for productivity, innovation & growth
Catherine Colebrook, Chief Economist, IPPR

Understanding competition in the 21st century global economy: How can Northern Ireland be a more competitive?
Professor Rob Giles, Management School, Queen's University Belfast

Focus on productivity: Identifying strengths & weaknesses in the Northern Ireland economy
Paul MacFlyn, Economist, Nerve Economic Research Institute

Empowering cities to drive economic growth
Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities Group

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

13:00

Conference lunch / networking opportunity

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14:00

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF THE REGIONAL & ALL-ISLAND ECONOMY

Developing cross

Mary Mitchell OBE

STB Minister

Enterprise & Innovation (Ireland)

Enterprise

The importance of cross-border co-operation in developing the regional economy
Michael Tunney, Head of Enterprise, Donegal County Council

Enterprise

Enhancing connectivity and enabling trade: The role of Foyle Port
Brian McGrath, Chief Executive & Harbour Commissioner, Londonderry Port

Discussion panel: Looking to the future of the regional economy

David Guveghan, Chair, CBI Northern Ireland

Paul Gooling, Financial Journalist / commentator

Aidan Gough, Strategy & Policy Director, InterTradeIreland

Gavin Killeen, President, Londonderry Chamber of Commerce & Managing Director, Nuprint Technologies Limited

Fergal O'Brien, Head of Policy and Chief Economist, Ibec

Questions and answers / Panel discussion followed by Chairman's summary and conference close

WORKSHOP: EXPLORING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF SKILLS

Cross border co-operation driving skills development
Chair: John, Principal and Chief Executive, North West Regional College
Panel: David Hamilton, President, Letterkenny IT

Building skills for all: Skills review

Simon Field, formerly Education Directorate, OECD

Developing skills for life and work: The Finnish model for success
Kristiina Vaheri, Counsellor of Education
Finnish National Board of Education

Investing in skills as a key driver of business growth

Damien Gallagher, Executive Director, Engineering, Seagate

Questions & answers / Panel discussion



David Guveghan



Paul Gooling



Aidan Gough



Gavin Killeen



Fergal O'Brien

Conference speakers

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

Catherine Coleman is IPPRI's Chief Economist and leads its work on economic and housing policy. Recently, Catherine has published work on the productivity performance of the UK's low-wage sectors, and on the future of the UK and European labour markets. Before joining IPPRI in 2015, Catherine was principal economist at AECOM, an infrastructure and economic development consultancy. She has also worked for the Economist Intelligence Unit as a senior economist, at BNP Paribas as their mortgage inflation economist, and as an economic adviser at HM Treasury.

Simon Field is an expert on the comparative analysis of vocational education and training (VET) systems. As leader of the OECD's flagship programme of work on VET over a decade he has led and delivered reviews of policy in more than 30 countries throughout the world, and was the lead author of the OECD's two main publications on VET policy (Skills Beyond School and Learning for Jobs) as well as many individual country reviews. He also led the OECD's work on equity in education, and was the lead author of the OECD's report on this topic. - No More Failures ten steps to equity in education. He has also led recent reviews of education policy in the Netherlands and Greece.

David Gaveghan is Chair of CBI Northern Ireland from 2015-2018, having previously been Vice Chair. David has established Aurora Prime Real Estate Limited and is seeking to raise £50m locally and internationally to invest in Grade A office space in Belfast. Previously he was Executive Director of Quintain Estates and Development plc. He is the former Chief Executive of Titanic Quarter Limited and prior to that was Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board Limited for six years. David is the Chair of Visit Belfast and Sports Changes Life as well as the environmental arm of the Community, the Arena Network. He is also Vice Chair of the West Belfast Housing Program.

Nell Gibson is the Director of the Economic Policy Centre at Ulster University, which regularly assesses the state of the local economy as well as monitoring and critiquing Northern Ireland Executive policies. Nell was formerly the Director of Oxford Economics and before that worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre. Nell is one of Northern Ireland's best known economists and economic commentators.

Chris Giles is a columnist at the Financial Times and has been its Economics Editor since 2004. Based in London he has a particular focus on topics in the world economy and in the UK. Previously at the Financial Times, he was the economics editorial writer. Before joining the FT in 2000, Chris was an economics correspondent at the BBC. He started his career in research, spending seven years as an economist for the Institute for Fiscal Studies.



Paul Gosling is a journalist, author, researcher, public speaker, lecturer, copywriter and broadcaster. He specialises in the economy, accountability, the co-operative sector, public services and personal finance. Paul has contributed to The Independent titles virtually every week for 26 years. Paul's work has also appeared in the Financial Times, The Times, the Irish Times, the Sunday Times, the Mail on Sunday, the Express, the Daily Telegraph, Ireland's Sunday Business Post, the Irish Independent and more than a hundred magazines.



Adam Gough is Strategy & Policy Director for InterTradeIreland, one of the six cross border implementation bodies established under the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Adam is responsible for developing the strategic direction of InterTradeIreland as it seeks to deliver its legislative mandate. Adam is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast with an MBA and PhD in Economics. Prior to joining InterTradeIreland, Adam was Director of the Northern Ireland Economic Council.



John Keight is Chief Executive of Derry City and Strabane District Council, a role he took over following the reorganisation of local government in 2015. He was formerly the Strategic Director of Environment with Derry City Council, from 2011, and before that was the City Engineer from 2007-2013. Before joining the council he worked for a consulting and civil and structural engineering firm for over six years.



Gavin Killen is Managing Director of Nuprint Technologies Limited and President of Londonderry Chamber of Commerce. He is also Chairman of the Education and Skills Implementation Group under the LSC ONE Plan. He is a Board Member of North West Regional College and was a member of the Department for Employment and Learning Minister's expert panel reviewing apprenticeships and youth training. He is also a member of the steering group overseeing the outline for the expansion of the Magee campus of Ulster University.



Paul Manning has been President of Lankarany Institute of Technology (LIT) since 1998. Prior to this he worked in Duraskill IT since 1987. Paul is a former member of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the Central Applications Office (CAO). He currently serves on the Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCCD) and the North West Regional Executive of IBC.



Paul MacFlyn is an economist at the Nerve Economic Research Institute (NERI) specialising in the Northern Ireland economy. He is a graduate of University College Dublin with a BA in Economics and Politics and the University of Bristol with an MSc in Economics and Public Policy specialising in the economic impacts of political devolution in the UK.



Brian McGrath was appointed as the Chief Executive and Harbour Commissioner of Loughswilly Port in March 2010. A former Director of Harland and Wolff, Brian is a Chartered Director, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Brian is a board member of the Loughswilly Chamber of Commerce. Brian has previously served as a Council Member of the British Ports Association and the CBI Northern Ireland.



Leo Murphy is the Principal and Chief Executive of the North West Regional College having been appointed to the position in 2014. He has over 26 years experience in the further education sector. He was Vice-Principal in Omagh College from 2000 and in 2006 he took over the role of Deputy Director at South West College based at the Fernagh campus. He has served on a number of public bodies and forums relevant to education, enterprise and innovation. He introduced a range of new portfolios in his previous College such as international work, entrepreneurship and supporting economic development.



Chris Murray took up post as Director of the Core Cities Group in 2006, a collaboration between ten UK cities that sit at the centre of the largest economic areas outside London. Chris is a visiting Professor of Practice at Newcastle University, an Honorary Fellow of the Haskayne Institute at Liverpool University, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Prime Ministers' Regeneration Investment Organisation. A member of the national Egan Task Force on Skills, during 2005 Chris was seconded to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to establish the Academy for Sustainable Communities, a national regeneration skills agency based in Leeds.



Professor Paddy Nixon is Vice-Chancellor and President of Ulster University. He joined the university in July 2015 from the University of Lancaster, where he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), responsible for driving the research agenda, through both existing and newly formed research institutes. He has extensive industry and commercial experience, particularly in collaborations with global high tech firms. He was previously Science Foundation Ireland Research Professor in Distributed Systems at University College Dublin (UCD). From 2007-2010 he was Academic Director of Ulster Independent Living and Digital Health, leading a team of 150 clinicians, researchers and engineers.



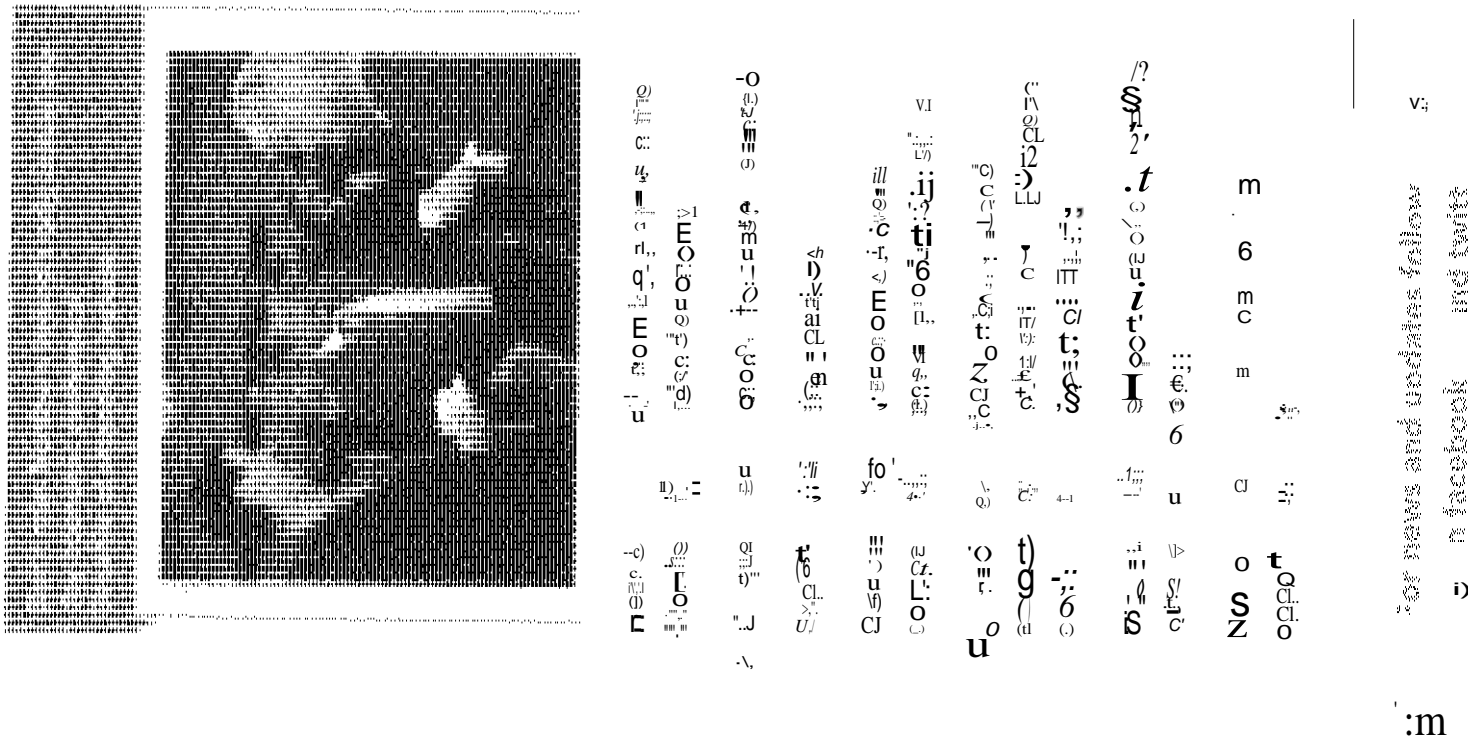
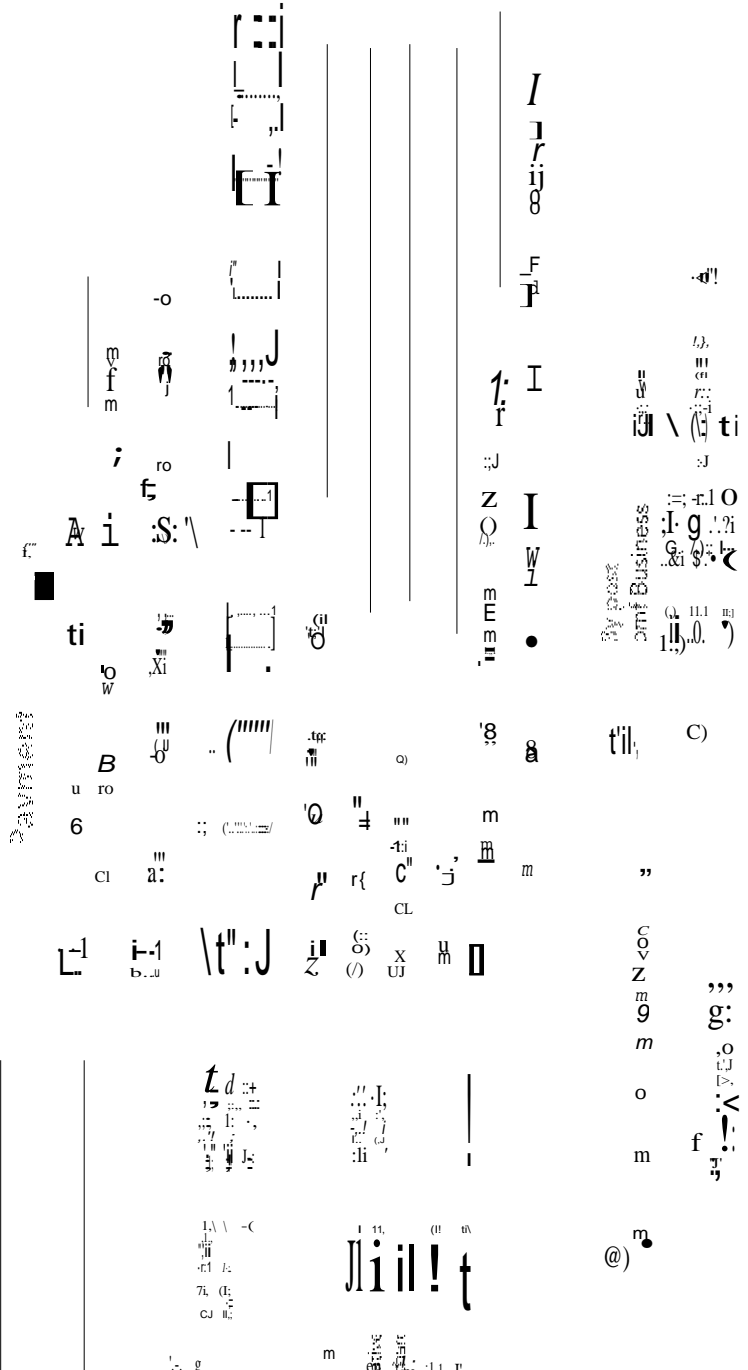
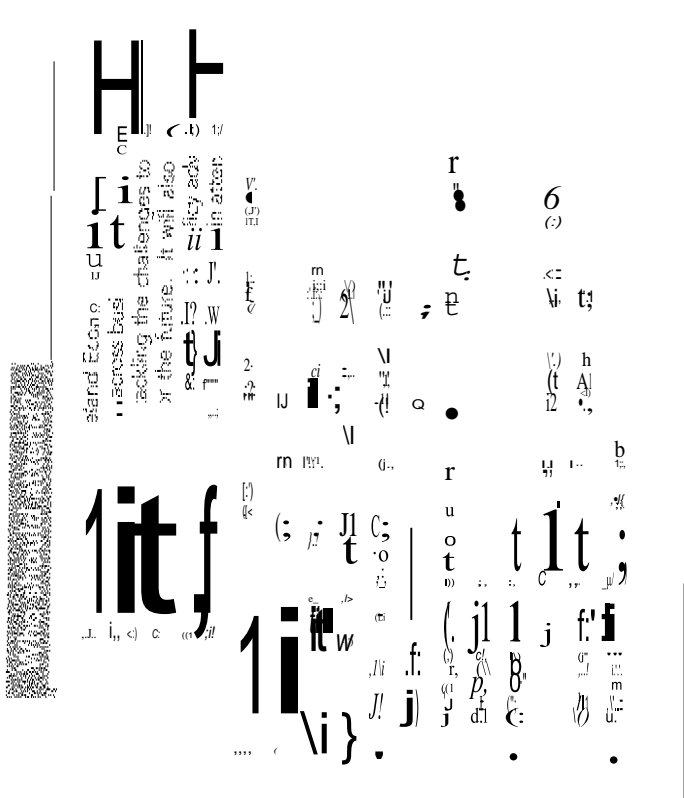
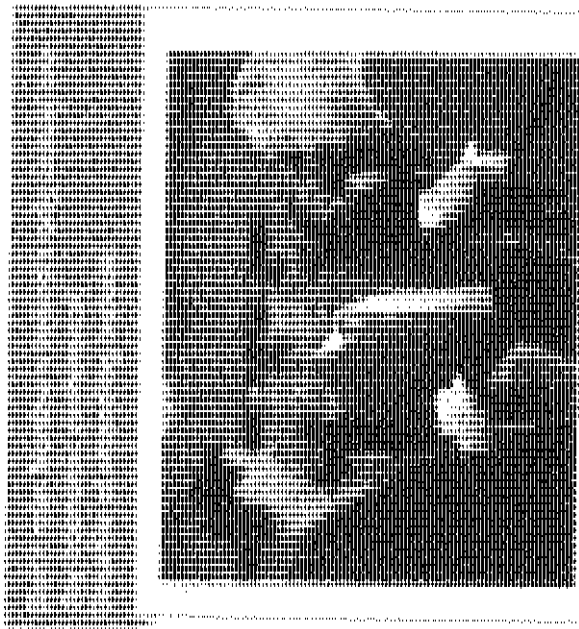
Fergal O'Brien is head of economics and taxation and chief economist with IBC. His role involves preparation of IBC policy papers and submissions, macro-economic forecasting and general economic analysis, the provision of economic advice and commentary to member companies, engaging with Government on a range of socio-economic policy issues of relevance to Irish business and representing IBC at EU level.



Michael Tunney is head of Enterprise and Economic Development with Donegal County Council and Secretary of Donegal County Enterprise Fund. As well having almost 30 years experience in working with small and micro businesses and in regional and local development, he has over 20 years experience in micro credit through the County Enterprise Fund and enterprises in Donegal and Lifford. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants and Advisors and a graduate of UCC, UCD, ULU and Durham University.



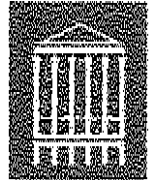
Dr Kristina Vollmar works as Counsellor of Education and Head of Statistics and International Affairs at the Finnish National Board of Education. She has also worked as a teacher at most levels of education and in vocational teacher education. Kristina's areas of special interest and expertise are comparative international education, teachers and trainers in vocational education and training and leadership. She has had the opportunity to work closely with European and global networks and working groups and has therefore a thorough knowledge and understanding of European and global education and training issues.



Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Energy in Northern Ireland the energy market, renewable and security of supply

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6th December 20.16

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Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: economic development in Northern Ireland:
key challenges and future opportunities post-Brexit
Timing: Morning, Monday, 16th January 2017
Venue: Belfast

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Irish opening remarks

Sinnad Bradley MLA, Member for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

9.05 - 9.30

Challenges and opportunities for the North (UK for the North)

Alastair Hamilton, Chief Executive, Invest NI

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 - 10.30

The key challenges for the future in a new environment

Stephen Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Manufacturing NI

Professor Neil Gibson, Director, Ulster University Economic Policy Centre

Thomas Hunter McGowan, Chief Executive Officer, InterTradeIreland

William Miteh UO3E, Policy Chair, FSB Northern Ireland

Senior representatives, local authority

Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 - 10.35

Chair's closing remarks

Sinnad Bradley MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

10.35 - 11.00

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Chair's opening remarks

Mervyn Storey MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

11.10 - 11.30

Investment Corporation Tax: a new alternative? Mechanisms to support economic growth

Esmond O'Riordan, Chief Economist (Northern Ireland and Scotland), PwC

Questions and comments from the floor

11.30 - 11.50

Infrastructure development: challenges for the future

Martin Spollen, Chief Investment Officer, Strategic Investment Board

Questions and comments from the floor

11.50 - 12.30

Research and development: investment in the future of the economy and innovation in the manufacturing industry and the future of the economy

Gerard Campbell, Chief Executive, Colleges Northern Ireland

Professor David Philpott, Professor of European Politics, Office of Education, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social

Sciences, Queen's University Belfast

Senior representatives, business

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 - 12.55

The future of economic policy in Northern Ireland

Remarks to be announced

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00

Q&A session: Forum for Northern Ireland and closing remarks

Mervyn Storey MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

Sean Cudmore, Deputy Director, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland



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Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Improving mental health provision in Northern Ireland: prevention, treatment and developments in care

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th January 2017

Venue: Belfast



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**To all Local Authorities
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Dear Sir/Madam,

For 27 years the Greystones Seminar has provided good quality Local Authority focused material, and 2016 is to be no different. This year's theme is 'Emerging Ireland Post 1916'.

Speakers for the weekend include students from St. Laurence's National School, Ms. Catherine Wright, Mr. Sean Boyne, Dr. Mary McAuliffe, Dr. Owen McGee, Professor Ronan Fanning, Ms. Sinead McCooile and Mr. Chris Corlett. The guest speaker at the Seminar Dinner on Saturday 24th September has not yet been confirmed.

Conference starts Friday 23rd September 2016 at 15.45 p.m. Lectures on Saturday 24th September start at 10 a.m. and the Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture on Sunday 25th September starts at 11 a.m. The event will take place in Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

Conference fee is €100 to include all lectures, conference dinner with guest, teas, coffees and light lunch on Saturday. Accommodation is not included.

We would be delighted to welcome delegates from your authority to Greystones for this event.

Yours sincerely,

George A. Jones,

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Chair's welcome



Dr Phil Moore

Deputy Chair (Clinical) and Chair

Kingston CCG and NHSCC Mental Health Commissioners' Network

Visions for the future

09:35 - 09:55

Sustainability and transformation: the fund, the plans, the delivery

With a £1.8bn fund pledged and 44 STPs submitted, NHS England must now ensure CCGs and their local STP partners have a clear direction for delivery and are fully supported as new models of care are put into practice and the Five Year Forward View becomes realised.



James Sanderson

Director of Personalisation and Choice

NHS England

09:55 - 10:30

**The Five Year Fast-forward View: what will commissioning look like in 2021?
(panel discussion)**

Five years from now in 2021, the NHS will know whether it met its £22bn efficiency savings target and if NHS England's triple aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the whole population, providing better quality care and better value for taxpayers in a financially sustainable system was realised. In this session, our panel will reflect on:

- What innovative forms of commissioning did we see evolve?
- Did outcomes-based commissioning survive?
- What does the commissioning support landscape look now look like?
- Did the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework's really unlock change?
- Were the objectives set by the Five Year Forward View ever realistic?

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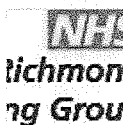
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Kathryn Magson (Invited)
Chief Officer and Footprint Lead
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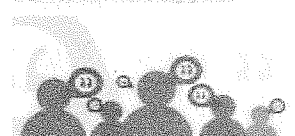


David Pearson (Invited)
Director of Adult Social Care and Footprint Lead
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Contributions from:

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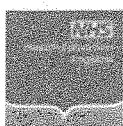
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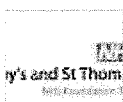
11:00 - 11:40

Sustainability and Transformation Plans: working together for successful implementation (panel discussion)

With STP implementation planned from the autumn, STP leads from CCG, provider and local authority backgrounds will come together with NHS England to discuss the transition from planning to implementation and how local STP partners are learning to work together as they get to the point of delivery.



Jo Lenaghan (Invited)
Director of Strategy and Planning
NHS Health Education England



Amanda Pritchard (Invited)
Chief Executive and Footprint Lead
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and South East London STP

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Mark Rogers (Invited)

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Chief Executive and Footprint Lead
Birmingham City Council and Birmingham and Solihull STP



Toby Sanders (Invited)
Chief Officer and Footprint Lead
West Leicestershire CCG and Leceister, Leicestershire and Rutland STP

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**Blackpool
Clinical Commissioning Group**

11:40 - 12:30

EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING

Supporting clinical commissioning

12:30 - 12:55

Delivering safe, sustainable services for patients – a provider commissioner partnership

NHS Improvement's role is to provide the national leadership, oversight and practical support needed to deliver improvement at the frontline and work towards long-term sustainability. Alongside this, CCGs are keen to work directly with the new organisation to ensure commissioner, provider, local and national priorities are aligned to allow the development and delivery of innovative models of care. In this address, Jim Mackey will set out how NHS Improvement works with national partners and local health systems to support collaborative working to transform local health and care systems for the longer term.



Jim Mackey
Chief Executive
NHS Improvement

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12:55 - 13:20

How NICE quality standards help to commission high quality care

NICE quality standards can be used by commissioners to ensure that high-quality care or services are being commissioned. This session will outline how CCGs can take advantage of NICE quality standards to ensure the services they are purchasing will deliver the best possible care.

- Providing an update on the latest NICE quality standards available and how they can support you.
- Utilising these standards as part of your commissioning process to drive measurable provider quality improvement.
- Real-life examples of how quality standards are being used by commissioners, possible barriers to implementation and advice on how to overcome these.



Judith Richardson

Programme Director - Quality and Leadership, Health and Social Care

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

Contributions from:

NICE

National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

13:20 - 13:30

Q&A

13:30 - 13:50

EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING

Commissioning for Value

13:50 - 14:20

Driving better patient outcomes and value with the RightCare approach

NHS RightCare's approach supports Local Health Economies to better understand their system, using the right intelligence to understand where unwanted variation exists, why, and what can be done to address it. [Privacy & Cookies Policy](#). [Find out more](#)

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The programme is being rolled out to all CCGs in 2016. Following its expansion and in advance of the second phase roll-out nationwide, Matthew Cripps will discuss the impact of RightCare, the fit with STPs and how local stakeholders can get involved, as well as providing an overview of how commissioners have used the approach to generate real improvement in patient value, health outcomes and in releasing funding.



Matthew Cripps
National Director, NHS RightCare
NHS England

Contributions from:



14:20 - 14:50

Slough CCG – improving the value of diabetes care

Diabetes has long been recognised as a priority for the Slough health economy and in comparing data from Slough CCG with national data, comparator CCGs and the Thames Valley strategic clinical network demonstrated there were opportunities to improve both quality of care and value for money. This session will delve into the outcomes of such analysis and review the use of commissioning for value packs to improve outcomes for diabetes patients.

- Bolstering data gathered from national information sources with locally gathered QOF data and 'soft' intelligence
- Engaging directly with the local South Asian population with type 2 diabetes or at risk of developing it
- Implementing the Enhanced Management of Diabetes (EMD) Programme to up-skill healthcare professionals within general practices in Slough



Dr Jim O'Donnell
Chair
Slough Clinical Commissioning Group

14:50 - 15:10

EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING

Power to the region

15:10 - 15:30

The devolution revolution – looking to London

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London is on a journey to become the healthiest city in the world. In December 2015, all 32 of its CCGs, Councils on behalf of the 32 London boroughs and the City of London, the Mayor of London, NHS England and Public Health England came together as 'London Partners' and agreed to work more closely together, with central government and national bodies inviting London to explore devolution.



Dr Nabihah Sachedina (Invited)
Director
 London Health and Care Devolution

15:30 - 16:10

Power to the region – how can health and care devolution work? (panel discussion)

On 15 December 2015 ground-breaking plans were set in motion to instigate the radical reshaping of healthcare provision across London, through the process of devolution. Now, as five pilot projects are underway, this panel will attempt to rationalise the journey to devolution, look to lessons from Greater Manchester's health and care devolution programme and pave the way for a fully integrated health and care service by 2020.

- Has the devolution revolution truly served to bridge the gap between idea and implementation?
- How can devolution models create greater incentives for prevention, proactive primary care and better access to community care?
- Does evidence to date suggest that pilot project performance targets and early priorities are being met?
- What does the future of devolved health and care look like?



Dr Marc Rowland
Chair
 Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group



Will Tuckley
Chair and Chief Executive
 London Health & Care Devolution Programme and London Borough of Tower Hamlets



Jonathan McShane
Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care & Culture and Chair - Pharmacy & Public Health Forum
 London Borough of Hackney and Public Health England



Jon Rouse (Invited)
Chief Officer
 Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership

Contributions from:

NHS
Lewisham
Clinical Commissioning Group

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Public Health England

16:10 - 16:15

Chair's closing address



Dr Phil Moore

Deputy Chair (Clinical) and Chair

Kingston CCG and NHSCC Mental Health Commissioners' Network

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Subject	Annual Progress Report 2015-16 on Equality & Good Relations Statutory Duties
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider Mid Ulster Council's Annual Progress Report for period 2015-16 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations duties as detailed within Section 75(1) and 75(2) of the N Ireland Act 1998.

2	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council is bound by Section 75 of the N Ireland Act 1998. Section 75(1) requires that the council gives due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between groupings/categories as detailed within the Act and Section 75(2) requires that regard be given to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.
2.2	The council's overarching document and framework around which it fulfils its statutory duties is its Equality Scheme. The Annual Progress Report (2015-2016) sets out to what extent the Council has demonstrated fulfilment of its statutory equality and good relations duties through its Equality Scheme.
2.3	The Equality Commission has requested that a progress report be made.

3	Key Issues
3.1	The Annual Progress Report for the period 2015-16 is attached as Appendix A. It reports on aspects of the council's Equality Scheme and how it has been implemented over the period. The progress report mirrors the first year of Mid Ulster District Council.
3.2	The Annual Progress Report for the reporting period 2015-16 is required to be submitted with the Equality Commission by 31 st August.

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

4.4	<u>Other</u>	N/A
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	That Council considers approval of the Annual Progress Report (2015-16) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A: Mid Ulster District Council Annual Progress Report (2015-16)

Mid Ulster District Council



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Mid Ulster
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Public Authority Statutory Equality and Good Relations Duties Annual Progress Report 2015-16

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	Telephone:	not applicable (as above)
	Email:	not applicable (as above)

Documents published relating to our Equality Scheme can be found at:

www.midulstercouncil.org and specifically at www.midulstercouncil.org/Council/Equality

Signature:



This report has been prepared using a template circulated by the Equality Commission.

It presents our progress in fulfilling our statutory equality and good relations duties, and implementing Equality Scheme commitments and Disability Action Plans.

This report reflects progress made between April 2015 and March 2016

PART A – Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Equality Scheme

Section 1: Equality and good relations outcomes, impacts and good practice

- 1** In 2015-16, please provide **examples** of key policy/service delivery developments made by the public authority in this reporting period to better promote equality of opportunity and good relations; and the outcomes and improvements achieved.

Please relate these to the implementation of your statutory equality and good relations duties and Equality Scheme where appropriate.

Answer: Mid Ulster District Council ('the Council') was established on 1 April 2015 following the recent period of local government reform. The Council now provides local government services in the areas previously administered by the predecessor councils of Cookstown, Dungannon & South Tyrone and Magherafelt Councils. This background provides the context of the Council's return for the reporting period 2015-16.

With specific reference to key policy/service delivery developments made, activities have been undertaken in the context of Mid Ulster District Council making preparations during its shadow period ending 31 March 2015, to meet its statutory equality and good relations duties commencing 1 April 2015. In summary;

- An Equality Scheme was prepared, consulted on, approved by Council and submitted with the Commission leading up to the reporting period for this report to aid policy/service delivery throughout 2015-16
- Engagement on the councils Equality Scheme has been ongoing between Equality Commission officials and council officers. This engagement is ongoing.
- The council approved Equality Scheme has established a Good Relations Working Group. The Group is made up of 10 elected members of council, serviced by council officers, as relevant, and assists the council in addressing its Section 75(2) good relations duty. These arrangements have been developed to promote and integrate Good Relations considerations into policy development and ultimately inform service delivery where referred to and/or requested by elected members to be considered by the Working Group. Arrangements have informed policy development processes.
- The Equality Consultee List was reviewed throughout November/ December 2015 culminating in an updated consultee list being finalised and being in use from January 2016, to ensure targeted consultation on its statutory equality and good relations duties to inform council policy developments
- An Audit of Inequalities was completed throughout the reporting period. Trends have been identified across each of the Sec. 75 categories and will be disseminated to Directors, Heads of Service and others as appropriate to inform policy making, the delivery and design of services throughout Mid Ulster District Council area.

The council continues to meet its statutory equality and good relations duties placed upon it by the Northern Ireland Act 1998, as a public authority.

- 2** Please provide **examples** of outcomes and/or the impact of **equality action plans/** measures in 2015-16 (*or append the plan with progress/examples identified*).

As a new local authority, established on 1 April 2015, the council completed its Audit of Inequalities throughout the reporting period. The issues identified from the undertaking of the Audit of Inequalities will be used to inform the development of the council's action plan to promote equality of opportunity. The Action and will include measures relating to both duties, equality of opportunity and good relations, where appropriate.

The Action Plan and measures contained within will be structured in line with the council's functions, service delivery arrangements and integrated within its service planning arrangements.

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- 3** Has the **application of the Equality Scheme** commitments resulted in any **changes** to policy, practice, procedures and/or service delivery areas during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

x Yes ☐ No (go to Q.4) ☐ Not applicable (go to Q.4)

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: The council's equality scheme, for example, commits council to referring matters where there are opportunities to better promote good relations to its established Good Relations Working Group for further consideration.

- 3a** With regard to the change(s) made to policies, practices or procedures and/or service delivery areas, what **difference was made, or will be made, for individuals**, i.e. the impact on those according to Section 75 category?

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: It will facilitate and result in policies being developed and practices adopted that ensure maximum opportunity to promote good relations as defined by the NI Act 1998 statutory duty.

- 3b** What aspect of the Equality Scheme prompted or led to the change(s)? *(tick all that apply)*

x As a result of the organisation's screening of a policy *(please give details):*

Answer: Matters have, and will, be referred to the Good Relations Working Group if it is determined, without prejudice to the equality of opportunity duty, to better promote good relations in their development and outworking.

☐ As a result of what was identified through the EQIA and consultation exercise:

☐ As a result of analysis from monitoring the impact *(please give details):*

☐ As a result of changes to access to information and services:

x Other *(please specify and give details):*

Answer: As a result of how the council has developed its Equality Scheme to meet its equality and good relations statutory duties.

Section 2: Progress on Equality Scheme commitments and action plans/measures

Arrangements for assessing compliance (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 2)

4 Were the Section 75 statutory duties integrated within job descriptions during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

- ☒ Yes, organisation wide
- ☐ Yes, some departments/jobs
- ☐ No, this is not an Equality Scheme commitment
- ☐ No, this is scheduled for later in the Equality Scheme, or has already been done
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: These have been integrated in line with all employees being bound by all council policies, procedures and statutory duties.

5 Were the Section 75 statutory duties integrated within performance plans during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

- ☐ Yes, organisation wide
- ☐ Yes, some departments/jobs
- ☐ No, this is not an Equality Scheme commitment
- ☒ No, this is scheduled for later in the Equality Scheme, or has already been done
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: The Section 75 duties were not integrated into departmental and service level improvement plans during/ for the reporting period but consideration for the performance plan reporting arrangements is being made for 2016-17

In the 2015-16 reporting period were **objectives/ targets/ performance measures** relating to the Section 75 statutory duties **integrated** into corporate plans, strategic planning and/or operational business plans? *(tick all that apply)*

- ☐ Yes, through the work to prepare or develop the new corporate plan

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- ☐ Yes, through organisation wide annual business planning
- ☐ Yes, in some departments/jobs
- ☒ No, these are already mainstreamed through the organisation's ongoing corporate plan
- ☐ No, the organisation's planning cycle does not coincide with this 2015-16 report
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: The Council's corporate plan was developed throughout 2014-15 and outside scope of this reporting period.

Equality action plans/measures

7 Within the 2015-16 reporting period, please indicate the **number** of:

Actions completed:

N/A

Actions ongoing:

N/A

Actions to commence:

N/A

Please provide any details and examples (*in addition to question 2*):

Answer: Please note, as referenced in the Council's response to question 2 above, an action plan with service specific actions was not been developed. An audit of inequalities was commenced and completed in 2015-16.

8 Please give details of changes or amendments made to the equality action plan/measures during the 2015-16 reporting period (*points not identified in an appended plan*):

Answer: Not applicable, please refer to council's response to Question 7.

9 In reviewing progress on the equality action plan/action measures during the 2015-16 reporting period, the following have been identified: (*tick all that apply*)

- ☐ Continuing action(s), to progress the next stage addressing the known inequality
- ☐ Action(s) to address the known inequality in a different way
- ☐ Action(s) to address newly identified inequalities/recently prioritised inequalities
- ☐ Measures to address a prioritised inequality have been completed

Answer: Not applicable, please refer to council's response to Question 7 above.

Arrangements for consulting (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 3)

- 10** Following the initial notification of consultations, a targeted approach was taken – and consultation with those for whom the issue was of particular relevance: *(tick one box only)*

☒ All the time

☐ Sometimes

☐ Never

- 11** Please provide any **details and examples of good practice** in consultation during the 2015-16 reporting period, on matters relevant (e.g. the development of a policy that has been screened in) to the need to promote equality of opportunity and/or the desirability of promoting good relations:

Answer: Good practice on undertaking consultation was adhered to in carrying out consultation on 2 policies during the reporting period to include; notification to council equality consultees; public advertisement; staff drop-in sessions and opportunities afforded to staff to meet with those facilitating the consultation processes to inform the policy development processes.

- 12** In the 2015-16 reporting period, given the consultation methods offered, which consultation methods were **most frequently used by consultees**: *(tick all that apply)*

☒ Face to face meetings

☐ Focus groups

☒ Written documents with the opportunity to comment in writing

☐ Questionnaires

☐ Information/notification by email with an opportunity to opt in/out of the consultation

☐ Internet discussions

☐ Telephone consultations

☐ Other *(please specify)*:

Please provide any details or examples of the uptake of these methods of consultation in relation to the consultees' membership of particular Section 75 categories:

Answer: No patterns were identified which could be directly attributable to a particular Section 75 group over another.

- 13** Were any awareness-raising activities for consultees undertaken, on the commitments in

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the Equality Scheme, during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

X Yes

☐

No

☐

Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: Consultees were notified of the council's Equality Scheme and availability from the Council. Furthermore, consultees were canvased on whether they wished to remain as consultees on the Council's consultee list.

14 Was the consultation list reviewed during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

X Yes

☐

No

☐

Not applicable – no commitment to review

Arrangements for assessing and consulting on the likely impact of policies (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 4)

Information on council's statutory duty arrangements can be found at www.midulstercouncil.org/Council/Equality

15 Please provide the **number** of policies screened during the year *(as recorded in screening reports)*:

2

16 Please provide the **number of assessments** that were consulted upon during 2015-16:

2
2
2

Policy consultations conducted with **screening** assessment presented.

Policy consultations conducted **with an equality impact assessment (EQIA)** presented.

Consultations for an **EQIA** alone.

17 Please provide details of the **main consultations** conducted on an assessment (as described above) or other matters relevant to the Section 75 duties:

Answer: The main consultations during the reporting period were on; (i) Irish language Policy and (ii) Ulster-Scots Language Policy

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- 18** Were any screening decisions (or equivalent initial assessments of relevance) reviewed following concerns raised by consultees? *(tick one box only)*

X Yes ☐ No concerns were raised ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: Yes and undertaken and reviewed by the council's Good Relations Working Group.

Arrangements for publishing the results of assessments (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 4)

- 19** Following decisions on a policy, were the results of any EQIAs published during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

X Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: In the case of the Irish Language Policy the results of the assessment were made available and published during the 2015-16 reporting period.

Arrangements for monitoring and publishing the results of monitoring (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 4)

- 20** From the Equality Scheme monitoring arrangements, was there an audit of existing information systems during the 2015-16 reporting period? *(tick one box only)*

☐ Yes ☐ No, already taken place
X No, scheduled to take place at a later date ☐ Not applicable

Please provide any details:

Answer: This will form part of the Council's statutory duties Action Plan, once developed, and following further consideration of the Equality Scheme by the Equality Commission.

- 21** In analysing monitoring information gathered, was any action taken to change/review any policies? *(tick one box only)*

☐ Yes ☐ No X Not applicable

Please provide any details and examples:

Answer: Not applicable

- 22** Please provide any details or examples of where the monitoring of policies, during the 2015-16 reporting period, has shown changes to differential/adverse impacts previously assessed:

Answer: None identified.

- 23** Please provide any details or examples of monitoring that has contributed to the availability of equality and good relations information/data for service delivery planning or policy development:

Answer: To date, the consultation responses to and feedback received on the Irish Language Policy will inform its implementation and roll out within the council and across the district.

Staff Training (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 5)

- 24** Please report on the activities from the training plan/programme (section 5.4 of the Model Equality Scheme) undertaken during 2015-16, and the extent to which they met the training objectives in the Equality Scheme.

Answer: Directors, Heads of Service and other senior officers have been made aware of the council's Equality Scheme. Further activity, to include compilation of a summary version, full briefings on the scheme and parts thereof have yet to be progressed subject to Equality Commission final approval of the scheme as identified within the council's scheme. The Council has deployed and continues to roll out an e-learning induction and training module on Equality & Diversity aligned along the Section 75 groupings using situational examples for learning.

- 25** Please provide any examples of relevant training shown to have worked well, in that participants have achieved the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve the stated objectives:

Answer: Training has been provided throughout the organisation on, for example, thematic areas such as dementia awareness training for front line staff. The impact of such training for the customer is difficult to measure but the existence of no equality scheme related complaints during the reporting period is an indicator of the impact of training to date and organisational culture towards meeting the needs of Section 75 groupings.

Public Access to Information and Services (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 6)

- 26** Please list **any examples** of where monitoring during 2015-16, across all functions, has resulted in action and improvement in relation **to access to information and services**:

Answer: Heads of Services at all times are charged with ensuring all customers of the council receive equitable access to information and services irrespective of the Section. 75 Grouping. For example, a Disability Access Audit was undertaken, with the use of professional services of an external assessor, during the reporting period of one of the council's Civic & Administrative buildings, in conjunction with relevant Head of Service.

Complaints (Model Equality Scheme Chapter 8)

- 27** How many complaints **in relation to the Equality Scheme** have been received during 2015-16?

Insert number here:

0

Please provide any details of each complaint raised and outcome:

Answer: Not applicable

Section 3: Looking Forward

- 28** Please indicate when the Equality Scheme is due for review:

Answer: The Scheme is due for review by January 2020, based on 5 years from when the council's scheme was initially submitted with the Equality Commission.

- 29** Are there areas of the Equality Scheme arrangements (screening/consultation/training) your organisation anticipates will be focused upon in the next reporting period? (*please provide details*)

Answer: The focus will be on targeted communication of responsibility for aspects of the scheme across the organisation and integrating/ streamlining screening process for policies/practices as part of council's policy development process.

- 30** In relation to the advice and services that the Commission offers, what **equality and good relations priorities** are anticipated over the next (2016-17) reporting period?

- ☐ Employment
- ☒ Goods, facilities and services
- ☒ Legislative changes
- ☒ Organisational changes/ new functions
- ☐ Nothing specific, more of the same
- ☐ Other (please state):

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1. Number of action measures for this reporting period that have been:

4

Fully achieved

8

Partially achieved

-

Not achieved

2. Please outline below details on all actions that have been fully achieved in the reporting period.

2 (a) Please highlight what **public life measures** have been achieved to encourage disabled people to participate in public life at National, Regional and Local levels:

Level	Public Life Action Measures	Outputs ⁱ	Outcomes / Impact ⁱⁱ
National ⁱⁱⁱ	N/A	-	-
Regional ^{iv}	N/A	-	-
Local ^v	Engage with persons with disabilities (as customers) on the community planning of Mid Ulster District	Engagement session held	Persons with disabilities involved and engaged within processes

2(b) What **training action measures** were achieved in this reporting period?

	Training Action Measures	Outputs	Outcome / Impact
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1	N/A	N/A	N/A
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2(c) What Positive attitudes **action measures** in the area of **Communications** were achieved in this reporting period?

	Communications Action Measures	Outputs	Outcome / Impact
1	Engage with Disability Forums and locally based disability organisations to ensure needs are reflected	Contact made with disability groups/ forums where in existence within district	Council is engaged with groups that are representative of persons with disabilities
2	New Website launched to W3C WAI Standard	Website in place and arrangements made	All persons, irrespective of having a disability, are in a position to access and view council services on-line
3	Accessible contact details	Accessible contact arrangements in place	All persons are accessible

2 (d) What action measures were achieved to '**encourage others**' to promote the two duties:

	Encourage others Action Measures	Outputs	Outcome / Impact
1	N/A	N/A	N/A

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2 (e) Please outline **any additional action measures** that were fully achieved other than those listed in the tables above:

	Action Measures fully implemented (other than Training and specific public life measures)	Outputs	Outcomes / Impact
1	N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Please outline what action measures have been **partly achieved** as follows:

	Action Measures partly achieved	Milestonesvi / Outputs	Outcomes/Impacts	Reasons not fully achieved
1	Training for relevant officers on universal accessibility auditing	Officers with specific equality remit trained	Council is responsive to needs of everyone	Local Govt. reform and identification of relevant officers
2	Disability Awareness training: staff and elected members	Staff and elected members trained	Customers with disabilities receive same high level of attention	Arrangements being developed to deliver
3	Training on visual awareness for front line staff	Frontline staff trained and skilled	Customers with disabilities receive same high level of attention	Local Govt. reform and identification of relevant staff
4	Correspondence: Size Guidelines and formats	Guidelines developed for staff	Persons with disabilities equitably accessing services	Not fully completed but discussion has taken place
5	Work placements for persons with disabilities each year	Persons with disabilities enrolled on work placements	Persons with disabilities engaged with the Council and staff	Further discussion is required with the relevant Council Department

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6	Focused consultation and engagement with persons with disabilities	Consultation and engagement undertaken	Council is more informed on needs of disabled community	Activity has taken place but formal sustainable arrangements to be established
7	Sign language training for front line staff	Frontline staff trained and skilled	Council is responsive to needs of everyone	Local Govt. reform and identification of relevant staff
8	Implementation of principles of BS:8300:2009 +A1:2010	Principles on disability access adhered to	Council buildings and facilities which are equitably accessible to relevant standards	This is an ongoing activity to progress with a life span in excess of a year.

4. Please outline what action measures **have not been achieved** and the reasons why.

	Action Measures not met	Reasons
1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

5. What **monitoring tools** have been put in place to evaluate the degree to which actions have been effective / develop new opportunities for action?

(a) Qualitative

Answer: To be established. Activities being monitored by the relevant senior council officer

(b) Quantitative

Answer: To be established. Activities being monitored by the relevant senior council officer

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6. As a result of monitoring progress against actions has your organisation either:

- made any **revisions** to your plan during the reporting period or
- taken any **additional steps** to meet the disability duties which were **not outlined in your original** disability action plan / any other changes?

Answer: No revisions or additional steps have been identified during the reporting period

If yes please outline below:

	Revised/Additional Action Measures	Performance Indicator	Timescale
1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

7. Do you intend to make any further **revisions to your plan** in light of your organisation's annual review of the plan? If so, please outline proposed changes?

Answer: It is proposed that the Disability Duties Action Plan be revised in light of completion of the Audit of Inequalities as part of the council's Equality Scheme and to refine the current actions. The changes will focus on undertaking activities with greatest impact within the organisation and across the district

ⁱ **Outputs** – defined as act of producing, amount of something produced over a period, processes undertaken to implement the action measure e.g. Undertook 10 training sessions with 100 people at customer service level.

ⁱⁱ **Outcome / Impact** – what specifically and tangibly has changed in making progress towards the duties? What impact can directly be attributed to taking this action? Indicate the results of undertaking this action e.g. Evaluation indicating a tangible shift in attitudes before and after training.

ⁱⁱⁱ **National** : Situations where people can influence policy at a high impact level e.g. Public Appointments

^{iv} **Regional**: Situations where people can influence policy decision making at a middle impact level

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^v **Local** : Situations where people can influence policy decision making at lower impact level e.g. one off consultations, local fora.

^{vi} **Milestones** – Please outline what part progress has been made towards the particular measures; even if full output or outcomes/ impact have not been achieved.

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Subject Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Reporting Officer Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.

2	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.

3	Key Issues		
3.1	Organisation	Issue	Closing Date
	Department for Infrastructure	Proposal for the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.	14 Oct 2016
	ABC Borough Council	Consultation on PCSP Draft Equality Scheme & Draft Disability Plan	22 Sept 2016
	Department for Infrastructure	Responses to Draft Legislation to remove or qualify the requirement on NI Water to install water meters at all new domestic connections.	26 Aug 2016
The following outlines the open consultations of which Council has been notified: Documentation on the aforementioned consultations may be provided on request.			

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

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Not applicable
6	Recommendations
6.1	Members review and note the open consultations.
7	List of documents attached
7.1	Not applicable.

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Subject	Correspondence to Council
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.

2	Background
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Four items are referred to in 3.1 to 3.4 below.

3	Key Issues
3.1	<u>Correspondence from Minister for Communities</u>
3.1.1	<p>The Council agreed a motion at its June 2016 meeting on maternity/ paternity/ sick pay for councillors, as follows.</p> <p><i>“That this council notes with concern the deficit that exists within current local government legislation to provide full access to democracy in times of maternity/paternity/sick leave for Councillors.</i></p> <p><i>This council resolves to write to and seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Communities to discuss the need for legislative change to ensure that rate payers are best represented at all times and to ensure that there are no barriers to public life for those who seek elected office”</i></p> <p>The Minister for Communities has responded to the Council and has indicated that these matters have been raised with officials at a recent meeting of the Finance Working Group and has indicated that it would be appropriate to allow this process to conclude before deciding on whether or not a meeting should take place. A copy of response which is attached as Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<u>Correspondence from Donegal County Council</u>
3.2.1	<p>Donegal County Council recently adopted the following resolution which has been copied to Mid Ulster District Council.</p> <p><i>“That this Council call on the Taoiseach and the Government to clarify with the British Government that the essential North West Radiotherapy Unit will be available to all, and that the vote on Brexit will not have any derailing effects on this service”</i></p>

3.3	<u>Correspondence from NILGA</u>
3.3.1	<p>The Council at its July meeting agreed a recommendation from the Policy & Resources Committee to work towards and within the framework of the Elected Member Development Charter when providing support on member development. The Charter is facilitated through NI Local Government Association.</p> <p>Following correspondence from the Council Chair the Chief Executive of NILGA written back and a copy is attached as Appendix C.</p>
3.4	<u>Correspondence from Minister of Health</u>
3.4.1	<p>The Council agreed a motion at its May Council meeting on Perinatal Mental Health Care, as follows</p> <p><i>That this council supports the provision of an improved perinatal mental health service here in the north and will write to the Minister of Health, asking him/her to make this a priority and to ring-fence funding to provide such a statutory service, including a specialist mother and baby unit.</i></p> <p><i>And calls on the Minister to acknowledge the contribution the voluntary and community sector in Mid Ulster have been making towards Mental Health issues in the community and ensures her department makes provision to support these organisations financially to continue their work in the future. We further request that he/she works closely with the Ministers of Health in other jurisdictions, to ensure equality of provision and to improve care and outcomes for all women, babies and families across this island.</i></p> <p>The Minister of Health has responded to the Council and the response is attached as Appendix D.</p>

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

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A – Correspondence from Minister for Communities Appendix B - Correspondence from Donegal County Council Appendix C – Correspondence from NILGA Appendix D – Correspondence from Minister of Health



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Our ref: INV/1287/2016

25 July 2016

Dear Trevor,

Thank you for your invitation to meet with a delegation of councillors from Mid Ulster District Council to discuss current local government legislation and the provision of access to democracy in times of maternity, paternity and sick leave for councillors.

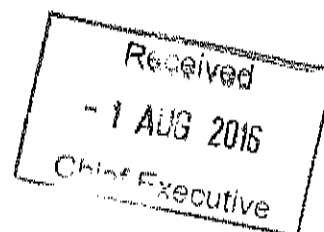
These matters I understand have been raised with officials at a recent meeting of the Finance Working Group and I believe it would be more appropriate to allow this process to conclude before deciding whether or not a meeting should take place.

I will keep myself informed of progress in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Givan'.

PAUL GIVAN MLA
Minister for Communities



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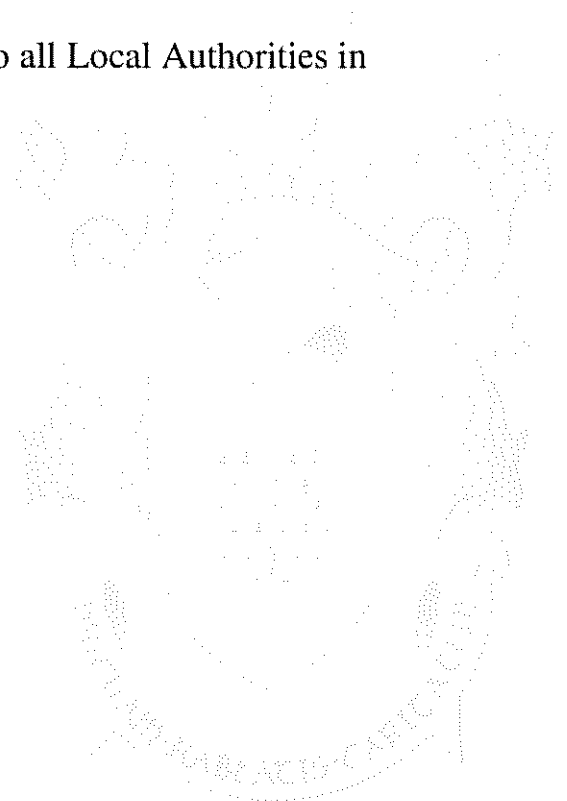
At the July Meeting of Donegal County Council the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support.

"That this Council call on the Taoiseach and the Government to clarify with the British Government that the essential North West Radiotherapy Unit will be available to all, and that the vote on Brexit will not have any derailing effects on this service."

Members also requested that a copy be forwarded to all Local Authorities in Northern Ireland for their consideration.

Yours faithfully

J Peoples
P.P. J Peoples
Meetings Administrator



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9 August 2016

Dear Cllr Wilson

Further to your letter dated 03/08/2016, NILGA is delighted to note that Mid Ulster District Council is moving forward corporately with member development support.

Please convey this letter to your Full Council, as Chair. I affirm NILGA's recognition of the valuable member and officer development work achieved to date. NILGA will provide, with our Charter provider, excellent co-ordination and best practice to your council's pursuit of the Elected Member Development National Standard, along with the purchasing power of 350+ combined councils, ensuring that Charter and any subsequent training is tailored to the needs of MUDC, is of the highest quality and is very good value for money.

May we also offer you all good wishes in your year as Chair.

Yours Sincerely,



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

cc. Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive, MUDC

Received

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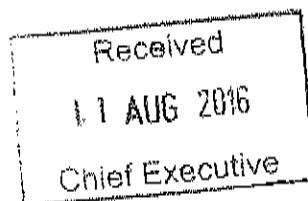
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Anthony a chara

Thank you for your letter of 27 May, which outlined the Mid Ulster District Council motion on Perinatal Mental Health Services. My apologies for the delay in responding.

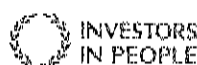
One of my key priorities is mental health and perinatal mental health is an extremely important element of this.

The Integrated Perinatal Mental Health Care Pathway, published by the Public Health Agency (PHA) in December 2012, is currently being updated to reflect recent national guidance (NICE Guideline 192) and the Regional Mental Health Care Pathway. The revised pathway, due to be published by PHA shortly, will provide guidance to all health and social care professionals who come into contact with women in the antenatal and postnatal period across all settings inclusive of primary care.

The Health and Social Care Board has developed outline proposals for the future development of specialist perinatal mental health services, in line with NICE Guideline 192. These proposals include specialist community based services and a regional mother and baby unit. Future development of these services is subject to additional resources being secured. I will be considering this, along with a large number of competing priorities, as part of the budget setting process for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20.

RQIA are carrying out a review of perinatal mental health and are due to share their initial findings and draft recommendations at a regional stakeholder event on 30 September 2016. These findings and recommendations will help inform future development of any perinatal mental health service.

I also recognise the important contribution made by the voluntary and community sector in respect of mental health issues in the community and look forward to working with them as we continue to reform Mental Health Services in the north of Ireland.



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I hope this is helpful.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle O'Neill".

Michelle O'Neill MLA
Minister of Health