

19 August 2015

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of Mid Ulster District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Dungannon offices on Thursday 27 August at 7pm to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill Chief Executive

<u>AGENDA</u>

OPEN BUSINESS

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interests

Matters for Decision

- 3 Minutes of Council meeting held on Thursday 23 July 2015 (A)
- 4 Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2015 (B)
- 5 Conferences and Seminars (C)
- 6 Responses to the Northern Health & Social Care Trust & Southern Health & Social Care Trust (D)

Matters for Information

- 7 Correspondence (E)
- 8 Consultations (F)

Notices of Motion

9 Consideration of Motions

9.1 Councillor Glasgow to move

"That this Council agrees to write to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the three elected members of the European Parliament expressing our concerns that the dairy farmers of Mid Ulster are at breaking point due to the current prices they are having to accept for their produce. The Minister for Agriculture must now realise her absolute main priority should be promoting local produce as well as identifying and opening new export markets. In addition she must work with all her Ministerial counterparts most especially Liz Truss, Secretary of State at DEFRA, on increasing pressure on Commissioner Hogan to raise the intervention price for milk. Unsustainable milk prices are destroying the dairy farms in Mid Ulster, farms will have to close, and generations of farming families will no longer exist as their way of life will be taken from them if action is not taken at once"

9.2 Councillor Wilson to move

"That this council resolves to give full support to its officers to research the extent of the skills deficit manifest across Mid Ulster. Our entrepreneurs, of which there are many, for example within the Engineering Sector, are battling soul destroying pressures regarding recruitment of skilled personnel. A high level of skills through intensive training provides the staple diet of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. We would ask our officers to come back to council with a short interim report.

Further that this council requests the Minister for Employment and Learning Mr Stephen Farry to attend a future Council meeting to explain what his Department can do to help"

9.3 Cllr McNamee to move

"This Council calls for an urgent meeting with the chief Executive of Translink and the Minister for Regional Development, Mr Danny Kennedy MLA to discuss the potential closure of Cookstown Bus depot and the impact this would have on the service to Cookstown and the surrounding area"