



16 April 2024

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh  
Chief Executive

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## AGENDA

### OPEN BUSINESS

1. Notice of Recording  
This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site [Live Broadcast Link](#)
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest  
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
4. Chair's Business

### Matters for Decision

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#### Notice of Motions

12. Councillor McLernon to move  
Addressing the Lack of Respite Provision for Adults with Learning Difficulties, Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour:  
That this council recognises the inadequate provision of respite services with adults with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour within the Southern Trust Area;
- acknowledges that in the Dungannon area of the Mid-Ulster District Council the only facility that provides short breaks for those who are 18 years and over with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour is an eight-bed facility at Woodlawn House, Dungannon;
  - notes with deep regret the occasion that arose before Christmas 2023, that resulted in families having their respite provision cancelled at short notice by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust;
  - further acknowledges that respite provision is not a luxury, but a necessity for unpaid carers in our community;
  - further notes that the demand for services is increasing year on year, with more children with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour entering into Adult Services;
  - recognises the hard-work, and dedication of staff members based at Woodlawn House in Dungannon, and all the staff throughout the Trust area who work with adults with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour;
  - accepts the need to address the inadequate provision of adult respite provision in the Southern Health & Social Care Trust, and the need for forward planning, additional investment and ring-fencing of these services;
  - and calls on the Minister of Health to develop a plan that will address the lack of adult respite provision within the Mid-Ulster District Council area;
  - and further calls on the Minister of Health to provide additional investment into these services to ensure that families can avail of more regular respite provision, that is protected, and not at risk of cancellation.

13. Councillor Mallaghan to move  
That this Council accepts that remote/hybrid meetings allowed for participation in Council meetings to be more accessible for both council members and council staff; recognises that hybrid/remote meetings contribute positively to making political office more accessible, particularly to women who disproportionately have caring responsibilities;  
notes with concern the late decision of the Minister of Communities not to extend the temporary provisions which enable councils to hold remote/hybrid meetings;  
further notes with disappointment that the Minister of Communities has not yet used powers available to him under the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Act (NI) 2021 to progress regulations ensuring council meetings may be held remotely;  
understands, as a result of the decision by the Minister for Communities, that remote/hybrid meetings will not be available to council after the 6th March;  
calls on the Minister for Communities to urgently progress regulations providing for hybrid/remote meetings for councils.
14. Councillor Johnston to move  
  
"That this council;  
Supports the calls for a Public Inquiry into the murder of Sean Brown."  
Writes to the British Prime Minister demanding a Public Inquiry, as requested by Mr Justice Kinney.
15. Councillor Cahoon to move  
That this Council  
(i) considers increasing fines for dog-fouling, littering, and fly-tipping and  
(ii) considers outsourcing enforcement of this issue to an outside company to enhance enforcement levels.  
This follows The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) Regulations (NI) 2022 which enables local authorities to increase penalties from £80 to £200.

**Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.**

### Matters for Decision

16. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 22 February 2024
17. Planning Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 March 2024
18. Policy & Resources Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 March 2024
19. Environment Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 12 March 2024
20. Development Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 14 March 2024
21. Audit Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 19 March 2024
22. Document for Sealing: Grahams ICT Contract for Maghera Wetlands Park and Walled Garden Enhancements (Phase 1)

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