



22 February 2018

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, 22 February 2018 at 19:00 to transact
the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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Matters for Decision

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Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 18 January 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Ashton, Chair

Councillors Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Gillespie (7.07pm) Glasgow (7.04pm), Kearney, McAleer, McGinley, McKinney, Milne, Molloy, Mulligan, M Quinn, Reid (7.04pm), Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels and Wilson (7.04pm)

Officers in Attendance: Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

In Attendance: **Representatives of Northern Regional College**

Mr Brankin, Vice Principal, Business Development & Transformation
Mr Taggart, Vice Principal & Chief Information Officer

Representatives of South West Regional College

Mr Michael McAlister Chief Executive
Dr Jill Cush, Innovation and Development Manager
Mr Ciaran McManus, Head of Department Industry and Training

Representative of Education Authority

Mr John Collings, Director of Education
Ms Kim Scott, Assistant Director of Regional Development

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

SC1/18 Apologies

Councillors Bateson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Mallaghan, McEldowney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Monteith, Mullen, J O'Neill, and Totten

SC2/18 Declarations of Interest

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

SC3/18 Chair's Business

None

SC4/18 South West Regional College

The Chair Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from South West Regional College to the meeting.

Mr McAlister and Mr McManus delivered a presentation (appendix 1) outlining the vision, priorities, employer engagement, social inclusion and enterprise and international. Members were advised of the Careers Fair planned for Saturday 24 February 2018.

*Councillors Glasgow, Reid and Wilson arrived at 7.04pm during presentation
Councillor Gillespie arrived at 7.07pm during presentation*

The Chair, Councillor Ashton invited Dr Cush to respond to Members questions.

Councillor McKinney referred to the percentage of people completing courses on SUSE programmes and asked about the level of young people who drop out. Mr McManus advised that in excess of 50% have a positive outcome, that some on courses have significant barriers to overcome, some return back to complete courses but that 90% have a positive development of soft skill development.

In response to Councillor McKinney's question regarding how many students progress onto higher education Mr McManus advised that in excess of 1,250 people per annum achieve qualifications. He also made reference to apprenticeship partnerships and the fact that there is as many and more jobs as there was people for.

Councillor Clarke thanked the representatives for the presentation and made reference to a proposed project in the Coalisland area which would encompass an engineering training facility and a tourism aspect. He spoke of the need for skilled people in the field of engineering and tourism and the aim for tourism to be doubled across Ireland. Councillor Clarke highlighted the need for education providers to work collaboratively with such projects in order that collectively linkages can be made to address the needs of the area.

In response, Mr McManus stated that the South West College was collaborative by nature and meetings had taken place with the local MP Francie Molloy in relation to the proposed project in Coalisland.

Councillor McGinley sought an update in relation to the proposed centre of excellence for engineering.

In response Dr Cush advised that the engineering centre of excellence is strategically very significant, that South West College were leading training to shape the needs of the local industry. Dr Cush advised that the project business case had been submitted to the Department of the Economy a number of changes and enhancements had been recommended and that progress was being achieved. It was also noted that the College were leaders in research, innovation and skills. In

relation to Councillor McGinley's enquiry regarding artificial intelligence Dr Cush advised that the current focus of the college was technical and practical skills but that they were conscious that artificial intelligence was coming very quickly and it was anticipated within five years it would be here.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that Council was working in partnership with the College in relation to the proposed centre of excellence and had engaged in relation to the design concept and it was anticipated that a paper would be presented in the near future.

Councillor Cuthbertson sought an update in relation to the uptake of courses for trades such as bricklaying, painting and decorating. In response Mr McManus advised that there was an increase in recruitment of joinery with almost 100 students across the three campuses but that bricklaying, painting and decorating remained in single figures

In response to Councillor G Shiels question on encouraging young people who display practical skills Mr McManus advised that the College worked closely with the community highlighting the opportunities to develop professional and technical training with Year 11 and 12 pupils and more recently primary schools.

Councillor J Shiels referred to the SUSE programme and asked what the outcome was for the 50% of people who did not progress to full time education or employment. In response, Mr McManus advised they engage with the students where they currently are and some are enhanced to avail of required support, for example counselling. He confirmed that follow up mentoring takes place.

In response to Councillor J Shiels question on increasing numbers of females in STEM courses Dr Cush advised that there was an ongoing piece of work taking place, Miss STEM Europe, and that the College was working with 30 young women under the age of 30 working in STEM fields. Dr Cush advised that the College engaged with Council, the NI Assembly and this year were visiting Brussels as part of the project highlighting workshops which also incorporated a gender focus.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton advised she had visited the Miss STEM Europe project and that they would be making a presentation in February.

In response to Councillor Kearney's question on international links, Mr McManus stated that nothing happened without hard work and advised that the college had strong links with Canada and France and brought student teams to the countries to embrace the language and culture and work in a new environment. He highlighted the benefits of the project advising that the international focus extended to the social inclusion programmes. He highlighted visits to Flanders, Belgium.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for their presentation.

Cllrs Cuthbertson, Reid and Wilson left the meeting at 7.37pm

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from Northern Regional College to the meeting. Messrs Taggart and Brankin made a presentation (appendix 2) giving an overview of the college focussing on Magherafelt campus in Council area. During the presentation Members were made aware of the planned Open Days at the Magherafelt Campus scheduled to take place on Saturday 3 February and Tuesday 6th February 2018.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 7.45 pm and returned at 7.48pm

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for their presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor McGinley made reference to the Big Lottery Funding project and expressed his interest in the programme of work with people with autism he made mention of ADHD stating that there appeared to be a spike in diagnosis.

In response, Mr Brankin stated that College statistics had shown a flat rate of growth in the current year but that previous growth in cases had been surprising but stated that more people were being diagnosed in schools.

Councillor McGinley asked if the students involved were statemented. In response, Mr Taggart advised he would report back to the Member on the exact statistics.

Councillor J Shiels expressed appreciation regarding the investment in equipment at the Magherafelt campus but asked when there would be real investment in the building itself making reference to the capital spend of £85 million budgeted for Northern Regional College other campus' in Ballymena and Coleraine.

In response Mr Taggart stated that the £85m capital investment was specifically for a new build in Ballymena and Coleraine, he advised that the college were moving to a three model site and Magherafelt would be ultimately treated the same as it was the Boards intention to have them all of similar standard. He highlighted that there was a focus on cuts which would impact on all colleges in relation to new builds. He stated he embarked on his teaching career in 1984 and the new builds in Ballymena and Coleraine had been on the agenda for over two decades.

Councillors Cuddy, G Shiels and McAleer left the meeting at 7.57pm

Mr Brankin advised that Ballymoney was losing its complex, Newtownabbey had a planned refit and that Magherafelt would come under the refit category but there were no plans for a new build.

Councillor Kearney asked if the college provided any courses/programmes in agriculture or was this left to establishments such as Greenmount. Mr Taggart in response advised that they did not offer agricultural courses but did support students through essential skills courses.

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 8.05pm

Councillor McKinney stated that it was good to keep students local and asked how the courses were being facilitated making reference to staffing. In response, Mr Taggart stated that staff recruitment had taken place across the province and that

there had been an increase in uptake of courses across the province in electrical installation, plumbing and other crafts.

SC6/18 Education Authority

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from the Education Authority to the meeting. Mr Collings and Ms Scott made a presentation (appendix 3) outlining the pathways plan together with strategic linkages and services operating in Mid Ulster area and the pathways plan.

Councillor Clarke left at 8.10pm

It was highlighted that in the coming weeks there would be a new school governor recruitment drive across the sector and Members were encouraged to apply as a wide selection of people were required.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for the presentation and opened the question/answer session making reference to the annual action plan which had gone into the public domain and caused major concerns for Aughnacloy Primary School. The Chair emphasised that it was her understanding that the school was thriving but the school name appearing on the action plan had caused major angst amongst parents and indeed the other schools named on the plan.

In response, Ms Scott advised that just because a school is on the list does not mean it is being considered for closure it could be earmarked for amalgamation or increased enrolment. Ms Scott emphasised that schools can be named because they are part of the area solution and that they endeavour to discuss this with them before the action plan is released. Mr Collings concurred emphasising that the current action plan had named schools which were increasing.

Councillor McGinley declared an interest in that he was currently a school governor.

Councillor McGinley expressed concern in relation to pre-school enrolment, in that, in areas of deprivation some were trying to evidence criteria and universal credit was one but to date it had not been introduced here. In response, Ms Scott advised that she had been aware of 'teething problems' but that it was her understanding that the matter had been resolved.

Councillor Burton made reference to Aughnacloy Primary School and Lisferty Primary School named on the action plan and emphasised that it sends a negative message especially in rural areas. The Councillor stated that when a rural school is named people would not send their children to the school and stressed the need to have the area solutions well on track before the action plan reaches the media.

Councillor Glasgow in relation to the action plan raised Churchtown Primary School who had taken students from neighbouring primary schools which had been closed yet now they were being named in the action plan and emphasising that he was being blunt that the school was on it for closure. Councillor Glasgow stressed that the Churchtown Primary school was a community hub.

Councillor Glasgow also referred to funding for nursery schools highlighting in particular Orritor Primary School which had been built in his later years of primary school. He stated that funding was an issue and that people were reluctant to send

their children to nurseries which were not up to standard and asked when the Education Authority would 'open the wallet wider' and invest in the nursery.

In response, Ms Scott advised that the recommendations for Churchtown Primary School was built on subjective data and that if it does not meet the sustainable criteria it is difficult. Ms Scott stated that Education Authority Officers endeavour to turn schools around and improve them she also advised that sometimes when schools appear on area plans it can encourage the community to support the school and there are times when decisions are turned around. Ms Scott stressed that the community needs to understand their role and further advised that they do not make the ultimate decision as it is made by the Minister for Education following consultation. She stated that the Education Authority wanted to retain schools but that they needed to thrive to ensure children got the best education they could get.

Mr Collings in referring to comments regarding funding stated that he wished the Education Authority wallet was 'fatter' but gave an assurance that officers were striving to both keep and attract more resources but that Members were aware of the stresses and strains on public sector funding especially for capital investment.

Councillor Kearney declared an interest as a board of governor

Councillor Kearney asked how psychology services were coping in the current situation. In response, Mr Collings advised that the service was part of the children and young people directorate and although going through a period of transition the service was doing remarkably well. He advised that there was still some way to go as the demand for special education needs continued to rise rapidly. Mr Collings referred to the earlier comments in relation to children with ADHD and advised that children were presenting with additional needs at a younger age. Mr Collings advised that the Education Authority were challenged to shift from reacting to intervention and made reference to proposals for establishing ADHD units in main stream schools so that intervention can take place earlier.

Councillor Kearney expressed concern in the area of special needs stating that in budget cuts it is always classroom assistants who are left vulnerable and the children left with-out them.

Councillor Molloy referred to the earlier comments in relation to the area plans and stated that it did galvanise communities as he had personal experiences of this with Clinty Clay Primary School just outside the District. He also stated that sometimes the CCEA ignore critical considerations such as generation gaps. He asked where the shared campus in the Moy was currently sitting. In response, Ms Scott stated that she did not know at this stage.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that within the Community Plan Members had engaged significantly with regard to nursery provisions which was a major issue given that Mid Ulster had the largest growing population and asked if allocation of nursery places reflected the growth.

The Director made reference to the area plan within which schools play a role especially with 70% of people in the district residing in rural areas. He highlighted the Rural Needs Act which had been passed recently and asked how it had impacted on schools in the district.

In response, Ms Scott stated that in terms of pre-school provision to allow for fluctuations the policy currently permitted the use of private providers to make up the shortfall if statutory provision was not adequate. She advised that the private providers were granted a minimum of seven places but emphasised that it was a balancing act given the demographics.

In relation to the Rural Needs Act Mr Collings highlighted that one of the six criteria for consideration in the school area plan is the role of the school in the local community and stressed it was not just the financial liability of the school which was considered. He also advised that a rural needs impact assessment takes place to ensure that any decision is rural proofed, and he stressed that mortality issues were considered.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for attending.

SC7/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 8.42pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 25 January 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Ashton

Members Present: Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Mulligan, J O'Neill, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C1/18 Apologies

Councillors Doris, Elattar, Glasgow, Monteith, Mullen and M Quinn

C2/18 Declarations of Interest

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

C3/18 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Ashton spoke of the shock at the horrendous incident in Aughnacloy which was now being treated as attempted murder. The Chair extended best wishes to Mrs Davidson and encouraged anyone with information to come forward.

Councillor Robinson condemned the despicable incident and made reference to a number of recent 'break ins' when elderly people were being terrorised. He said there were no words to describe the terror Mrs Davidson must have felt lying outside in the cold. He spoke of the fear in the community especially amongst the elderly and that his hope was when the perpetrators were caught they would receive more than a 'wrap on the knuckles.' Councillor Robinson stated that Mrs Davidson like many others had worked hard and given life service to their community and then to receive such treatment was deplorable. He wished Mrs Davidson well emphasising that she would be in both thoughts and prayers.

Councillor S McGuigan entered the meeting at 7.02pm

Councillor Mulligan concurred with previous speakers and said he had known the lady and her late husband a long time and would unreservedly condemn the attack during which the action of callous thugs had left alone elderly resident with serious injuries. He continued stating that he found it shocking that such an atrocious act could take place in a village in this Council area and leave a quiet and private lady in her eighties in such a perilous, life threatening condition in hospital fighting for her life. Councillor Mulligan stated that there was a perception within the community that not enough was being done and thus he would call on the PSNI to be more proactive and be seen on the ground as this would be reassuring to the community. He stressed that people are living day and daily with the dread hanging over them that they could be next. Councillor Mulligan concluded wishing Mrs Davidson a speedy recovery.

Councillor McAleer stated that the shameful attack had left the community shocked, fearful and appalled. Speaking of Mrs Davidson the Councillor said how she must have felt during the attack and her lying injured outside does not bear thinking about. Councillor McAleer shared that she knew both Mrs Davidson and her late husband well and wished her a good recovery. Councillor McAleer further advised that she had visited another elderly couple who had been burgled in recent days who had also been targeted the previous year.

Councillor Reid passed on well wishes to Mrs Davidson stating that what had occurred was a tragedy he advised that the PSNI had assured the PCSP that the case was being treated as attempted murder, that no stone would be left unturned and that the PCSP were taking action to support the community through the trauma.

Councillor Burton concurred with previous speakers stating that her support and prayers were with Mrs Davidson and the whole community who were traumatised. Councillor Burton also made reference to other incidents in Ballygawley sharing that over the past two days she had visited many elderly people who were living in fear of the dreadful happenings but emphasised that she had also been contacted by parents and young people living alone who felt isolated and vulnerable. The Councillor also referred to people who had been previously targeted by burglars and how recent happenings had brought this back to them. Councillor Burton appealed to the Council to write to the District Commander of the PSNI to ask that every resource that can be used is used to catch the perpetrators. The Councillor highlighted that one family in Ballygawley had been burgled five times and stated that as an elected Member you feel inadequate in the face of such trauma. She emphasised that the PCSP, officers and Council support the District Commander and to do the best they can to support the people of Aughnacloy highlighting that the sad reality is that it would not be long until it affected all areas. The Councillor concluded stating that if people who see a car or situation which does not 'sit right' take the number of the vehicle and tell the PSNI using the 101 or confidential help line number.

Councillor Gildernew concurred with all that had been said and wished Mrs Davidson a full recovery. He acknowledged that there had been burglaries in his own 'neck of

the woods' and encouraged neighbours to be alert and keep safe. He added his support to send a letter of support to the PSNI.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated she would be sending a letter to Mrs Davidson.

Resolved That (i) the Chair of Council send a letter to Mrs Davidson; (ii) Council send a letter of support to the PSNI in relation to the incident.

Matters for Decision

C4/18 Environment Committee Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4 December 2017

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Monday 4 December 2017 (E308/17 – E332/17 and E341/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C5/18 Council Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2017

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to item C257/17 regarding gritting of roads and footpaths and highlighted the difficulties which occurred on Friday past in Dungannon when the town was virtually brought to a standstill. He reported that a bus got stuck on Church Street and a lorry got stuck for two hours at the entrance of Perry Street carpark due to un-gritted roads. He spoke of incidents of cars sliding in Scotch Street which resulted in traffic being diverted onto Little Scotch Street where staff of shops were throwing salt onto the road to keep cars moving. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the agreement with Transport NI was clearly not working when a ‘skiffle’ of snow had caused such havoc. The Councillor emphasised that Officers needed to revisit the agreement with Transport NI.

Councillor Molloy reiterated Councillor Cuthbertson’s comments and stated that Council officers had assisted in getting the issues resolved but highlighted that businesses in the town had been angry at the events. The Councillor asked what had happened that the agreement with Transport NI had failed.

In response the Director of Environment and Property stated that on a point of information the Council has no statutory responsibility for roads under article 9 rule of the Road Order Act 1993.

Referring to the agreement with Transport NI he reminded Members that the agreement had to be triggered by Transport NI and not Council. He further advised that on the occasion of the snow Transport NI did not trigger the agreement. In relation to the agreement he stated that it had been resolved at a previous meeting which footpaths would be included but to extend the area into car parks would require further negotiations but if that was the wish of Members it could be

investigated but asked Member to note that any re-negotiation would come at a cost. The Director reminded Members that within the terms of the agreement Council staff would only participate if they could not carry out their normal duties. He advised that a paper would be presented to the Environment Committee in February.

Councillor Cuthbertson emphasised that a conversation with Transport NI was necessary advising that on the morning of the snow it was on social media to stay out of Dungannon and the PSNI had also put a similar message on twitter. The Councillor was emphatic that ratepayers in Dungannon deserved more than what was delivered on that day.

Councillor Cuddy concurred with Councillors Cuthbertson and Molloy and asked if a car park was a paid facility had Council more responsibility towards its users. In response the Director of Environment and Property stated that he would seek legal clarification but that he did not think it would make a difference.

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the decision of Council in December to publicise responsibilities in relation to gritting. He stated that he was aware a vehicle used for gritting had been removed from the Transport NI gritting schedule and thus had impacted on the service. He stated that the situations which had arisen in Pomeroy, Cookstown and Dungannon reflected this. Councillor Mallaghan stated that the weather had been adverse but it had not been a really bad fall of snow and whilst rural areas are impacted even those in housing estates were badly effected as grit boxes had not been filled. He said that he had telephoned the 24 hours helpline to be told 'everyone has gone home' although where there had been wakes and funerals occurring Transport NI had helped but emphasised that overall the service was unacceptable.

In response to Councillor Mallaghan's comments in relation to the publicity campaign the Head of Marketing and Communication advised that following the December meeting of Council a press statement was issued. The Officer confirmed that it, together with detailed maps, for the winter agreement were posted on the website and that in relation to weather warnings Council was part of an emergency group and received notifications channelled through the NI Direct website so a common message is relayed. The Head of Marketing and Communication further advised that traffic watch and the met office were also referenced together with information from the PSNI regarding conditions on the ground.

Councillor Mallaghan proposed that Council write to the Divisional Roads Manager summarising the feelings of the meeting and sentiments expressed highlighting also the state of the roads with potholes.

Councillor Reid stated that all towns were being effected and referred to a meeting which had taken place in 'The Junction' concerning the Departments of Finance and Infrastructure at which it was highlighted that in 2018 the winter budget would be cut, resulting in zero gritting and that grants to community transport and shop mobility would also be cut.

The Chair Councillor Ashton referred to Councillor Reid's comment and stated that it was a separate matter and would be discussed at agenda item 13.

Councillor Wilson concurred with Councillor Mallaghan and stated that Transport NI did deserve praise in relation to making roads passable for funerals during the adverse weather. However, in relation to grit bins Councillor Wilson stated that it is volunteers who are spreading the grit but that bins had not been filled from 11th December until 18th January. He made further reference to the number of calls he was receiving on pot holes. Councillor Wilson requested that Councillor Mallaghan change his proposal to write to the Divisional Roads Manager to include an invitation to present to full Council.

Councillor Mallaghan agreed to the suggested change.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That a letter of invitation be sent to Conor Loughrey Divisional Road Manager (Western) inviting him to present to full Council with regard to response to making roads passable during recent adverse weather when there was funerals in the area; Gritting of roads in district; Filling of grit boxes; Current state of roads following adverse weather; and Increased number of potholes and criteria for repair.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 14 December 2017 (C253/17 – C265/17 and C273/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C6/18 Planning Committee Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8 January 2018

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That the Minutes of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 8 January 2018 (P001/18 – P006/18 and P015/18), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C7/18 Environment Committee Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018

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

Resolved That the Minutes of Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 (E001/18 – E023/18 and E030/18), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C8/18 Development Committee Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday
10 January 2018**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 (D001/18 – D018/18 and D022/18), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C9/18 Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday 11 January 2018**

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018 (PR001/18 – PR009/18 and PR023/18), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C10/18 Conferences and Seminars

Approval was sought for undernoted conferences for attendance of Members and Council Officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Member Approvals

- NILGA – Making Planning Work – Shaping our Built Environment: The Role of Councils in Place-making
Tuesday 30 January 2018, Grand Opera House, No conference fee; travel and subsistence;

Councillors Glasgow and Reid

Councillor Burton advised that she had registered to attend but would now have to withdraw due to another commitment.
- NILGA – Driving Government Locally
Thursday 22 February 2018; Killyhevlin, Enniskillen, No conference fee; travel and subsistence.
- 29th Colmcille Winter School – Theme: Housing Provision in Ireland
Friday 23rd – Saturday 24th February 2018; Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny; Cost €150 plus travel and subsistence
- NI Housing Conference
Thursday 15th March 2018; Titanic Centre, Belfast

Cost: Conference fee £195 plus travel and subsistence

- European Energy Poverty Conference 2018 – ‘*Theme: A United Approach*’ Thursday 29th March 2018; Croke Park, Dublin
Cost: Conference fee €80 (early bird, before 28th February), €120 standard plus travel and subsistence

(ii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/No)
Petrol Filling Stations Construction & Environmental Protection Audit & Inspection	16 th -18 th April 2018	1	Manchester	Yes
Fire Safety Conference	8 th & 9 th February 2018	2 (1 x 1 day) (1 x 2 days)	Armagh City Hotel	Yes

Proposed by Councillor McLean
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 and Officers.

C11/18 World Butchers Challenge

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to Members on the World Butchers Challenge Event and sought approval for members to attend two events as outlined below:

- International WBC Soiree Evening on 15 March 2018 at 6.30 pm at Titanic, Belfast to welcome the Butchers of the World to Ireland
- WBC Gala Dinner on 21 March 2018 at 7.30 pm at Titanic, Belfast

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That approval is granted for the Council's Chair and Vice Chair, Chair of P&R Committee, Chair of Development Committee, Chair of Environment Committee and a staff member to attend both events using Council's Protocol for Booking Tables at Functions.

C12/18 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – January 2018

Reference was made to the previously circulated report and approval sought for request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with Council Receptions Policy.

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

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

C13/18 Council Consultation Submissions for Approval

Councillor Reid referred to the prepared response to the Department of Finance Paper on Northern Ireland Budgetary Outlook 2018-2020. He referred to the aforementioned meeting which had taken place in 'The Junction' and stressed that the future budget looked bleak with 50% reduction in street lighting, no gulley cleaning, no gritting, grants cut to rural transport providers and Translink cutting services in rural areas. He reminded the meeting that the deadline for the response was Friday 26 January and expressed concern in the Departments timing regarding the consultation, he suggested that officers should liaise with the groups to strengthen the response.

Councillor Molloy noted the draft response and expressed concerns with regard to the timing of the consultation. He stated that the response needed to be stronger especially concerning DAERA programmes which have delivered 500 jobs in the past, he stressed that rural transport cuts were severe and mentioned Translink cutting services. Councillor Molloy also highlighted that within DAERA's budget £13m had been set aside for Brexit issues yet the public were being repeatedly told that Brexit would not cost us money. Councillor Molloy emphasised that there were programmes that needed the money now and requested that the Council response be stronger.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the Chief Executive would outline the draft response in the report.

The Chief Executive stated that the Director of Finance had prepared the report remarking that the deadline had been tight as papers were issued a week prior to the meeting and that the response was due on 26 January. He expressed appreciation for Members comments highlighting areas to be strengthened as investment in strategic road infrastructure especially in relation to Cookstown Bypass, proposed cuts to the rate support grant and the Rural Needs Act. He also highlighted the Department of Economy Industrial Strategy Launch and stated that if the cuts were implemented there would be no money to do things.

Councillor McNamee drew attention to point 16 of the response together with the letter received by Council from the Department of Infrastructure and expressed his acute disappointment on the current stance reminding Members that the former Minister of the Department of Infrastructure had clearly stated that the plans were in place for the road yet when the Assembly collapsed the project has been moved 'down the rungs'. Councillor McNamee was emphatic that this was not good enough that Members across the board had lobbied for the bypass.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the problem was that there were no Ministers in post at Stormont.

The Director of Finance summarised the response stating that at a high level he was disappointed at the tone of the document and the stark possibilities highlighted. He remarked that internal payroll for the Departments was referenced at £142m but no consideration given to internal efficiencies, he further outlined that no links had been given to costs and benefits or how any changes would be delivered. The Director expressed concern that government departments seemed to work independent of each other. He emphasised that it was abundantly clear that if the cuts progressed the Rate Support Grant would be cut which would be extremely unfair to the seven recipient councils. The Director advised he would note Members comments and work with the Chief Executive to improve the robustness of the response. In conclusion, he highlighted that in relation to Translink losses it was not highlighted that rural services would be cut but the reality of what they were saying was the 'Private Public Partnership' contract commitments were a drain on budget.

In response to Councillor Reid and Burton's comments regarding making contact with groups such as Community Transport, Shopmobility and COSTA the Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that Council perhaps reference the organisations as the response was due on 26 January 2018.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That the draft response with aforementioned amendments be approved with regard to the Department of Finance Paper on Northern Ireland Budgetary Outlook 2018-2020.

Resolved That Council approve draft responses to the undernoted consultations:

- (i) DEARA's consultation on Bovine TB-Eradication of bovine tuberculosis (Btb); and
- (ii) Northern Trust's consultation 'how we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers'.

**C14/18 Public Payphone (028 86751270) at Tulnacross Road, Cookstown
BT80 9NH**

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report providing an update on the BT Consultation on the proposed removal of the Public Payphone and Kiosk at Tulnacross Road, Orritor, Cookstown BT80 9NH. It was noted that there was currently a six months temporary protection listing on the kiosk agreed at the January planning committee.

Councillor Wilson stated that Councillor Glasgow had requested that Council use their veto to retain the public pay phone. He stated that Councillor Glasgow had contacted residents along the road who stated that as there was poor mobile coverage in the area and in light of earlier discussions regarding break-ins they would like the Council to veto to retain the pay phone.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

That Council veto to retain the payphone at Tulnacross Road, Cookstown BT80 9NH

Councillor Clarke stated that he drove the route on a regular basis and advised that there were briars across the door, which was almost hanging off and this may contribute to the reason for lack of use. He also stated that three miles further along the road a public pay phone had been removed, a further four miles again another pay phone had been removed and also 9 miles from Draperstown a remote area with no mobile signal and a phone had been removed yet he did not recall seeing a consultation from BT on any of the locations.

In response the Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that Democratic Services would clarify to the Councillor the consultation notifications which had been received.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had previously spoken on the issue and although he was not familiar with the kiosk at Tulnacross Road it did sound as though it was in a poor condition. He stressed that the demise of telephone kiosks in rural areas came when they had to be used with a card which he assumed had to be purchased at a post office. Councillor Cuthbertson concluded stating that he felt it was important to save kiosks as they are dying out and are part of the heritage and tradition of country roads and thus he would be keen to have it maintained.

Councillor McGinley stated that when you hear that the phone had not been used from 2011 it would make you wonder about the proposal from Councillor Wilson, although he had made valid points. He stated that it reminded him of vinyl records which many had thrown away yet now they had made a comeback.

Councillor Reid stated that Councillor Glasgow had discussed the pay phone with him and that although you could not make a general call it worked for 999 calls. He stated that it was an ongoing battle for internet in rural areas and that this emergency line was one way of ensuring people could make contact with emergency services.

Councillor Kearney stated that in the interests of community safety he would support the retention of the public payphone at Tulnacross Road.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan

Resolved Council exercise the Local Veto to retain the kiosk and pay phone at Tulnacross Road, Orritor, Cookstown BT80 9NH, and write to BT on same.

Matters for Information

C15/18 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Reference was made to the previously report to update Members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That Council note the consultations.

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 7.55pm

C16/18 Correspondence

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report providing an update on correspondence received from the Department of Infrastructure (Roads & Rivers) regarding Cookstown Bypass and the Electoral Officer.

Councillor Wilson referenced the correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to Cookstown Bypass and stated that it was an insult to the Council, was 'wish washy and insulted Members intelligence. He recalled being at the meeting when the then Minister Chris Hazzard advised that £600k had been allocated to the Cookstown Bypass. Councillor Wilson referred to the road works and adverse weather in recent weeks highlighted the urgent need for the bypass. Councillor Wilson posed the question, with no Minister in place who had given the authority of the £600k to be taken out of the budget and where is it now going?

The Chair, Councillor Ashton concurred and stated that the invitation should be extended to include the Permanent Secretary of Department of Infrastructure and the Deputy Secretary of Roads and Rivers to the meeting

Resolved That Council write to the Department of Infrastructure inviting the Permanent Secretary, the Deputy Secretary of Roads and Rivers and the Divisional Roads Manager (West) to a meeting with Council.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to correspondence received in relation to the Electoral Office and enquired if any proposals had been put forward to use council property for electoral office functions. In response, the Chief Executive reminded Members that Council had issued a formal response to the Electoral Office consultation and advised that his discussions regarding the matter had been with the former Chief Electoral Officer but that the new Officer in post had issued the letter detailing the conclusion.

In response to Councillor Mallaghan indicating that he wished to refer back to the item concerning Tulnacross public pay phone the Chair stated that the discussion had moved on.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 8.00pm

C17/18 Notice of Motions

Councillor Kearney read the motion as undernoted:

That this Council is concerned about the negative impact that any potential cut to the Rate Support Grant will have on Council's ability to deliver services to

and for the population of the Council Area; recognises that this grant exists to support less affluent Councils; calls on the Department for Communities to maintain the Rate Support Grant at its existing funding level; further commits to write to the Department for Finance and the Head of the Civil Service; and calls on any incoming Executive or future Minister to establish full protection for the Rate Support Grant to ensure any future budget cuts do not impact disproportionately on less financially well-off Council areas.

Speaking on the motion Councillor Kearney stated that earlier discussions makes it more poignant and emphasised that the rates support grant is an essential source of funding for the seven poorer Councils highlighting that Mid Ulster relied upon grants of approximately £18m and that it would wish to ensure that it is not cut by 4% as the previous year's cut had a negative effect. Councillor Kearney reminded Members that last year the Rates Support Grant had been cut to £17m. He further reminded members that when the SDLP Minister had been in place the Rates Support Grant had been protected but with no Minister in charge this would not be so and any cut would have a major impact especially west of the Bann. He declared that it was unfair and that local councils were endeavouring to support communities.

Councillor Kearney referred to the Councils response to the Briefing on Northern Ireland Budgetary Outlook 2018-2020 and quoting from it stated that "it would simply be a travesty for the rates support grant to be reduced and this must be avoided at all costs."

Councillor Kearney concluded stating that Council should write to the Department for Finance and the Head of the Civil Service; and call on any incoming Executive or future Minister to establish full protection for the Rate Support Grant to ensure any future budget cuts do not impact disproportionately on less financially well-off Council areas.

Councillor McFlynn seconded the motion.

Councillor Wilson expressed his support for the motion stating that the grant is aimed at helping Councils below the wealth average and that Mid Ulster was third in line and thus without the grant could not deliver parity of services akin to those who do not receive the grant. He stated that if the grant was cut the rate payer would see a deterioration in services. Councillor Wilson referred to the trend to cut support over the last few years and stated that by giving Council no time to plan ahead the cutting of the rate support grant would have serious implications. He stated that the constant uncertainty is a direct result of the fiscal incompetence of the Stormont Executive and that even before its collapse Máirtín Ó Muilleoir in his role of Finance Minister had failed to deliver a budget.

Councillor Wilson reiterated the UUP support for the motion and emphasised the impact of fragmented cuts.

Councillor McPeake stated that Sinn Féin supported the motion and advised that at a recent meeting of NILGA the matter had been on the agenda and discussed with the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Communities. He stated that representation to the Department of Finance needed to be strong to ensure there

was no cuts to essential services. He stressed that NILGA has been strongly supportive of the Rate Support Grant as had been all eleven Councils. Regarding Councillor Wilson's earlier comments Councillor McPeake stated that the 'elephant in the room' was the Tory/DUP austerity agenda.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.08pm.

Councillor McLean stated that the DUP supported the motion and highlighted the importance of NILGA representing the support of the eleven Councils.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated like his colleagues he had no difficulty supporting the motion and remarked that all these issues stemmed from a non-working Executive. He stated that to get money to where it is most needed direct rule Ministers needed to be in place if there was to be no Stormont. He pointed out that people are stretched to the limit, businesses do not know how long they are going to remain in business and that Council must do all in its power in relation to issue highlighting the Council's responsibility to the domestic rate.

Councillor Kearney thanked everyone for their points and lay emphasis on the need of the rate support grant if rural needs training, good relations and other services were to continue. He stressed that MUDC put on record that they did not want to see the rates support grant cut.

Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting at 8.10pm

The Chair, Councillor Ashton called for a vote

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Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels

Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That items C18/18 – C24/18 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Audit Committee held on Tuesday 12 December 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Council meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2017
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Planning Committee held on Monday 8 January 2018
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018
- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Development Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 2018
- (vi) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018

The press left the meeting at 8.11pm

C25/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.20pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 12 February 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Ashton, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, O'Neill (7.17pm), M Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

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

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

SC8/18 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan and Mullen

SC9/18 Declarations of Interest

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

SC10/18 Chair's Business

None

Matters for Decision

SC11/18 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding the 2018/2019 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and sought approval that the policy as detailed for year 2017/18 be retained for the incoming year.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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Resolved That the 2017/18 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy be retained for year 2018/19.

SC12/18 Robustness of the Estimates

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report on the robustness of the Rate Estimates for 2018/19. He reminded Members that he had a legal duty to present a report to the Council on the robustness of the estimates and that the Council had a legal duty to have regard to this report. The Chief Executive drew attention to key issues outlined highlighting in particular:

- Funding on capital expenditure as detailed in 3.6 of the report;
- That the rates estimates have been prepared on the basis of Council surrendering its recurrent (since 2017/18) £300k allocation towards a fund to be used to take advantage of opportunities or address threats as and when identified, to mitigate recurrent financial pressures in the preparation of the 2018/19 rates estimates; and
- The uncertainty surrounding the quantum of the Rate Support Grant which will ultimately be allocated to Council. It was noted that the grant funds approximately 7% of Council's net cost of services, a shortfall in RSG received (compared to budget) will have the potential to significantly impact on Council's ability to finance its services in 2018/19.

The Chief Executive concluded that, based on the estimates of income and expenditure presented by the officer team he was confident that the proposed rates estimates are sufficiently robust to enable Council to deliver its services in 2018/19.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the report and associated comments of the Chief Executive in relation to the robustness of the rates be noted

SC13/18 Adequacy of Council's Reserves for 2018-19

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report on the adequacy of Council's reserves drawing attention to the key issues outlined in the report.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor R McGinley and

Resolved That Members note the report Adequacy of Council's Reserves for 2018/19.

SC14/18 Estimates of Income and Expenditure for financial year 1 April 2018

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding the Estimate of Income and Expenditure for financial year 2018/2019. He referred to previous meetings and party group meetings held in recent weeks to explain the process. The Director drew attention to key issues effecting the rates such as the anticipated 8% cut in the rate support grant equating to £325k, the net amount required for services, the penny product, the proposed savings identified by officers, £1m savings from the cost of the local government reform loan which was used for staff redundancies. He drew attention to the proposed figures outlined in the Rates Estimate Booklet and advised that officers were satisfied that this should reflect Council's aspirations.

Councillor Forde expressed concern regarding the proposed closure of the civic amenity facility at Castledawson and asked how the closure had been decided, and emphasised that it would be a major issue for people in the area.

The Chief Executive stated that it was only a proposal for consideration and drew attention to the potential savings in the waste management tender of £160,000 which could offset some of these proposals if the Council was minded to do so.

Councillor Forde stated that she would like further discussion prior to any closures.

The Director of Environment and Property reiterated the Chief Executive statement that at present it was a proposal as he had been requested to consider savings. He advised that the proposal had been made in relation to through put, terms of tonnage and the distance from other facilities.

Councillor Mulligan concurred with Councillor Forde and highlighted the proposed closures listed in the report for Tullyvar and Clogher amenity sites. The Councillor stated there was a decimation of services to the west of the Mid Ulster region and yet large sums of money was being allocated to develop other areas. He emphasised that the proposal must be revisited

Councillor Burton concurred with comments of Councillor Mulligan and said that it had been previously proposed to close the Clogher amenity site in February of 2016, at which time the local Councillors had argued strongly against it. The Councillor recalled numerous public consultations in the area and an assurance had been given that improvements would be made at the site and yet the proposal for closure was being put forward again. Councillor Burton highlighted that the tonnage at Tullyvar and Clogher were not the lowest in terms of performance and expressed concern that the Clogher Valley DEA had 'drawn the short straw' in relation to cuts as the public convenience in Caledon was also included on the 'hit list'. Councillor Burton emphasised that Council lambasts statutory agencies for not consulting and talks about rural proofing yet at the proposals. Councillor Burton concluded by reminding officers there had been a strong campaign against the closure of the civic amenity facility in Clogher and emphasised that she protested against the proposed closures in the Clogher Valley DEA.

Councillor McLean stated that he had issues in relation to the overall process and could not understand the £1m loan coming to an end, he also made reference to the two amounts of £500k and how they were to be used.

Councillor O'Neill entered the meeting at 7.17pm

In response the Director of Finance stated that the three figures aforementioned one of the £500k amounts had been in the rates last year 2016/17, the second £500k is the rates cap for the current year 2017/18 and the £1m is from the first year which had been previously used to repay the local government reform loan which after March 2018 payment would be complete. The Director stated that it was up to Council to decide how they wished to allocate the money did they wish to use it for capital, infrastructure or to alleviate end of year pressures.

Councillor McLean sought clarity as to what the £1m would allow Council to lever in loans. In response the Director of Finance said if Council were to maximise the amount it could borrow £16m or alternatively if it were to apply the amount without borrowing it could for example pay for a survey in relation to a bypass around Dungannon which if a bypass project was funded by the relevant department could be worth approximately £40m.

Councillor McLean referred to the £161k that the Chief Executive had mentioned as savings from the waste management tender and asked how far it would go in salvaging the proposed cuts. In response the Director of Environment and Property stated that each closure would save approximately £40k so three would be £120k and the toilet in Caledon would cost approximately £30k.

Councillor McLean highlighted the £51k spent on corporate signage and branding yet no figure could be given for dual language signage for roads. Recalling the Director of Finance's comments regarding using £1m to offset in-house pressures Councillor McLean highlighted dual language signage applications stating that there was 18 presented to committee in December and a further 12 in January and queried how an officer could put forward a budget when there is no target set?

The Chief Executive stated that the estimate of £41m would be spread across departments and spending outside of this budget wouldn't be permitted without further approvals from the Council. He advised that Council could 'ring-fence' monies and stipulate that it is not to be used for in-house pressures but also referred to conversations in relation to investments highlighting that major projects such as by passes at main towns, broadband infrastructure, skills deficit that aforementioned amounts could be used to unlock projects which would alleviate the issues and improve the local economy. The Chief Executive stated that the money could be used for in year pressures, that each department was allocated a budgetary amount but that any authority to spend beyond that would have to come from the Council.

Councillor McLean stated that was concerning, if for example the Environment and Property budget falls short Council will take a decision to pass the money to fund dual language signage. He emphasised the need to look forward and 'ring-fence' money for certain projects by striking a budget as to do otherwise leaves it vulnerable

for Sinn Féin to do what they want and spend where they want and the minority unionist parties would have no say. Councillor McLean concluded stating that the 'proof of the pudding was in the eating'.

Councillor Gildernew stated that the proposed cuts in the Clogher Valley area was very unfair stating that to cut three services was unacceptable.

Councillor Kearney queried the savings in closing the leisure centres on bank holidays to alleviate pressure.

In response to Councillor Kearney's query the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the proposal was to close on bank holidays with the exception of the two in May and one in August as these would affect the swimming programme. In relation to legacy practices the Director advised various practices had operated and emphasised that it was expensive to keep the centres open on bank holidays when usage was not high she stated that to strike a balance it was proposed to open the centres on the three aforementioned bank holidays as these showed usage to be higher.

Councillor Wilson raised the issue of the increase in car parking charges highlighting the £60k in the report. In response the Director of Environment and Property advised there was three elements to the proposal, one introduction of car parking charges in Cookstown, harmonise the charges in Magherafelt and charge £1 for 3 hours parking instead of £1 for 5 hours parking. It was noted that there was still a consultation in relation to car parking in Cookstown

Councillor Wilson stated that Council often complain that prior to consultations other agencies have their minds made up and emphasised that he opposed car parking charges in Cookstown.

Councillor Mulligan stated that following on from the Chief Executives earlier comment that if these are estimates he asked would they be reviewed and brought back to Council or reviewed and proposals pushed through.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that if Council accept the rates estimates the budget is allocated across departments and if it doesn't run as per the proposals it would have to be brought back to Council. He highlighted that if Council decides to retain the amenity sites and not charge for car parking this would be brought back to Council as the money to operate services has to come from somewhere. He stated that officers can't take money out of the budgets as they need to identify where it is coming from he emphasised that the meetings decision would set the overall financial quantum and if that changes it would be brought back to Council.

Councillor Mulligan stated that the savings in relation to the amenity sites was £120k of the budget which was miniscule and would have no major impact. In response the Chief Executive stated that if the proposed cuts did not proceed the money had to come from somewhere and as previously suggested the savings of £160k from the waste management tender could be used to offset the cost.

Councillor Mulligan referred to the conference and training allowance for councillors and asked were unspent monies diverted to.

In response the Chief Executive stated that Members were prudent in relation to attendance at conferences and that unspent budget flows back into cash reserves for the 'general pot'. He reminded Members that this budget had been cut last year and that Council was endeavouring to attain Elected Member Development Charter Status and thus money for training was required.

Councillor Mulligan stated Council were 'penny pinching' regarding services in the Clogher Valley.

Councillor McAleer expressed concern in relation to the proposed cuts in the Clogher Valley DEA stating that as local Councillors they have to face the constituents.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was clear that the £160k savings aforementioned could be used to alleviate the cost of the services highlighted in the Clogher Valley and proposed to defer the decision in relation to the services.

Councillor Wilson seconded the proposal

Resolved That the decision in relation to proposed cuts to services within the Environment & Property Department be deferred.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

That Council confirm:

- (i) Strike a non-domestic rate of 24.2371 (2.97% increase from previous year) for 2017/18; and
- (ii) Strike a domestic district rate of 0.3219 (2.98% increase from previous year) for 2017/18;
- (iii) Authorise the associated expenditure
- (iv) Authorise the Chief Executive to vire such amounts between budget headings as he deems necessary to secure Council's objectives in 2018/19.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

That out of the £1m identified loan savings that Council use £350k to reduce the rate to 2.2% and keep it in line with the rate of inflation.

Councillor Wilson stated that he appreciated that Council needed to build money but that it had a duty to the rate payer and this would still leave £1.5 million to draw down funding.

Proposed by Councillor McLean

That the Meeting adjourn to permit parties to discuss proposals.

The Chief Executive on a point of clarity stated that if Council accepted the first proposal the district rate would be set.

Councillor Wilson said that what he proposed was an amendment to Councillor McGinley's proposal.

The Chief Executive stated that the Member tabled his proposal as a proposal and did not state that it was an amendment. He noted that ultimately it was a matter for the Chair to accept or not.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that she was conscious it was a very important decision that was being taken and that if parties were of a mind to adjourn.

Councillor McFlynn seconded Councillor McLean's proposal for an adjournment.

Resolved That the meeting adjourn for ten minutes.

The Chair Councillor Ashton declared that the meeting was adjourned for ten minutes and that parties should resume at 7.50pm

The meeting adjourned for 10 minutes at 7.40pm

The meeting re-convened at 7.50pm

The Chair Councillor Ashton called for a vote on Councillor Wilson's amendment

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

That out of the £1m identified loan savings that Council use £350k to reduce the rate to 2.2% and keep it in line with the rate of inflation.

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The Chair Councillor Ashton stated that the amendment was defeated.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton called for a vote on Councillor McGinley's proposal

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

That Council confirm:

- (i) Strike a non-domestic rate of 24.2371 (2.97% increase from previous year) of for 2017/18; and
- (ii) Strike a domestic district rate of 0.3219 (2.98% increase from previous year) for 2017/18;
- (iii) Authorise the associated expenditure
- (iv) Authorise the Chief Executive to vire such amounts between budget headings as he deems necessary to secure Council's objectives in 2018/19.

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The Chair, Councillor Ashton declared the proposal carried.

SC15/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.55 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Robinson, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow (7.12 pm), Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney (7.23 pm), McPeake, Mullen (7.30 pm), Reid

Officers in Attendance

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer
Mr McCrystal, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McEvoy, Head of Development Plan and Enforcement
Mr McGibbon, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Applicant Speakers

LA09/2016/1094/F	Mr Cassidy
LA09/2017/0387/O	Mr Cassidy
LA09/2017/1332/F	Mr Cassidy
LA09/2017/1368/F	Ross Planning
LA09/2017/1443/F	Mr Cushnahan
LA09/2017/1079/O	Mr Cassidy
LA09/2017/0810/F	Ms Muldoon

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, the Vice Chair Councillor Robinson took the Chair.

P016/18 Apologies

Councillor Clarke.

P017/18 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in planning applications LA09/2016/0540/F and LA09/2016/0593/LBC.

Councillor Bell declared an interest in planning application LA09/2017/1368/F.

P018/18 Chair's Business

The Planning Manager referred to addendum to agenda which included additional paper seeking approval for an officer to be authorised to sign decisions and Orders on behalf of Council in accordance with its Schemes of Delegation.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That Mr Malachy McCrystal be authorised to sign decisions and Orders on behalf of Council in accordance with its Schemes of Delegation.

The Planning Manager again referred to addendum and advised that planning application LA09/2017/1332/F required further clarification on who will be using it. On this basis, the Planning Manager suggested that an office meeting be held in respect of this application.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1332/F be deferred for an office meeting.

Matters for Decision

P019/18 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2016/0308/F Retention of change of use of shed from agricultural to electrical storage at 26 Moneysallin Road, Kilrea for Mr J Donaghy

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0308/F which was recommended for approval. Members were also asked to note the addendum which advised that there had been notification of a change of agent in respect of this application and that Carol Gourley should now be named as the agent for this application.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0308/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1094/F Agricultural cattle shed adjacent to 17 Annaghboe Road,
Coalisland for Mr Dominic Ryan**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1094/F advising that it was 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 application is for an isolation shed for a farm, the farm has been confirmed as active and established and will be located on land leased by the applicant.

Mr Cassidy advised that the applicant imports/exports rare breed cattle and does not have the necessary facilities at his farm holding to keep cattle in isolation. Mr Cassidy also referred to the threat of TB from surrounding farms and in order to reduce this risk a location was chosen which is away from the main farm holding. Mr Cassidy stated that DAERA have contended that the shed could be located on the main farm holding however it was advised that in this case it was not logistically possible, Members were further advised that the application site will allow the cattle to graze externally whilst in isolation.

Mr Cassidy highlighted that a herd list had been provided.

Councillor Glasgow entered the meeting at 7.12 pm during Mr Cassidy's presentation.

The Planning Manager stated that Mr Cassidy's presentation stated that rare breed cattle needed to be kept in isolation however DAERA have advised that this can be facilitated within the main farm holding. The Planning Manager also highlighted that the land on which the proposal is to be located is not owned by the applicant.

Councillor Bell asked if another location would be suitable for the proposal.

Mr Marrion advised that other locations were a possibility but would require a separate planning application.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that the application be refused.

Councillor Gildernew proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager stated that the applicant had been advised that another application would be looked at favourably but had decided to proceed with the current application.

Councillor Bell asked if it was the distance between the proposal site and the farm which was the problem.

The Planning Manager advised that policy dictates that the applicant should demonstrate that other sites do not exist and will only be acceptable if shown to be

essential. The Planning Manager advised that DAERA have stated that the application is not essential and highlighted again that the applicant had been advised that an application at an alternative site would be considered.

Councillor Gildernew withdrew his proposal to defer the application.

Councillor Reid stated it was with reluctance that he would second Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application.

Councillor McKinney entered the meeting at 7.23 pm.

The Planning Manager stated he recognised Member's reticence to refuse the application and that policy in relation to this application was tricky.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1094/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1156/F New vehicular access to existing car park with associated walling, pillars and gates at 14 Hospital Road, Magherafelt for The Trustees of Magherafelt Gospel Hall

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1156/F which was recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1156/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1310/F Extension to provide exercise pool (amended proposal) at 1 Gorteade Wood, Upperlands, Maghera for Mr & Mrs N Voice

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1310/F which was recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1310/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1752/F Agricultural sheds for cattle/livestock 80m SE of 91 Mullan Road, Cookstown for Mr P Devlin

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1752/F which was recommended for approval.

The Planning Manager highlighted addendum which advised that a further letter of objection had been received in relation to this application which raised ownership

issues relating to site vegetation/clearance and the amount of traffic using the road which may increase should other development be approved in the future.

The Head of Development Management stated that on considering this correspondence he did not believe there would be any impact on 3rd party lands.

Councillor Bell declared an interest in this application.

Councillor McKinney referred to one of the conditions of approval which stated there should be no mixing of slurries/manure produced from this development. The Councillor stated he would like this condition removed.

The Head of Development Management advised that this condition was attached as the application is located in a sensitive area but stated he would clarify if it was needed prior to issuing approval.

Councillor Bell stated he did not want the applicant to be hamstrung going forward.

Councillor Reid also felt that the condition needed to be removed.

The Planning Manager advised that the test on the condition was that it had to be necessary, he suggested that he would take responsibility on determining whether the condition was necessary in legal terms prior to issuing approval if the committee were happy to proceed in this manner.

Councillor Mullen entered the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1752/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report. Planning Manager to determine whether condition 4 in relation to no mixing of slurry is necessary.

LA09/2017/0387/O 2 storey dwelling and domestic garage/store at 20m N of 33 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy for Mrs Emma McCoy

Mr McCrystal (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0387/O advising that it was 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 farm is owned and run by two brothers and is registered at 33 Oldtown Road, he stated that the proposal is for a lifetime home for the applicant who is a daughter of the one of the brothers.

Mr Cassidy advised that the lands owned at Ballydermot Road are under the Countryside Management Scheme and that DAERA Management Branch have advised that breaking the terms of the Scheme would incur penalties.

Mr Cassidy advised that the farm is active and established and that the proposal would only be visible from the northeast. Mr Cassidy stated that the proposal would integrate and that there would be no discernible harm in approving this application.

In response to the Planning Manager's question Mr Cassidy was unable to provide clarification on which land belonged to the father of the applicant and which belonged to the uncle of the applicant.

The Planning Manager asked if there was a reason for bringing the proposal out through the applicant's parent's gate.

Mr Cassidy advised that the reason for this was that it would bring the site out on the crest of a hill otherwise the exit of the site would be in a dip in the road, he confirmed that Roads Service were content with what had been proposed.

The Planning Manager stated he would be happy to defer the application for an office meeting to further address issues to explore whether there were reasons to treat this application as an exception to policy.

Councillor McPeake stated he would be sympathetic to the application as it is to be located beside the applicant's parents and could be visually linked.

Councillor Gildernew concurred with Councillor McPeake's remarks and stated he did not feel the proposal would lengthen the ribbon as there was already a dwelling behind the proposal site.

The Planning Manager advised that if an exception is to be made to policy decisions it would be made through the proper processes.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0387/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/0947/F Storage unit at 15 Greers Road, Dungannon for Eugene McGonnell

Members considered previously circulated a report on planning application LA09/2017/0947/F which was recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0947/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1332/F Conversion and extension of an existing storage shed to provide an indoor swimming pool, gym and changing facility at 10m S of 62B Airfield Road, Toomebridge for Mr Sean Corr

Application agreed to be deferred earlier in meeting.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 7.44 pm.

LA09/2017/1368/F Dwelling on a farm 45m NE of 19 Ardagh Road, Coagh, Cookstown for Mr Tony Anderson

Mr McCrystal (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1368/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager suggested an office meeting be held in respect of this application.

Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting at 7.47 pm.

Mr Ross, agent for the application, advised he may have some information tonight which would negate the need for the application to be deferred.

Members were of the opinion that the requested speaking rights in respect of this application should be heard.

The Chair invited Mr Ross to address the committee.

Mr Ross advised that a planning application had been previously approved for the applicant's sister and that land was in the process of being transferred however Land Registry have confirmed that this process is not complete therefore the lands have technically not transferred and that this application could be considered under policy CTY10. Mr Ross highlighted that there were no concerns in relation to the siting and design of the application.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1368/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/1443/F Erection of fabricated building at rear of 2 Chestnut Hill, Coalisland for Sharon Ferrity

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1443/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Cushnahan advised that the applicant has an established business for over 15 years in Coalisland but must vacate the premises she currently rents by the end of this month. Mr Cushnahan advised that there were no other suitable premises in Coalisland and that evidence had been submitted supporting this. Mr Cushnahan stated that his applicant had tried to adhere to the town centre first approach but when this was not viable she had chosen to work from home. Mr Cushnahan felt that this proposal could be considered as being on the edge of the town centre and that threshold distances could be reconsidered.

Mr Cushnahan advised that the proposal site at Chestnut Hill is located in an area which is not only residential and that there were several businesses in the area as well as schools. Mr Cushnahan advised that Environmental Health and Roads Service have no objection to the proposal and that what was being proposed was the only viable option for his applicant. Mr Cushnahan advised that he did not want the application to be deferred but rather a decision taken tonight as premises had to be vacated by end of the month.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had received a telephone call in relation to this application but that he had explained his position on the Planning Committee. The Councillor stated that the proposal site did seem to be in a mixed use area and would have sympathy for the applicant.

Councillor Gildernew concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson's comments and stated that the area is used residentially but that there is also industrial use of the land. Councillor Gildernew also commented that the maps available tonight had not been available within Members document packs.

Councillor Reid felt that the map being shown to the meeting was out of date as there was also now a Nursery School in the area.

Mr Marrion advised that the map being shown was the most recent map available on Spatial NI.

Councillor Bell felt that to refuse the application would be harsh as Council is trying to support local business.

Councillor Gildernew proposed the approval of the application.

The Planning Manager recognised the mood of the meeting was to look at the application sympathetically however planning reasons for approval needed to be provided. In this instance he understood that Members were minded to approve the application because the property was on a corner plot at the entrance to the residential development in what was essentially a mixed use area characterised by the school and nursery school opposite. The site also benefitted from car parking laid out in baize along the main road. The proposed cabin would also be concealed behind a high fence and views of it would be limited.

Members were also of the view that providing that the activity was controlled and limited to home working this would have no significant detrimental impact on residential amenity.

The Planning Manager suggested that conditions could be used to ensure the premises were only operated by the occupant of the dwelling and to ensure that it did not become a separate unit. No other persons should be employed to work in the cabin.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would second the proposal if the applicant could comply with the conditions put forward.

Mr Cushnahan advised that his client will comply with the conditions set out.

Councillor Reid asked if there were any concerns in relation to traffic arising from the business.

The Planning Manager advised that an additional condition could be attached in that clients only be seen on a one at a time basis. The Planning Manager stated that Roads Service had no objection to the application and that the business would not generate a lot of traffic.

Councillor Reid referred to previous enforcement actions in relation to modular buildings.

The Planning Manager stated that this application was being treated as an exception and that the position of the proposal had been taken into account. The Planning Manager stated that the proposal can be controlled through use of conditions.

Councillor Kearney asked if the proposal had been attached to the dwelling if that would have been different.

The Planning Manager stated that it was permitted development because the proposal was being located behind the dwelling.

- Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/1443/F be approved subject to conditions as follows –
- The premises should solely be used as a beautician salon and solely operated by the occupier of the adjacent dwelling. The business unit should never become a separate unit from the dwelling.
 - No additional persons other than the occupier of the dwelling shall be employed at the premises.
 - The premises should remain ancillary to the dwelling and operated as home working to ensure there are no significant adverse impacts on neighbouring residential occupiers.

LA09/2016/0540/F Replacement dwelling plus retention, renovation and extension of existing listed building to provide single unit of accommodation at 89 Tirkane Road, Maghera for Declan McKenna

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0540/F which was recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0540/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0593/LBC Replacement dwelling plus retention, renovation and extension for existing listed building to provide single unit of accommodation at 89 Tirkane Road, Maghera for Declan McKenna

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0593/LBC which was recommended for approval.

The Planning Manager advised that there was still an objection from Historic Buildings in relation to this application. He stated that the application could not be approved outright tonight but that the committee could state its intention to approve the application and that this intention be forwarded to the Department.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That the intention to approve planning application LA09/2016/0593/LBC subject to conditions as per the officer's report be forwarded to the Department.

LA09/2017/0810/F Dwelling at Coltrim Lane, Moneymore (approx. 220m from junction with Cookstown Road) for Mark Hamilton

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0810/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager advised that there was a late request to speak on this application and it was at the Chair's discretion whether the request was acceptable.

The Chair stated he would accept the request to speak and invited Ms Muldoon to address the committee.

Ms Muldoon advised that there had been an approval granted in 2009 and had this been implemented it would have had more impact than what was now being proposed. Ms Muldoon stated that the site approved in 2009 had been partially started.

Ms Muldoon referred to the letter from the coach company and confirmed that there are security cameras on the premises however these often fail due to poor internet connection in the area. Ms Muldoon accepted that the applicant's current dwelling was only 300m away from premises but that vision is obscured due to hedging. It was advised that there was an office on site but that this is only manned during office hours.

The Planning Manager stated there was no Certificate of Lawful Development in relation to commencement of the previously approved site and that the need to improve security is unlikely to warrant grant of planning permission. Based on the information submitted the Planning Manager stated that the applicant may want to submit a Certificate of Lawful Development.

Ms Muldoon stated she did not want to mislead the committee and advised that only partial commencement was made to the site and no foundations were laid.

The Planning Manager stated there was planning history which can be noted but he did not believe the site could get a Certificate of Lawful Development.

Councillor McKinney asked if the lane had been started.

The Planning Manager stated that it would have to be proved that the commencement of the laneway was in connection with the dwelling.

Councillor McKinney did not feel there would be any other reason to make a laneway into this field other than for the approved dwelling.

The Planning Manager stated that's why he suggested the Certificate of Lawful Development may be a way forward and the situation may change in relation to policy for this type of development in the future through the Local Development Plan.

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question the Planning Manager advised that the previous approval was gained under different policy. He advised that if it is found that the previous approval was legally started then the fallback for the applicant would be that the previous approval could be built. The Planning Manager urged caution and stated that a Certificate of Lawful Development would help to determine this application and that the Committee had little alternative but to allow opportunity for a Certificate to be acquired.

Councillor Glasgow asked how long this would take.

The Planning Manager stated that the length of time in obtaining a Certificate can vary.

Councillor McKinney proposed that the application be deferred pending submission of Certificate of Lawful Development.

Ms Muldoon asked that the application remain live in the meantime.

Councillor Glasgow seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal to defer the application.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0810/F be deferred pending submission of Certificate of Lawful Development. Application to remain live in meantime.

**LA09/2017/1079/O Site for a dwelling and domestic garage approx. 20m NE of
40 Coole Road, Aughamullan, Dungannon for Mr Lee
Canavan**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1079/O advising that it was 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 there was a focal point in that the site was located close to a crossroads. Mr Cassidy also felt that the application could be supported by development on 2 sides and that planning officers were dismissing these facts.

Mr Cassidy stated that the proposal will have a strong visual link with the cluster and that the officer's report has failed to state what discernible damage will be done by approving that application. Mr Cassidy advised that the proposal will be a lifetime home for the applicant and will help to ensure a vibrant rural community for the future. Mr Cassidy also referred to previous planning appeal decisions which support this application.

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 8.43 pm.

The Planning Manager referred to Mr Cassidy's comments and claims that officers were deliberately dismissing things. The Planning Manager stated that such comments were not helpful and were upsetting to officers who dealt with applications in a sympathetic manner which was clearly demonstrated by the high approval rate. In this case the application had failed the test of a cluster because there was not development on 2 sides.

Councillor Reid returned to the meeting at 8.49 pm.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1079/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P020/18 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 8 January 2018

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 8 January 2018.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items P021/18 to P030/18.

Matters for Decision

- P021/18 Extract of Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 8 January 2018 (Item P010/18)
- P022/18 Receive report on Temporary Listing
- P023/18 Receive report on Tree Preservation Order
- P024/18 Receive consultation response to Department for Communities
- P025/18 Receive LDP Report – Renewable Energy
- P026/18 Receive LDP Report – Minerals

Matters for Information

- P027/18 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 8 January 2018 (Item P010/18 redacted)
- P028/18 Enforcement Case Liveload
- P029/18 Enforcement Cases Opened
- P030/18 Enforcement Cases Closed

P031/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 10.11 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 6 Feb 2018

Additional information has been received on the following items since the agenda was issued.

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.1	Notification of change of agent received from Farren Architects dated 25.01.2018, advising Carol Gourley now to be named as the agent.	Members to note
4.5	Additional letter of objection received 6/2/18 raising ownership issues relating to site vegetation/ clearance and the amount of traffic using the road and which may increase should other development be approved in the future.	Members to note.
4.8	This application requires further clarification on who will be using it. Defer for an office meeting to seek clarification.	Members to agree.

1. Paper previously circulated today to members to agree officer authorisation for Mr Malachy McCrystal.

Report on	Updated Planning Officer Authorisation list.
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Reporting Officer	M.Bowman
Contact Officer	Dr Chris Boomer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval for Mr Malachy McCrystal to be authorised to sign decisions and Orders on behalf of the Council in accordance with its Schemes of Delegation.
2.0	Background
2.1	Upon the transition of Planning Powers to the Council in April 2015 Member's previously agreed to authorise key officers, namely SPTO / Team leads, to sign decisions on the Council's behalf, in line with the agreed Schemes of Delegation.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>As of the 1st Feb 2018 Mr Malachy McCrystal has been temporary promoted to fill Mrs Emma McCullagh's role as Team lead for the Cookstown Development Management Team. As such he will require to be authorised as above.</p> <p>It should be noted that signing decisions is not the same as taking decision. All decisions will be undertaken either by:</p> <p>(i) Planning Committee Or (ii) Planning Manager under the scheme of delegation.</p> <p>Where a decision is made under the scheme of delegation it will be the Planning Managers responsibility to ensure decisions are made in accordance with the policies of the Council and that the right checks and balances are in place</p>
4.0	Other Considerations n/a
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: this will allow for efficient use of Officer time</p> <p>Human: internal team restructuring.</p>
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>

	<u>None</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Mr Malachy McCrystal is nominated as an authorised officer.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 8 February 2018 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan Cuddy, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean (7.07 pm), McPeake, Totten

Officers in Attendance Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Ms Kerr, Head of Finance
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others Councillors in Attendance Councillor McFlynn

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm.

PR024/18 Apologies

Councillor M Quinn

PR025/18 Declaration of Interest

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

PR026/18 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR027/18 External Signage: Play Areas

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise members of draft design for external signage to be erected at the Council's Play Parks.

Councillor Buchanan advised that he would be proposing against accepting the recommendation for Irish Language Signage, as it would be too expensive to implement and an extra burden on the ratepayer.

Councillor Ashton said that she wanted it recorded that her party was opposing the proposal.

Councillor Cuddy advised that he was also opposing the recommendation.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy put the recommendation to accept the proposal to the vote:

For	8
Against	7

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the draft design.

PR028/18 Rectification of Boundaries for Lands at Oaks Road, Dungannon

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek members' approval to progress an application to Land Registry for the rectification of boundaries of lands adjacent to the Council's Depot at Oaks Road, Dungannon.

Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.

Councillor Gildernew said that it looked like there wasn't much ground to object to the proposal and enquired if this was contested could there be an issue of squatters' rights.

The Council Solicitor advised that from the investigations carried out, it would appear that it was a simple mistake of a wrong map being included when the transfer was being registered. The Council Solicitor also advised that it would appear that the Co-op would have a good case for adverse possession in the circumstances.

Councillor S McGuigan enquired where the blue map came from and if there had of been a situation regarding liability, who would have been liable if the circumstances arose.

The Council Solicitor advised that there was no transfer map on the Council's purchase file, but that there were two maps which both appeared to have been prepared by the former Dungannon District Council, except that the red line on the map attached to the contract was greater than that which was subsequently registered in Land Registry. She further advised that in relation to any query about liability, that a similar type exercise would be carried out and that based on information provided that the Council would be arguing that it had disposed of the land in 1991/92 and therefore would have contested any claim from then.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for an application for rectification of the boundaries to accord with the map attached at Appendix 1 relating to lands at Oaks Road, Dungannon be progressed to completion.

PR029/18 Planning System Replacement Update February 2018

The Head of ICT drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Council on the progress to date in respect of the discovery and development of a business base for the replacement of the existing planning system.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the information update.

Matters for Information

PR030/18 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018.

PR031/18 Marketing and Communications Activity Update

Members noted previously circulated report to provide an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

PR032/18 Member Services

No issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR033/18 to PR042/18.

Matters for Decision

PR033/18 Rates Estimates 2018/19

PR034/18 Lands at Ratheen Park: Request from Holy Trinity
College, Cookstown
PR035/18 Proposed Leases – Pomeroy and Davagh Forests
PR036/18 Staffing Matters
PR037/18 MPLS Computer Network Improvements
PR038/18 Cisco IPT Maintenance

Matters for Information

PR039/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee
held on Thursday 11 January 2018
PR040/18 Staffing Matters
PR041/18 Contracts and DAC
PR042/18 Financial Report for 9 months ended 31 December 2017

PR043/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.55 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 13 February 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor McGinley, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie,
Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan,
McNamee, Mulligan, M Quinn, Reid, Totten

**Officers in
Attendance**

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

**Others in
Attendance**

Agenda Item 4 – Aware NI
Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

E031/18 Apologies

Councillor O’Neill.

E032/18 Declarations of Interest

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

E033/18 Chair’s Business

The Chair, Councillor McGinley referred to the recent meeting Special Council meeting held in relation to rate setting in which potential savings of £161k were identified. The Chair requested that a report be brought back to committee in relation to these savings and options for its use, stating that the monies should stay within the Environment and Property Directorate.

Councillor Burton asked that a business case be provided on the proposed cuts to public toilet and civic amenity site provision and a rationale provided as to how sites were identified.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Councillor Burton’s request was a matter for the P&R Committee and agreed to reference the request to officers which this related to.

Councillor Glasgow referred to letter received from Orritor Presbyterian Church in relation to naming of road along the front of the Church and advised that the road name currently displayed is Church Road. The Councillor advised that the name used by the people of the area for this road is Meetinghouse Road and that this has been the case for almost 200 years since Orritor Presbyterian Church was planted in 1824. Councillor Glasgow stated that the Church were making a request that the name of the road be changed from Church Road to Meetinghouse Road.

Councillor Glasgow advised that there were no other residential dwellings along this road which gave rise to a unique set of circumstances, he felt that the policy should be looked at again in relation to this request.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the issues raised by Councillor Glasgow would be considered and a report brought back to committee on the matter.

E034/18 Aware NI

The Chair, Councillor McGinley welcomed Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms McCrossan provided some background information on Aware NI stating that it is the depression charity for Northern Ireland. Aware NI have two offices and an established network of support groups across the country including Magherafelt. These support groups welcome those who suffer from depression along with their family members and/or carers.

Aware NI deliver a number of health and wellbeing programmes to communities, schools and workplaces and attend community events to provide information about their services.

Ms McCrossan also referred to the fundraising events held to raise funds for Aware NI and highlighted that currently the Northern Health Trust does not provide any financial support to Aware NI. Ms McCrossan asked for Council to support the activities of Aware NI.

Ms McCrossan stated that 1 in 4 adults suffer from a mental health illness and that this figure drops to 1 in 3 in the 8-12 year old age range. Ms McCrossan advised that a programme for 16-24 year olds would be starting in Omagh in May.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan’s question Ms McCrossan advised that Aware NI have visited all schools in the Magherafelt area.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the difficulty in getting young people into a room to discuss their problems.

Ms McCrossan stated that this can be an issue and highlighted the programme for 16-24 year olds commencing in May. Ms McCrossan stated that if all the people in the room are of a similar age then discussion tends to be more open.

Ms O’Kane stated that part of the problem was the stigma surrounding mental health and referred to the need to educate people.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had not been aware of the organisation until tonight and was disappointed that the Northern Health Trust provided no funding and hoped this would change in the future. The Councillor stated that Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane were clearly very passionate about mental health issues and wished Aware NI well in the future.

Councillor Burton stated she would support what had been said stating that anyone who has or has had depression can feel vulnerable. The Councillor asked if Aware NI work in rural areas and referred to Post Natal Depression and asked if the charity also work with groups dealing with that type of depression.

Ms McCrossan advised that Aware NI also work across the Southern and Western Health Board areas and work with other mental health groups. Ms McCrossan stated that Aware NI deliver programmes and attend events held in rural areas.

Ms O’Kane stated that Aware NI was in its early infancy in the Mid Ulster area and that the purpose of the presentation tonight was to raise awareness. Ms O’Kane advised that Aware NI would be happy to accommodate programmes across the district and highlighted that these programmes are provided free.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley thanked the representatives for their presentation following which they left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

In response to Councillor Kearney’s comments the Chair advised that the Northern Trust are invited on an annual basis to meet with Council. A meeting took place with representatives of the Trust in November.

Councillor Reid stated that the presentation had been very interesting and that the work of Aware NI would be beneficial for those suffering from mental health and a support for their families. Councillor Reid stated that often in cases of mental health the support does not come from Health Trusts but rather organisations such as Aware NI.

Matters for Decision

E035/18 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Part Time 20mph Speed Limit – Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed part time 20mph speed limit at Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt.

Councillor Gillespie welcomed the proposal put forward stating that this reduced speed limit should be in place outside all schools.

Councillor McFlynn also welcomed the proposal on what is a busy stretch of road.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed part time 20mph speed limit at Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt.

E036/18 Dfi Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Provision of a One Way System – Drumglass Way, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a one way system at Drumglass Way, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of a one way system at Drumglass Way, Dungannon.

Councillor Reid referred to placing of double yellow lines on Smith Street in Moneymore and that this was causing some annoyance to residents and business owners in the area.

Councillor McFlynn advised she had recently attended a community meeting in which this matter had been discussed and that those attending were content with the proposal for double yellow lines.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley advised that the comments could be noted but that Members should lobby Transport NI in relation to the matter.

E037/18 Dfi Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Revocation of One Way System – Ranaghan Road, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed revocation of a one way system at Ranaghan Road, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed revocation of a one way system at Ranaghan Road, Dungannon.

E038/18 Mixed Dry Recycling (Blue Bin) Scheme Communications and Funding

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) scheme communications and to seek approval for expenditure of funding on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) focused communications.

Councillor McNamee asked why the Irish Language was not being included in the “Your Guide to Recycling” publication.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that the advice from STEP was that the seven languages listed were the most popular spoken as an alternative to English but that the guide could also be translated to Irish if it was the wish of the Committee.

Councillor McNamee proposed that the “Your Guide to Recycling” also be translated to Irish.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee’s proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that the advice provided to the officer was correct and that the most popular languages were being targeted. Councillor Cuthbertson asked what the extra cost and benefit would be of including an Irish Language translation to the publication.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the publication was being produced to deal with particular issues, he stated that Council has an Irish Language Policy and that the matter of publications could be dealt with through that.

Councillor Cuthbertson questioned how many other languages were used within the District and were being missed out in this publication.

The Head of Environmental Services referred again to the advice from STEP on what the most popular languages used in the District were.

Councillor McNamee did not feel in inclusion of the Irish Language to the publication should add to its cost.

Councillor Burton did not feel that leaflets were the best way of communicating the recycling message and felt that greater emphasis should be put into attending events and engaging with the public on recycling matters.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated that the translated guide was an attempt to target those who do not use their blue bin correctly.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that some education on what goes into the three bins was still required.

Councillor Burton felt that at this stage most people should be aware of what goes in each bin and asked if there was a way of checking who was not using bins correctly.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that some in some areas where languages other than English are spoken collection loads have been rejected due to contamination. The purpose of the guide is to target those areas.

Councillor McFlynn stated that some people felt that the brown bin was too large and enquired if a smaller bin was available.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that a smaller brown bin was available.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- Endorse the expenditure of £10,383 funding on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) scheme related communications as set out in report.
 - Include an Irish Language translation in the “Your Guide to Recycling” publication.

E039/18 Procurement Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Installations and Equipment

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council to avail of fire safety products and services from an established public procurement framework (ESPO).

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to use the ESPO Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment.

E040/18 Grounds Maintenance – Seasonal Planting Display requests

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which considered requests for seasonal planting displays.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley reminded Members that Council did mark the request of the Rotary Club and stated that he thought a policy was to be brought forward on seasonal planting requests at that time. The Chair suggested that Council support the requests made and enter into discussions with Transport NI. A policy on such requests should also be brought forward for consideration.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson’s question the Head of Property Services advised that the Rotary Club provided the livery for the tarpaulin but was unsure if any payment came from Rotary Club for provision of tarpaulin and its installation.

Councillor Reid stated there were a few grey areas in relation to these type of requests but felt it was good for Council to be able to support them. Councillor Reid proposed that Council tentatively agree to the requests received and incur costs in relation to same with further discussion to take place with Transport NI. Council to also bring forward policy in relation to seasonal planting requests with no further requests being accepted until such a policy is in place.

Councillor Glasgow also referred to vandalism of floral displays and felt that a policy would help to set out responsibility in relation to same.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor Reid's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To tentatively agree to the requests made by The Girls Brigade (NI) and Tobermore Boys Brigade for seasonal planting displays to mark their respective anniversaries. Council to incur costs for these requests and discuss arrangements with Transport NI.
 - That no further requests are accepted in relation to seasonal planting until a Council policy is in place.

E041/18 Maintenance Activities on Roundabouts and Carriageways within the District

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of the Health and Safety issues relating to the provision of grounds maintenance and other Council services frequently undertaken on dual carriageways, rural and trunk roads (including roundabouts) in the Council area. The report put forward recommendations to ensure compliance with these requirements for staff and contractors.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he couldn't recall Tamnamore Roundabout being removed from the Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards but felt that as it was a gateway to Mid Ulster the decision needed to be reconsidered.

The Head of Property Services advised that Tamnamore was below the threshold for where maintenance would take place.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley suggested that a report be brought back to committee in relation to including Tamnamore Roundabout to the Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To continue maintaining the areas detailed in the report to the same standard as the 17/18 season through a third party contractor to

manage safety compliance at an approximate cost of £6,772, subject to a cost saving in another area.

- To bring report back to committee regarding including Tamnamore Roundabout to Council's Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards.
- To approve to enter into discussions with Transport NI to more fully consider maintenance responsibilities associated with the installation of the Public Art Gateway feature at Castledawson roundabout.

E042/18 Off Street Car Park Winter Maintenance

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which considered treatment of Off Street Car Parks in Mid Ulster District following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 8.10 pm during presentation of the above report.

Councillor McNamee referred to problems in car parks before Christmas in which people could not park due to the condition of same. The Councillor felt there was merit in Council extending their agreement with Transport NI and that further to this grit bins could be provided in car parks. Councillor McNamee proposed that report on Winter Maintenance Policy be brought back to September Environment Committee prior to winter season.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the most critical time in relation to snow/ice clearance was first thing in the morning to make car parks passable and felt that staff could be redeployed for this task. The Councillor also referred to his request that a revised map be brought in relation to including entrance to Perry Street car park within schedule for footpath snow/ice clearance.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the revised map was on Council website. The Director also urged caution in that if Council has a policy in place it needs to be applied consistently not just at one time of the day.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Burton referred to car parks at Castledawson, Clogher and Fivemiletown remaining untreated and asked if there had been rural proofing in that regard.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the report highlights that as a winter maintenance service is not provided to all car parks there could be issues with the Rural Needs Act. The Director advised that any policy being brought forward would have to be Equality Impact assessed and comply with the Rural Needs Act.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to develop a Winter Maintenance Policy to cover the entire Council Estate (including Off Street Car Parks) with a view to reporting back to the September Environment Committee.

E043/18 Dual Language Signage Survey

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the officer recommendation for the application of Dual Language Nameplates and asked how long it took from approval to get signage erected.

The Head of Building Control advised that signage will be erected 6-8 weeks after Council approval.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked what the budget allocation was for Dual Language Signage.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question it was advised that work in relation to Dual Language signage surveys comes from Public Health and Infrastructure budget. Work in relation to installation of signage is from Environment and Property budget.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Dual Language signage does not be erected in order to protect Council budgets.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 3

Against – 8

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 8

Against – 3

The Chair declared Councillor McNamee's proposal carried.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –

- Central Avenue, Cookstown
- Beltonanean Road, Cookstown
- Willow Close, Dungannon
- Corlea Road, Dungannon
- Orritor Street, Cookstown

E044/18 Dual Language Signage Request

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed to survey the following roads on which a request for Dual Language Signage has been received –

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| • Ballyneil Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Loup Road, Moneymore |
| • Scotts Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Dunronan Road, Magherafelt |
| • Birchwood Park, Loup, Magherafelt | • Rogully Road, Loup, Magherafelt |
| • Ballyriff Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Ballyeglish Road, Loup, Magherafelt |
| • Eglishe Close, Loup, Magherafelt | • Ballygruby Lane, Moneymore |
| • Kilreish, Loup, Magherafelt | • Rock Road, Loup, Moneymore |
| • Ballymaguigan Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Anneeter Road, Cookstown |

E045/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering

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

Site off Favour Royal Road, Augher

Councillor S McGuigan proposed the name Forest Mews as he stated this was the preferred name of the developer.

Councillor Mulligan proposed the name Stonebridge Manor as the site is located close to a stone bridge.

Councillor Burton seconded Councillor Mulligan's proposal.

Councillor S McGuigan withdrew his proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Favour Royal Road, Augher as Stonebridge Manor.

Site off Kilmascully Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Kilmascally Road, Dungannon as Kiltagh Manor.

Site off Ranfurly Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ranfurly Road, Dungannon as Castle Glen.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 8.25 pm

E046/18 Organ Donation

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council response to public consultation on a draft policy for Promoting Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland. The report also sought approval for comments on draft document "Promoting Organ Donation: A Local Government Code of Practice".

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in this item and stated that through his work he had seen the benefits of organ donation.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- To submit the proposed response to the Public Consultation Document Promoting Human Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland as set out in appendix to report.
- To agree the proposed comment in respect of the Draft Code of Practice "Promoting Organ Donation: A Local Government Code of Practice" as set out in appendix to report.

E047/18 Department for Communities Stakeholder Questionnaire on Safety at Sports Grounds Guidance in Northern Ireland

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought agreement for Council response to the Department for Communities' questionnaire on safety at sports ground guidance.

Councillor B McGuigan asked if Council work with sports grounds was still ongoing.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that visits to sports grounds was ongoing and that officers were providing advice and guidance.

Councillor S McGuigan asked if it was possible that a club would have to operate under two different systems if a new ground was built.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that if a club builds a new ground then it would be assessed under new guidance.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the adoption of the revised SGSA Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds in Northern Ireland and forward response to the Department for Communities consultation as set out in appendix to report.

E048/18 Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government – Consultation

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought agreement for Council response to Department for Communities consultation on “Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government.”

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to forward response to consultation on “Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government as set out in appendix to report.

E049/18 Mid Ulster Bonfires – Update Report

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on the work of Council’s Bonfire Working Group and made recommendations to address public safety concerns with regards to Bonfires held on Council property in the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Burton proposed option 2 within the report as she believed engagement was key and that local solutions were needed for local issues.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Burton’s proposal.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the key objectives of the Bonfire Working Group and proposed that good relations also be included as a key objective. Councillor B McGuigan further referred to the special meeting held in August 2017 and the recommendations arising from this meeting, the Councillor proposed that reference to waiting until the findings of the Flags and Emblems Committee have been made known should be removed. Councillor B McGuigan proposed that the Bonfire Working Group still continue to meet and further proposed options 2, 3 and 4 as set out in the report as he did not feel option 2 was enough on its own. Councillor B McGuigan also proposed the establishment of an Inter Agency Bonfire Management Group.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposals stating that options 3 and 4 were also important.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that there was no difficulty in including good relations as a key objective of the working group. In relation to proposal to remove reference to Flags and Emblems Committee, the Director advised that this formed part of a resolution which had been ratified by Council and as such could not be amended at this point.

Councillor B McGuigan understood the comments of the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure but felt that the working group should not be held back due to a lack of progress by the Flags and Emblems Committee.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had sat on the working group and expressed the need for options and a strategy for the future.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he agreed with Councillor Burton and referred to bonfire at Eastvale Avenue in which NI Housing Executive have worked with the community. The Councillor stated that this bonfire is probably located the closest to residential property and through work with the Fire Brigade no damage has been caused to windows of property.

With regard to bonfire at Killymerron Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council had been contacted in relation to the removal of tyres. The Councillor advised that those responsible for building the bonfire have consulted with local residents and proposed steps which will prevent any future damage to property. The Councillor advised that the height of the bonfire will be reduced and fencing would be erected to help secure the site, contact has also been made with Police and Fire Brigade. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was a major step forward which needed to be treated with respect as to step in at this stage could do harm.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he did not sit on the working group but he had received feedback from Police and NI Housing Executive who were frustrated by how they were treated by the working group.

Councillor S McGuigan left the meeting at 9.03 pm.

Councillor Glasgow proposed option 3 as he felt working with community representatives to implement solutions had more appeal.

Councillor Buchanan stated that the number of complaints received in relation to Killymoon bonfire are reducing, he advised that those responsible for building of this bonfire were happy to have no tyres on it and that its height would be reduced. Materials would only be collected 1 week prior to the lighting of the bonfire. Councillor Buchanan stated that this stage had not been got to before and should be welcomed.

Councillor Kearney felt there was little option but to go with a combination of options as set out in report.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised Council continued to work closely with all the statutory agencies on this matter.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that there had been no restriction put on the input of statutory agencies.

Councillor Burton stated that as work was ongoing at the moment with bonfire organisers she implored Members to give one more chance and again proposed option 2 as options 3 and 4 would cause a setback.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Glasgow's proposal Members voted on Councillor B McGuigan's proposal –

For – 7

Against – 4

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if adding to the key objectives of the working group was a change in policy.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the working group objectives could be amended if that was agreed by Committee.

Members voted on Councillor Burton's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 7

The Chair declared Councillor B McGuigan's proposal carried.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- That a combination of options 2, 3 and 4 as set out in the report would be most effective (with a focus on options 3 and 4) in addressing the primary issues over forthcoming months.
- That an Inter Agency Bonfire Management Group be established which is linked with the Policing and Community Safety Partnership to assist with practical implementation.
- That the Bonfire Working Group continue to meet and that good relations be added to the key objectives of the working group.

E050/18 Bus Shelters

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress of bus shelter applications at various locations throughout the District following scheduled meeting with Department for Infrastructure Roads.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated that the process in relation to bus shelters was complicated and he shared the frustrations of Members.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that it was alarming to see the additional costs against bus shelters, he stated that some have been waiting for so long he questioned whether they were still needed.

The Chair felt that a lot of work had been done on getting bus shelters to this stage and that, if anything, the number of bus shelters probably needed to be increased.

The Head of Technical Services advised that he had data which provided the numbers being lifted at each bus stop, he stated that whilst there may be some variation in numbers all were well above the minimum number required.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question the Head of Technical Services advised that there appeared to be no additional cost related to Tirkane Road, Maghera as it was probably within the £2.5k standard provision cost.

Councillor Burton referred to previous discussions in relation to bus shelter provision at Tullybleey Road, Aughnacoy. The Councillor stated that this bus shelter was not included within the list on the report and asked that this be investigated.

In response to Councillor M Quinn's questions the Head of Technical Services advised that costs outlined in report were calculated by officers. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that if the required number of passengers are being lifted from a designated bus stop then Council can erect a bus shelter within the legislation and associated guidance.

Councillor M Quinn referred to dangerous situation at Killeen Crossroads, he expressed his frustration at the process of putting a bus shelter in place and stated that if there was an accident at this location he did not want blame coming back to Council.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council should proceed in accordance with the guidance laid down for this purpose.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To review each of the sites identified at section 3.1 of the report against the Bus Stop Design Guide criteria for installation of Bus Shelters at 'existing bus stops' and check for compliance with these requirements.
If the current bus stop site is no longer suitable and a new bus stop has to be identified . Further meetings to be arranged with DfI Roads/Translink to determine when they plan to carry out the necessary infrastructure work required to facilitate the new bus stop arrangements and enable a bus shelter provision by Council.

Matters for Information

E051/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 4 December 2017

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 4 December 2017.

Councillor Burton referred to discussion at this meeting in relation to condition of Legaroe Road, Ballygawley. The Councillor commented that Knockmany Road, Augher was also now in a terrible state and expressed the need to write to Roads Service in relation to these roads with a view to having them repaired.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the Councillor's concerns could be passed to DfI Roads / relevant Utility and request that they liaise with the Member on these issues.

E052/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

E053/18 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

E054/18 Refuse Collection Route Optimisation Project Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the changes to refuse collection arrangements in the Magherafelt area.

E055/18 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E056/18 Building Control Workload

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

E057/18 Fire Safety in Housing Executive Tower Blocks

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail of the findings of a report on Fire Safety in Housing Executive Tower Blocks.

E058/18 The Food Standards Agency's Consultation on The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018.

E059/18 Food Standards Agency Audit

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of a recent Food Standards Agency audit on Mid Ulster District Council's Organisation and Management systems for the delivery of Official Controls with respect to Food Control.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E060/18 to E067/18.

Matters for Decision

- E060/18 Outline Business Case: Crematorium: Joint Council Working
- E061/18 Replacement cardboard baler for Cookstown Recycling Centre
- E062/18 Public Artpiece – Castledawson Roundabout – Capital Project
- E063/18 Davagh Interpretive Scheme – Capital Project
- E064/18 Tender Report – Residual Waste Tender

Matters for Information

- E065/18 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018
- E066/18 Off Street Car Parking; Quarter 3 2017/2018
- E067/18 Capital Projects Update

E068/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.55 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 15 February 2018 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Burton (7.16 pm), Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McEldowney, McAleer, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy (7.02 pm), G Shiels, Monteith (7.02 pm)

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Liam Glavin, Head of Leisure
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

D023/18 Apologies

None.

D024/18 Declaration of Interests

None.

D025/18 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

D026/18 Augher Riverside Walk Permissive Path Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to formalise and approve the creation of permissive path agreements to facilitate public access along the Blackwater, Augher Riverside Path.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to enter into negotiations with identified landowners with the objective to create and agree terms for new public access agreements for

approximately one kilometre of public path. These agreements to be developed on the basis of standard Permissive Public Path Agreement

D027/18 Grant of Access at Portglenone Angling Facility

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to establish partnership agreements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.

Councillor Milne declared an interest in Grant of Access at Portglenone Angling Facility.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to establish partnership arrangements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.

D028/18 Sports Representatives Grants Locations

Councillors Molloy and Monteith entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

The Chair welcomed the Head of Leisure back to the Committee.

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to members the proposed Grant Allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Sport Representatives Grant Allocations for two individual applications totalling £375.00.

D029/18 Outdoor Recreation NI Request for Funding For the Continuation of the MountainBikeNI Consortium

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek a decision on continuing support for the financial year 2018/19 for the Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland – led consortium of Councils with Mountain Biking facilities subject to agreement on budgets for next year.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

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

- 1) Contribution of £16,666 to the MountainBikeNI consortium, subject to agreement on budgets for new year and subject to all other consortium Councils contributing. This will employ a Mountain Bike Marketing Officer for 2018/19 only and that the workings of the consortium to be reviewed for the following year.
- 2) Proceed with the advertising campaigns costing £8,575 over 2018/19 only again subject to agreement on budgets for next year and to Officers being satisfied with the value of the campaigns.
- 3) ORNI retendering the sponsorship contract to be in place from April 2018 for one year with a possible extension of another year.

D030/18 Improvement Works to St. Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association Pitches, Pomeroy

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the 3G Pitch installation at St Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy, to see, permission to fund maintenance and replacement carpet costs and to argue future management arrangements of the community use of the 3G pitch.

In response to the Chair's query regarding the ownership of the 3G Pitch, the Head of Leisure advised that the pitch would be run similar to the way other schools during school hours, but managed by the Community Association after hours.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the lease agreement would be with the Education Authority, with the school being responsible for opening and closing the facility.

Councillor Molloy said that this was exactly what he wanted to see and that it was good to be seen utilising school facilities by the community.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Council to pay 50% of the ongoing annual maintenance costs of the 3G Pitch at St Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy and 50% of the replacement carpet costs in ten/twelve years.

D031/18 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh
- 2) Branded Jute Bags
- 3) Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade
- 4) Cookstown Continental Market

- 5) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes
- 6) Coalisland Public Realm
- 7) International Women's Day Events (March 2018)
- 8) Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses
- 9) Former High School Site, Maghera
- 10) ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19
- 11) Lower Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) Bid
- 12) Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster
- 13) Renewal of Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce
- 14) Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and CITY Management (ATCM)

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
 Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

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

- 1) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Branch Refresh**
 Note the two updated brands developed for Cookstown and Magherafelt.
- 2) Branded Jute Bags**
 Note the progress towards preparation of tender documentation for joint procurement of jute bags to promote new/refreshed town brands, up to the value of £45,000.
- 3) Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade**
 Note progress towards a procurement exercise to upgrade wi-fi provision in Cookstown town centre at a cost circ. £20,000
- 4) Cookstown Continental Market**
 Note that Cookstown Continental Market to take place on Saturday 2 June and Sunday 3 June 2018 in William Street, Cookstown.
- 5) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes**
 Note the Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum dated 29 September 2017.
- 6) Coalisland Public Realm**
 Note progress.
- 7) International Women's Day Events (March 2018)**
 Note the dates of two events to celebrate International Women's Day in March 2018.
- 8) Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses**
 Note the appointment of "Outside Looking In" at a cost of up to £9,600 (including expenses and excluding vat) to deliver a Strategic Review of

Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses to be completed by March 2018.

9) Former High School Site, Maghera
Note progress.

10) ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19

Agree allocation of funding to ICBAN of up to £12,500 from Council's Economic Development Budget 2018/19, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).

Agree the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (previously outlined). Progress updates from ICBAN to be provided to future Development Committee meetings.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: Agreed.

11) LPWAN Bid (Low Power Wide Area Network)

Previously Council had committed 'in principle' to commit £10,000 towards the LPWAN project, but having considered the matters raised within the report, it is recommended that Council withdraw from the project.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: Agreed.

12) Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster

Agree that Council, in association with Invest NI, host a Trade Visit for senior buyers from Hong Kong's agri-food sector to visit Mid Ulster and further approve a financial contribution of £10,000 from Council to Invest NI, to co-finance costs associated with the initiative from Council's Economic Development budget.

Councillor Cuddy enquired if it was the remit of the Council to bring representatives over from Hong Kong.

The Head of Economic Development advised that one of the representatives from Hong Kong had already visited CAFRE's Loughry Campus last year and the Council Chair had the opportunity to meet with them and was impressed with the work being undertaken.

The Chair said that although it was a good idea, he would be concerned about who would be running the event, as he would prefer the Council to take the lead on this with Invest NI assisting. He enquired how people were selected

as there were a lot of small businesses who didn't have the opportunity to exhibit i.e. Butchers Event in Belfast, due to the pricing model.

The Head of Economic Development advised that she'd attended two meetings with representatives from Invest NI and there was a willingness for this event to cater for both Invest NI and non Invest NI client companies from the agri-food sector. The latter grouping primarily consists of small indigenous businesses from across Mid Ulster.

She said that local agri-food companies have not been approached as yet, until Council had an opportunity to decide whether it wished to co-finance the project. If Council awarded funding towards the project, this will allow for a two day visit to Mid Ulster in April 2018. The first day will involve visits to a number of the large agri-food companies throughout the district and the second day for a Meet the Buyer event at Loughry Campus, where a wide range of agri-food companies of all sizes would have the opportunity to meet with senior buyers from Hong Kong.

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.16 pm.

The Chair said that this was a good opportunity for the Council to showcase Mid Ulster and that this should be encouraged.

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in this item as he was an employee of the food sector.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved: Agreed.

13) Renewal of Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce

Agree the renewal of Corporate Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce costing £2,500 with costs being met from Council's Economic Development budget.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: Agreed.

14) Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)

Agree the renewal of Membership costing £495, with costs being met from Council's Economic Development budget.

Councillor Molloy requested a report be brought to a future meeting to provide members with an update on fibre availability/connectivity within Mid Ulster's five town centres.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: Agreed.

In response to Councillor McFlynn's query about branding for Magherafelt, the Head of Economic Development confirmed that Magherafelt's new brand was approved by Magherafelt Town Centre Forum and promotional merchandise is in production. She indicated the member may wish to raise the matter again at Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Meeting next week.

D032/18 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report to update Members on progress with the LAG Rural Development Strategy for Mid Ulster.

Councillors Clarke, Forde McEldowney, McAleer, G Sheils and Wilson (Chair) all declared an interest in the above item as members of LAG.

Councillor Clarke advised that Council's Rural Development Manager was currently off ill and may not be available for quite some time, but felt that there was a need to put a structure in place as there was a small team of staff currently operating under pressure.

The Chair asked that best wishes from the Council be sent to the Rural Development Manager.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that two workshops scheduled for next week had been postponed and that the Head of Economic Development and he would monitor the situation over the next few days and put in place the appropriate measures to ensure service delivery continues.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the DAERA requirement for Council to act as the applicant on behalf of the LAG and accept letters of offer on behalf of the LAG for Co-operation projects. The LAG will act as co-signatory on Co-operation applications and letters of offer.

Councillor Cuddy enquired how much was left in Council's economic development budget for this financial year.

The Head of Economic Development advised that all spend was committed but some applicants were experiencing delays in commencing external works to their premises on the Village Spruce Up Scheme, due to very cold and wintry weather conditions and this was slowing claims being submitted for payment, and therefore slowing expected spend in quarter 4.

In response to Councillor Monteith's query regarding an update on Ann Street, the Director of Business and Communities advised that a meeting could be convened with DEA members, if they so wished.

Councillor Monteith stated that members were afraid to speak publicly regarding Ann Street and it was the worst kept secret. He said that this should be one of the best news stories relating to Dungannon and there was a need to get in front of this.

Agreed that a meeting be convened with Dungannon Town Councillors to provide a briefing on the Ann Street Development.

D033/18 Update on Match Funding Requests

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide an update to Members on match funding requests under European Social Fund (ESF) Programme Phase 2 (2018-22) and to consider financially supporting a new match funding request from Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd towards a Coalisland Great Places Project.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Enterprise Centre. Councillors Cuddy and Molloy declared an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre.

The report outlined that Enterprise NI's Exploring Enterprise 4 Programme was unsuccessful in obtaining ESF funding and therefore Council match funding was not necessary. However, on 14 February 2018, Enterprise NI advised that after their appeals process, the project has been awarded funding of £9,452 per annum for 4 years from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 and therefore, it is recommended that Council reaffirm its funding commitment towards the project.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the map relating to the Coalisland Great Places Project and advised that the perimeter of the map excluded Newmills village and requested this be included as part of the eligible area.

The Head of Economic Development said that she would request for Newmills to be included.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Noting the contents of the report.
- 2) Noting the current funding status of Programmes under the ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) and financial commitments previously agreed by Council in September 2017. Recommended also to reaffirm Council's support towards the Exploring Enterprise Programme of £9,452 per annum for 4

years from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022, now that the project promoter has won their appeal and secured ESF match funding.

- 3) Not approving the match funding request under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the Workforce IV Programme for the reasons outlined in the report.
- 4) Not approving the match funding request under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the STRIDE Programme for the reasons outlined in the report.
- 5) A financial commitment of up to £10,000 per annum (over a 3 year period) to Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd towards the Coalisland Great Places Project, subject to the inclusion of Newmills village within the eligible project boundary area.
- 6) Noting map of the Coalisland Great Places Project boundary.

Councillor Molloy referred to the study tour last week to the two Catapult Centres in conjunction with South West College and said that although members had to use their personal allowance to take part in this, it proved very productive and educational and will benefit both Council and the College. He asked that a report be prepared for a future meeting to update Members on the study visit and document how the findings may impact upon the current plans to develop an Engineering Centre of Excellence in Dungannon.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query about South West College potentially requiring the top car park at the Dungannon Offices, the Director of Business and Communities advised that the College were reconsidering options and a report would be brought back once a decision has been made.

D034/18 Community Development Report

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

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations
- 2) Agree the Peace IV Partnership recommendations
- 3) Approve the Peace IV Heritage tender award (report not complete, to be presented later).
- 4) Approve the proposed Good Relations Plan 2018-2019 for submission to the NI Executive Office under TBUC for funding and delivery at a local level
- 5) Approve the Mid Ulster Advice Provision year 3
- 6) Update on Community Development

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals Grants and Good Relations Grant as per Appendix 1 £4,688 and £200.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: Agreed.

- 2) Peace IV Partnership recommendation of the Shared Space Arts and Events Peace IV Programme summary specification to go to tender.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Agreed.

- 3) Peace IV Heritage Programme Tender Award (to be presented later)

Resolved: Agreed.

- 4) Proposed Good Relations Plan 2018-2019 for submission to the NI Executive Office under TBUV for funding and delivery at a local level.

Councillor Doris referred to the issue of Bonfires and advised that the report was should be included.

The Head of Community Development confirmed that the issue was included at Safe Communities and would work in partnership with PCSP.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: Agreed.

- 5) Renewal of the Advice Contract with CAMU for a third year.
Allocation of monies from DfC for Welfare Reform Support Project to the value of £51,891.36 to CAMU.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: Agreed.

- 6) Note the Community Development Update Report.

Resolved: Agreed

Matters for Information

**D035/18 Development Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday
10 January 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

**D036/18 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group
Minutes of Meeting 15 January 2018**

Members noted Minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 15 January 2018.

D037/18 Disability Arts Project – Kilronan Special School, Magherafelt

Members noted plans to deliver a Disability Arts Project as part of the Culture & Arts Programme of activity, in conjunction with Kilronan Special School Magherafelt.

D038/18 Davagh Forest Observatory/Visitor Centre Update

Members noted progress of the Davagh Forest Observatory and Visitor Centre project.

**D039/18 The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme
(THoAULP) – Update on Community Consultations**

Members noted update on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme. (THoAULP) and update on the The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme up to the end of January 2018.

D040/18 Tourism & Business Engagement Report

Members noted progress of the Business Engagement Programme and key activities in January 2018.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D041/18 to D042/18

Matters for Decision

D041/18 Proposal to Complete a Visitor Experience Audit & Interpretation Framework

Matters for Information

D042/18 Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 10 January 2018

D043/18 Condolences

Councillor Monteith referred to the recent passing of Gary Morris, employee of Dungannon Leisure Centre and advised that he was a valued member of staff. He said as a mark of respect a corporate response and the thoughts of this committee should be issued to his family.

D044/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.45 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – February 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	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.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
3.0	Main Report
	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members
3.1.1	NILGA – Code of Conduct Refresher Information
	20 th February 2018 10.30am – 12.30pm Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick
	27 February 2018 12.30pm – 14.20 pm Raddison Blu Hotel, Limavady
	7 March 2018 12.30pm – 14.30pm Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
	27 March 2018 17.30pm – 19.30pm Bangor Castle, Bangor
	No attendance fee, mileage and subsistence.
3.2	<u>Officer Approvals</u>
	There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>

	Financial:
	Human:
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals

Code of Conduct Refresher Information Sessions for Councillors Facilitated by the Local Government Commissioner for Standards

1. **20th February 2018, 10.30—12.30pm**
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick
2. **27th February 2018, 12.30pm—14.30pm**
Radisson Blu Hotel, Limavady
3. **7th March 2018, 12.30—14.30pm**
Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
4. **27th March 2018, 17.30—19.30pm**
Bangor Castle, Bangor

Members of the Local Government Commissioner for Standards will discuss how they deal with allegations that councillors have breached the Code of Conduct. They will outline a councillors responsibilities under the Code and explain in practical terms how councillors can maintain compliance. Case studies will be used to illustrate a number of points and to help understanding.

A question and answer session will follow. Please note, staff from the Commissioner's office cannot at any time discuss individual cases.

Hosted by NILGA with support from the LGTG (Local Government Training Group), these FREE events are open to all Elected Members. Councils should put forward interested councillor names to Fiona Douglas at the NILGA office by emailing f.douglas@nilga.org.

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Healthy Working Lives Conference	15th March 18	1	Belfast	Free
Solace Conference	1st March 18	3 Chief Executive & 2 Directors	Belfast	£99 (member) £130 n/m

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – February 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Receptions Policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at the December 2016 council meeting. All requests for civic recognition are to be now forwarded to Democratic Services to appear on a report for presentation to council for consideration and approval.
2.2	The policy confirms 3 categories of reception offered by the Council: (1) Civic Receptions (2) Chair and Deputy Chair Reception (3) Civic Awards
2.3	Appendix A to this report details those request(s) received for notification to and approval by council. The request(s) have been categorised in line with established conditions/ criteria required to be met to receive a Civic Reception, Chair & Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Award.
2.4	Following the July 2017 Council meeting a working group was formed to review the current receptions policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Implementation of the Receptions Policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	Civic Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not Applicable

	Human: Not Applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Submitted Requests

February 2018 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Cookstown High Indoor Bowling Club	Irish Indoor Bowling Association Won the Irish Club Championship	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Tir Na Og (Moy GFC)	All Ireland Club Intermediate Football Champions	Cllr Molloy Cllr Mullen Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Sinead McGurk	Association of Optometrists 2018 Best Practice Award	Cllr McPeake Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at a UK Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Category: Civic Award

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Sperrin Intergrated College, Magherafelt	Under 18 Ulster Cup Rugby	Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
St Colms High School, Draperstown	Danske Bank GAA Gerry Brown Schools Cup	Cllr B McGuigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Robert Johnston	General Teaching Council (NI) STEM Teacher of the Year Award	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ryan Mc Callan Sean Kennedy	GAA Ulster School handball championship. Winners of the Under 11 Ulster school Championship	Cllr Mallaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won a competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Chair's Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
N/A			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Other: Letter from Council Chair

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
Hannah Garrity	Nominated for a Life After Stroke Award Creative Arts Category	Councillor Burton
Martin Coyle Phelim Quinn	GAA Ulster School Handball Championship – runners up of the	Councillor Mallaghan

	Under 13 Ulster School Championship	
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Report on	Draft Response to Consultation - Northern Health & Social Services Trust Future Model for Acute Paediatric Services
Reporting Officer	Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy & Equality Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the development of a consultation response on behalf Mid Ulster District Council to the Northern Health & Social Care Trust Consultation-Future Model for Acute Paediatric Services in Northern Trust hospitals.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Northern Health and Social Care Trust is currently consulting on plans to develop a future model for Acute Paediatric Services in Northern Trust hospitals.
2.2.	At the December meeting of meeting it was agreed that the Director of Public Health & Infrastructure would oversee development of a response on behalf of Council.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In November 2016, the Department of Health in Northern Ireland published a regional strategy for paediatric services called 'A Strategy for Paediatric Healthcare Services Provided in Hospitals and in the Community 2016 - 2026'. The strategy set out a vision for further development of paediatric services outside of hospital and strengthening links between community services and hospital services.
3.2	<p>The Trust's Strategy provides guidelines in relation to waiting times and the grade of doctor who should assess children who present for treatment. In relation to the implementation of this strategy the consultation document sets out the Northern Trust's proposal for Mid Ulster Hospital, as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust states that analysis of the current activity at the Mid Ulster SSPAU (Standard for Short-Stay Paediatric Assessment Units) indicates that most patients (approximately 90%) could be safely managed in a rapid access clinic, with a same day or next day service available in the majority of cases at the hospital. This new service would accept referrals from local GPs, with a dedicated clinic running two to three times weekly, depending on demand. The expected impact of this change in the service model would mean the following. The Trust states that a small number of children (estimated to be 50 to 100 per year) who required a longer period of observation or short stay treatment would have to travel to the SSPAU in Antrim for this care. This would have travel impact for families.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust states that Children requiring potential admission are already usually referred directly to the paediatric service in Antrim at present, so this option would result in no change to this practice. The Trust states that implementing this approach would allow for a portion of the highly experienced Mid-Ulster nursing workforce to work within an enhanced Antrim SSPAU, which would enable us to extend its opening hours and capacity.
3.3	While the Trust has indicated that they believe the approach set out above supports a balanced approach to providing quality, efficient and sustainable service, these aims will be delivered by reducing the current level of service provision available at Mid Ulster Hospital.
3.4	Concerns in relation to this reduction of services and the associated impact of this are reflected in the draft response, attached as Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members consider and approve the consultation response for submission to the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A: Draft Response

31 January 2018

Equality Unit

Route Complex

8e Coleraine Road

Ballymoney

Co Antrim BT53 6BP

Ref: Northern Health & Social Care Trust- Future Model for Acute

Paediatric services in Northern Trust hospitals

To whom it may concern:

Mid Ulster District Council would like to take this opportunity to put forward its views, opinions and concerns in relation to the consultation on Future Model for Acute Paediatric services in Northern Trust hospitals Northern Trust area.

Council agrees that the aim of delivering and sustaining excellent healthcare should be at the heart of all models implemented by the Trust. The paediatric services delivered by hospital based medical services provided to babies, children and young people up to their 16th birthday play a vitally important role. However, Council is disappointed at the proposed reduction in the current level of provision provided at the Mid Ulster Hospital site. While the safeguarding of the acute services delivered at the Causeway Hospital and Antrim Area Hospital site is understandable it is concerning that this seems to be at the expense of what is currently delivered at Mid Ulster Hospital.

Council understands that the proposals were developed on an evidential basis. The figures set out in the consultation documentation demonstrate that there are significantly fewer presentations at Mid Ulster Hospital in comparison to the Causeway Hospital and Antrim Area Hospital sites. However, Council believes that these usage figures are contributed to by the current lack of inpatient provision and the limited opening times of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. These limitations of the Unit have no doubt led to the reduction in presentations of the new patients at the Mid Ulster site. This is especially exasperated by the fact that by the very nature of children's routines they can be likely to present with illness at times when the service is not available; such as in the afternoon (after school), in the evening or in the early morning. Afternoon referrals from GPs can be likely to err on the side of caution and send children directly to Antrim Area Hospital bypassing Mid Ulster Hospital in order to avoid the child having to go to Antrim Area Hospital after 5pm.

Mid Ulster District Council would also like to point out the investment of a substantial amount of time and resources over the last 3 years, working in Partnership with the NHSCT/SHSCT, among many other statutory and non- statutory agencies, to develop a Community Plan for Mid-Ulster. A considerable part of this process involved large scale consultation with the people of Mid Ulster, which the Trust are acutely aware, focused heavily on health services and provision in Mid Ulster. The Council spent much of this time in consultation reassuring our citizens that this new Community Planning process would mean that Health provision in Mid Ulster would now be delivered in Partnership with the Council and our other Community Planning Partners.

While Mid Ulster District Council welcomes the extension of rapid access to services within the Trust it is evident that the service will cause residents of our Council area additional travel time and expense. This comes at a time of stress and upset for the children and their parents and guardians who could be more easily served at Mid Ulster Hospital if the services were made available there at times of the day when they are more likely to be utilised.

Council would also request that the Health Trust confirms when a Rural Needs Assessment will be carried out in relation to this process? Mid Ulster's population experienced the fastest growth of all the new Council areas between 2001 and 2013 (grew by 18.7% against a regional average of 8.3%). This growth is projected to be sustained for at least the next 10 years, to reach almost 156,000 by 2023; almost two thirds of this figure are rural dwellers. There is no doubt that rural dwellers will be particularly negatively impacted upon should there be a requirement to travel to Antrim Area Hospital as a result of the proposed changes to services. This issue needs to be considered and mitigated against prior to changes to services being implemented.

Responses to the Questions Posed by the Consultation

Do you consider that the Trust has identified the key factors that are impacting on the sustainability of the current services based across the 3 hospitals: Antrim, Causeway and Mid Ulster Hospital?

Proposed response: There is no doubt that there is a need to ensure that sustainability of the current service is at the core of any future model developed for paediatric services. However, this sustainability should not focus solely on the reduction of services provided at Mid Ulster Hospital.

Do you consider that a phased approach is a reasonable way forward and that the first steps would begin to address some of the challenges being faced by the service?

Proposed response: Council understands that a need for a phased approach has been identified. In relation to the rapid access clinic service at Mid Ulster Hospital and extended opening of the short stay unit at Antrim Area Hospital. Council broadly supports this proposal to offer short stays for an extended number of hours.

The Trust proposed way forward sets out to make the service more sustainable, improve quality and reduce costs.

Do you agree that these issues should be addressed by the proposed way forward and are there any other factors that you think need to be considered that have not been identified?

Proposed response: Council is grateful that staff have been consulted with and that they are broadly in agreement with the proposed changes. Additional issues that are identified should be consulted upon further.

An outcome of initial equality screening considerations is available in Appendix 1. Please detail your views on the assessed impact of the proposals and any other potential impacts you feel we should consider.

Proposed response: Council would encourage the continuous screening to be carried out as stated and that a range of mitigating factors introduced to ensure that S75 groups negatively impacted have their needs clearly met.

Do you have any evidence to suggest that the proposals would create an adverse differential impact in relation to rural needs?

Proposed response: Council is aware that the proposed changes will negatively impact on patients who have to travel a further distance as a result of the minor impact but we will subject the implementation of the proposal to 'on-going screening' in order to carry out further analysis throughout the implementation process. Where adverse impact is identified, steps should be taken in order to mitigate against its effects.

In conclusion, while the Trust has stated that the proposed changes are driven by efficient use of services rather than cost savings, there is a concern within the District that every time changes are consulted upon services are further reduced at Mid Ulster Hospital. This is despite the fact that Mid Ulster Hospital houses some of Northern Ireland's exemplary care units.

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
2.0	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.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not Applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not Applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)	Strategic Funding Framework 2019-2024	HLF would like this to benefit from and reflect the expertise and experience of the widest possible range of stakeholders across the heritage sector and beyond. The consultation will provide the opportunity to share your thoughts on our strategic direction and proposals.	22 March 2018	
	Link to Consultation	http://surveys.comres.co.uk/wix/p1863259654.aspx?_sid=e5lpXfjhNSy2w3wV2cpcnlx0QfTNJIADYXfVhfaIn-SnKKyh83E9vMdJiBOAvF1vBQC71WRbDP3uRIWk0O7d7Q2		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	The purpose of this consultation, led by BEIS, is to seek views on the proposed process for engaging with communities who may be interested in hosting a permanent geological disposal facility (GDF) for existing high activity radioactive waste and waste from new nuclear power stations. It is NOT a consultation on whether or not there should be a GDF in Northern Ireland.	19 April 2018	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/working-with-communities-implementing-geological-disposal		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland	2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies	Revised Proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland have been published for consultation. The proposals follow a review by the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland which began on 24 February 2016. As a result of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (as amended), the number of constituencies in Northern Ireland has reduced from 18 to 17 and this has required a redrawing of the existing constituency boundaries.	26 March 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/sites/boundarycommission.org.uk/files/media-files/Boundary%20Commission%20Revised%20Proposals%20Report.pdf		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Health	Organ Donation Consultation	This consultation discusses the draft proposals in relation to the promotion of organ donation. Department is seeking views on a draft policy on ways to increase the number of successful organ and tissue donations. It proposes a series of commitments centred	5 March 2018	

		around coordinated engagement and education activities. Your views will help to shape our approach to fulfilling this new statutory requirement, which will be to the maximum benefit of patients and to the health service in general.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-healthcare-policy-group/promoting-human-organ-donation-and-transplantation/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Armagh, Craigavon and Banbridge Council	Draft Corporate Plan 2018-2023 and Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2018-2019	This consultation relates to two key corporate Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is conducting consultations on 2 key Corporate documents:	Draft Corporate Plan 2018-23 (closing 12 noon 22 March 2018) -Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2018/2019 (closing 12 noon Thursday 29 March 2018)	
	Link to Consultation	https://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.citizenspace.com/		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed

Southern Health and Social Care Trust	New Home Delivery Service for Community Equipment	This consultation relates to a proposed new home delivery service for people who use simple aids for daily living.	30 April 2018	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/pdf/PUBLIC%20CONSULTATION%20DOCUMENT.pdf		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Local Government Officers Supper annulation Committee	Audit of Inequalities and 2018-2021 Equality Action.	NILGOSC is seeking the views and comments of all interested parties on its Audit of Inequalities and 2018-2021 Equality Action.	26 April 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nilgosc.org.uk/consultation		

Report on	Correspondence to Council – February 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from Department for the Economy – NI Registry of Credit Unions</p> <p>The Dept for the Economy has corresponded with the council to confirm that legislation has been laid to transfer the NI Registry of Credit Unions and Industrial Provident Societies from the Department to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). This is enacting transfer agreements made in 2012 and 2013 (see Appendix A).</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Mr D McCallan, Chief Executive, NILGA</p> <p>The Chief Executive of NILGA has corresponded with the Chief Executive detailing NILGA's Summary Product and Work Plan for 2018-19 together with notification of the subscription for the period 2018-2019. The council is currently a member of NILGA with 8 members represented (Cllrs McPeake, Mallaghan, S McGuigan, Burton, Robinson, J Shiels, Glasgow and Kearney). The correspondence seeks acceptance of the 2018-19 Work Plan provided as Appendix B.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: Correspondence at 3.2 refers to the NILGA 2018-19 Subscription of £43,610. This has been provisioned for within 2018-19 budgets.</p> <p>Human: Not applicable</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Not applicable</p>

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Dept for the Economy: Credit Unions and Industrial Provident Societies Appendix B: Northern Ireland Local Government Association: 2018-19 Work Plan

Department for the Economy
Adelaide House
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18 January 2018

Dear Stakeholder

Draft legislation was laid in Parliament on Wednesday 19 December 2017 to effect the transfer of the Northern Ireland Registry of Credit Unions and Industrial & Provident Societies from the Department for the Economy (DfE) to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

This can be viewed at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111163689>.

This transfer was agreed in 2012 for credit unions and in 2013 for Industrial & Provident Societies, following the transfer of regulatory authority from the Department to the FCA and Prudential Regulation Authority.

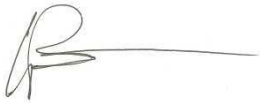
It is expected that this transfer will occur on 6 April 2018.

Please note that remaining provisions of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 will also come into force on 6 April 2018.

DfE will then begin in April 2018 to carry out wide-ranging reform to deliver a legal framework that will support society growth and enhance the opportunities for credit unions.

I will write to you again at that time to discuss how you can play a role in shaping this progression.

In the meantime, as always, if you wish to discuss any issues, please feel free to contact me using the address at the top of this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized capital 'K' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

KEITH BROWN

**REGISTRAR OF CREDIT UNIONS AND INDUSTRIAL & PROVIDENT SOCIETIES
HEAD OF BETTER REGULATION, MUTUALS & COMPANY LAW**

Mr A Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
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9th January 2018

Dear Anthony

I have pleasure in enclosing NILGA's Summary Product & Work Plan for 2018/19, together with the associated investment subscription.

2018/19 will see unprecedented challenges in constitutional, fiscal, legislative, policy and performance terms, for the local government sector in Northern Ireland. Yet, such challenges come at a time when the role of local councils has never been so important.

NILGA's representative and delivery work with and for the 11 member councils will respond and meet those challenges head on.

The Work Plan for the collective councils / SOLACE regionally and specifically for your elected members and corporate team in Mid Ulster District meets the requirements of a sector which is not only delivering high quality services at affordable costs but which is adapting to the wider political and fiscal environment we are operating in.

It supports a substantial forward planning programme to ensure councils are sustainable and resilient now and beyond the next elections which are scheduled as you know for May 2019. Delivery will focus on regionally co-ordinated programmes which **develop, promote and protect** councils in equal measure.

The Work Plan includes strong, evidence based representation to those at home and abroad who can politically, legislatively and fiscally improve the sustainability of local government in Mid Ulster District and throughout Northern Ireland. It prioritises elected member development, new models of investment and best practice, the sharing of very practical ideas and projects which deliver locality based planning, economic development, civic

leadership, regulatory and compliance work, all of which materially assists your Corporate Plan and key support strategies.

The Work Plan was designed in accordance with the requirements of council members and senior officers from across the 11 councils, together with input from NILGA's newly appointed policy partners who include the **Strategic Investment Board, Colleges NI, Enterprise NI and the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)**. It draws on service requests and feedback from Mid Ulster members and officers, including participating in your elected member development work and participation and promotion of your economic development / entrepreneurial work.

Your elected members participate fully in the direction and work of NILGA, including NILGA Vice-President Sean McPeake together with councillors Frances Burton, Mark Glasgow, Martin Kearney, Cathal Mallaghan, Sean McGuigan, Wills Robinson and James Shiels. This cross party, combined leadership is supported by excellent working relationships with you and your senior officer team, including Eileen Forde, Sinead McEvoy, Philip Moffett and JJ Tohill.

NILGA will continue to develop its very strong relationship at corporate level with Mid Ulster District Council, including applying for the Charter award and taking advantage of new investment opportunities for the local economy.

We will continue to use the council's venues such as Seamus Heaney Home Place and the Magherafelt Civic Offices for member and officer awareness events on matters as important, yet diverse, as the Code of Conduct, devolution, new economic investment opportunities, EU matters, and the emerging Programme for Government.

NILGA has and will continue to explicitly demonstrate high levels of performance and value for money, despite the modest size of the Association's resources and team, we draw on a much wider team across these islands, due to our credibility and network which has demonstrably impacted on Mid Ulster District Council this year.

I am pleased to confirm that the investment for the coming year (as per four of the past five years) reflects a 0% increase on 2017/18, despite National Pay and inflation factors, and we have absorbed in 2018/19 the change in population levels which will result in Mid Ulster being a "Band B" rather than "Band C" council.

Acceptance of the Work Plan for 2018/19 is requested by 28th February 2018.

Yours sincerely



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

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**Developing, promoting and protecting all our councils across
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Local Government Awards NI



**Mid Ulster District Council hosted NILGA's
Entrepreneurship Summit**



2017 Translink Ulster in Bloom

**This Investment & Work Plan is the third phase of NILGA's Corporate Plan
2016 – 2019 as agreed by the 11 member councils.**

Introduction

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It supports a **substantial forward planning programme** to ensure councils are sustainable and resilient now and beyond the next elections which are scheduled for May 2019. Delivery will focus on regionally co-ordinated programmes which **develop, promote and protect** councils in equal measure.

The Work Plan includes the delivery of strong, evidence based representation to those at home and abroad who can politically, legislatively and fiscally improve the sustainability of local government throughout Northern Ireland. It prioritises elected member development, new models of investment and best practice, the sharing of very practical ideas and projects which deliver locality based planning, economic development, civic leadership, regulatory and compliance work, all of which materially assists your Corporate Plan and key support strategies.

1. Legislation, powers, investment & transfers of functions:

NILGA in 2018/19 will enable an **All Party Parliamentary Group** on Local Government's Development & Sustainability, regionally and nationally, in order to strengthen the roles and investment requirements of councils now and in the electoral period 2019 – 2023.

NILGA will advocate the development of an **Entrepreneurial Strategy** for Northern Ireland – as part of a substantial review of existing policies which, if supported by central government and delivered by local councils, would create greater, sustainable small business and community wealth throughout all parts of NI.

NILGA will deliver key evidence to Government Departments, the NI Executive & Assembly if restored, the Northern Ireland Office, political parties and key institutions regionally, nationally and trans-nationally, on any important policy / investment matter which affects local councils in NI. This work will follow consultation with the 11 councils on matters such as Devolution to and within NI, the NI Budget 2018 – 2020, the draft Programme for Government, Domestic & Non Domestic Rates Reform, Brexit, and will include presenting the completed (2017) **New Burdens Framework** to the NI Executive, designed to adapt the Local Government Act NI (2014) and to fully resource and indemnify councils for all transfers of functions including Regeneration.

NILGA will complete and publish an independent report outlining the practical case to develop and resource councils through appropriate practical transfers of funding and functions, underpinned by local, place based, delivery of integrated public services, to better recognise the role of the local authority and its Growth Plan as the hub of a district's investment in people and infrastructure.



2. Regional communication, News Bulletins, a new media and web platform, member & officer liaison:

NILGA in 2018/19 will develop a **"Your Local Council: Delivering for All"** – monthly showcase initiative, offering member councils the opportunity to showcase across NILGA's media and partner networks, the work that the local council is doing to improve services for and celebrate the district's residents, businesses and visitors.

NILGA will produce 10 NILGA Regional Bulletins, related Press Releases, provide presentations to councils, party group leaders and SOLACE as required, attend Party Conferences, represent council's best interests in national and regional media and ensure excellent local community coverage of the Ulster in Bloom Programme throughout 2018/19. For all member councils, councillors and officers, NILGA has developed a new, interactive, modern media platform, with improved website, social media and information library links. This is a significant communication and knowledge portal for local government in NI, together with our many strategic partners.

3. Statutory representation and co-ordination

NILGA in 2018/19 will work with the 11 councils at elected member and officer level to ensure that the real needs of local councils are brought to bear on all bodies investing in and legislating for our future, whether these are within or outside of NI. NILGA supports the restoration of the NI Assembly to its full legislative capacity but will diligently seek the strengthening of - and resources for - local councils whether this important body is restored or not.

This work will include through representation on and to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; Programme for Government Steering & Advisory Groups; Growth & Jobs, Rural Development, Peace & Reconciliation and Interreg Monitoring Committees; Strategic Planning & Waste Management bodies, Industrial Strategy roll out and review bodies; the Commonwealth Local Government Group, the Association of Irish Local Government, the UK Local Government Forum, the All Island Civic Forum and the Department for Exiting the European Union.

Despite the present impasse at the Assembly, NILGA will provide a full support service and lobbying role with and for the 11 councils to ensure an effective, productive Partnership Panel for Local Government, modernising this to suit prevailing needs, in tandem with councils, SOLACE, the Department for Communities and all NI Executive Ministers / Permanent Secretaries.

The Association will co-ordinate NI local government's input in to the Employer's side of the National Joint Council (NJC) to determine agreements on the **National Pay Spine Review**, **National Living Wage** and **National Pay** and will also provide regular briefings and consultations.

4. Regional and sub regional awareness and network events, Flagship Annual Conference:

NILGA in 2018/19 will co-ordinate 24 learning and networking events in 2018/19 on Planning, Community Planning, Devolution, the Circular Economy, the NI Budget 2018 – 2020, Brexit, Strategic Migration, Government & Departmental Key Strategies including the Industrial Strategy, new Regional & Local Rates proposals, applying the General Power of Competence, induction on existing and revised parts of the Code of Conduct, the New Burdens Framework, and other policies to better resource and protect councils in NI.

These bespoke events will be free to the 11 member councils.

NILGA will co-ordinate three Strategic Member & Officer Partnership events throughout the year, hosted across our council areas, on key matters including Broadband, Rural & Urban Development, and Community Empowerment.

These strategic partnership events will be free to the 11 member councils.

NILGA will work in partnership with SOLACE to deliver our **Annual Flagship Conference** which will take place on Thursday 11th October 2018. Conference 2018 will take forward the “**Excellence in Local Government**” Awards Evening, which will recognise across the 11 councils those members, staff, businesses and community bodies providing exemplary public service in NI.

National Events

NILGA have secured the prestigious RHS Britain in Bloom 2018 UK Awards Ceremony for Northern Ireland. Interest was expressed from a number of councils in Northern Ireland to host the event and while the RHS have opted for Belfast, NILGA would like to showcase all regions when the 500+ guests visit in October 2018.

5. Elected member development including Charter / Charter Plus:

NILGA in 2018/19 will co-ordinate and support the effective delivery and retention of the **National Charter** and **National Charter Plus Awards** for Elected Member Development by all of NI's 11 councils.

In partnership with councils and the Local Government Training Group (LGTG), together with the National Association of Councillors (NAC) and delivery partners, NILGA will continue to deliver in 2018/19 the first ever **Regional Member Development Programme for NI Councils**, as part of the 21st Century Councillor Programme, which will include accredited learning tools on planning and community leadership.

NILGA will also establish with the 11 councils, LGTG and SOLACE an **Elected Members Induction Programme**, in advance of the May 2019 elections, to ensure local council level delivery of a core, consistent, contemporary Councillors' Guide for all 462 returning members.

NILGA will retain the procurement benefits for NI councils of membership of the **National Association of Regional Employers'** (NARE) and input councils' requirements to NARE on workforce, member development and related employment law issues.



6. National and regional policy, lobbying, guidance, publications:

NILGA in 2018/19 will provide essential policy guidance and analysis to and with the 11 councils and submit consultative work to all NI Executive Departments, Westminster, Whitehall and all island bodies to **protect, advocate and sustain** local councils in Northern Ireland.

NILGA will consolidate and develop its all council strategic, regional working groups (SWRGs, see 8 below also) to draw together cross council knowledge and share this right across the sector as well as to emphasise good governance and communication.

The Association will co-ordinate NI local government's input in to the Employer's side of the National Joint Council (NJC) to determine agreements on the **National Pay Spine Review**, **National Living Wage** and **National Pay** and will also provide regular briefings and consultations.

NILGA will participate fully in other strategic work at national level including within the UK & Ireland wide Local Government Group.

NILGA will draw down additional investment and collate best practice for NI councils on matters including elected member development, entrepreneurship and economic development, broadband, community planning, infrastructure and coastal erosion.

NILGA will continue the “Making Planning Work” **series**, produce contemporary, user friendly **Planning Guidance**, and ensure that revisions to the **Councillor Code of Conduct** are (i) fully understood within all councils, (ii) fully tested through scenario training & awareness events and (iii) do not disadvantage councils or councillors in NI comparative to neighbouring jurisdictions.

NILGA will continue to support the policy, partnership and legislative work of the **NI Strategic Migration Partnership** (NISMP) and will draw on its expertise to further Community planning & resilience work and lobby for a regional migration strategy.



7. International & European policy, investment, representation:

NILGA will collaborate with other LGAs to lobby DEXEU and other relevant government departments to ensure that councils are materially resourced for **Brexit** preparations, to fully understand the **implications** of Brexit and to ensure that councils are ready to take advantage of **opportunities** arising.

NILGA will lobby for an appropriate consultation mechanism for NI councils at pre-legislative stage for all matters which are repatriated under the **EU Withdrawal Bill**.

NILGA will ensure that members are briefed through the **Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group** on matters such as Brexit, broadband and investment opportunities for councils and that regionally coordinated responses on matters of interest to councils are agreed.

NILGA will coordinate a **strategic group of senior economic development officers** and will cultivate relationships with strategic partners, representative bodies, government departments and statutory bodies to influence future legislation, strategy and funding frameworks

NILGA in 2018/19 will continue to seek support for our bid for Northern Ireland's councils to be showcased through hosting a 52 nation **Commonwealth Local Government Forum 2019 International Conference**.

Transnationally, NILGA will work with the 11 councils to bring local and sub regional (cross council) investment opportunities stemming from the EU Committee of the Regions, in particular through our participation in the **iEER Boost** (entrepreneurship) project with 9 other regions. NILGA's participation in this project is valued at £200,000 and 5 councils have participated to date. We will continue to collaborate with entrepreneurship stakeholders to share learning and best practice gathered in the project and to influence policy change in Northern Ireland.

NILGA will provide advice and guidance to members of the EU's Committee of the Regions and all relevant EU Monitoring Committees (e.g. Peace IV, Rural Development, Growth & Jobs and Interreg), and related bodies.

8. Strategic, regional working groups (SWRGs):

NILGA in 2018/19 will enable a minimum of 16 task and finish sessions for all councils during 2018/19 of NILGA SWRGs on Planning, Community Planning, The Local Economy / Brexit, Member Development and Audit, Risk & Sustainability. These will be convened in partnership with councils, SOLACE and government departments, including Department of Finance, Department for the Economy, Department for Communities, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

Each Group has a specific work plan tailored exclusively to councils' requirements and can be further shaped to assist the emerging Programme for Government, modernisation and shared services agendas.

9. NI Councils' future sustainability - research and development:

NILGA in 2018/19 will ensure that regionally co-ordinated work on future proofing local government in Northern Ireland, led by councils and delivered by NILGA, in partnership with bodies such as SOLACE and APSE, will benefit the sector. In 2018/19, R&D work will cover Devolution, EU Withdrawal Bill, the Circular Economy, Waste Management, New Financial and Rating Models, Entrepreneurial Strategy, Coastal Erosion, Winter Maintenance Protocols, developing a Programme for Local Government, Strengthening Participative Local Democracy, Place Shaping, Commissioning and Performance Management, and **as required by councils**.

10. Corporate planning & performance management:

During 2018/19, NILGA will maintain its constitution, Annual General Meeting, financial, recruitment and other required policies, communications and structures in strict adherence to all relevant good governance, audit and procurement standards. The NILGA Office Bearers, Executive, Working Groups, staff and other representative groups apply these standards fully and an Audit, Risk and Sustainability team will meet 3-4 times proposing KPI and Balanced Scorecard reviews to the 11 council Executive of member councils. Key performance standards are in place organisationally and for all staff members, through the annual Performance Review and Development process. This is overseen by member councils with expert advice drawn from outside bodies and councils as required. NILGA will report Results v Targets in its Annual Report in June 2018 and will fully consult during 2018/19 on a new Corporate Plan for the period June 2019 – May 2023.

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Mid Ulster District Council's subscription for the above Investment & Work Plan in 2018/19 is £43,610 (excluding VAT), representing a 0% increase on 2017/18.

Mid Ulster District Council along with Antrim & Newtownabbey, Causeway Coast & Glens, Fermanagh & Omagh, Lisburn & Castlereagh, and Mid & East Antrim is a Band C Council, which is a Council with a population below 145,000. An invoice will be sent to your Council on 1st April 2018 for payment by 30th June 2018.

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