



13 December 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, 13 December 2018 at 19:00 to
transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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Notice of Motions

14 Councillor G Shiels to move

That Mid Ulster District Council develops an intensive lobbying campaign to convince the Department for Infrastructure of the urgent necessity to construct high capacity bypasses at Dungannon and Cookstown and of course at Moneymore. In its entirety this scheme would be tiny compared to works done and scheduled for the A5 & A6. If implemented this proposal would allow a linkage between the M1 & M2 creating a 100 mile ring road taking in Belfast and bringing Mid Ulster in from the cold. The great danger is that with the ultimate and imminent completion of the A6 renovations, Mid Ulster sandwiched between two super roads, faces being bypassed by investment, industry, tourism etc., etc., unless steps are taken to provide this Sperrins super highway.

Further that Council requests Officers to undertake research, majoring on economic, social and environmental hazards and benefits, expanding on work already done arguing for the Cookstown bypass.

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

Matters for Decision

15. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 22 November 2018
16. Audit Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 27 November 2018
17. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 3 December 2018
18. Planning Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 4 December 2018
19. Development Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2018
20. Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2018

Matters for Information

21. Document for Sealing: Lease of Lands at Knockmany Forest between the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Mid Ulster District Council

Documents for Sealing

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 22 November 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor McPeake

Members Present: Councillors Bateson, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Milne, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

Others in Attendance **Agenda Item 4 – Deputation
Representatives from Southern Health & Social Care Trust**

Shane Devlin, Chief Executive
Aldrina Magwood, Director of Performance & Reform
Paul Morgan, Director of Children & Young Peoples Services
Melanie McClements, Director of Older People & Primary Care

Representatives from Northern Health & Social Care Trust

Dr Tony Stevens, Chief Executive
Ms Jennifer Welsh, Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Operations

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C258/18 Apologies

Councillor Ashton, Elattar, McAleer, Molloy and G Shiels

C259/18 Declarations of Interest

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

C260/18 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McPeake made reference to the Broadband Working Group meeting held on Monday 19th November and requested that Council, together with

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, send a letter to the Department of Communities seeking an urgent meeting regarding the allocation of £150m funding set aside for rural broadband which is being distributed across the north as opposed to being concentrated in areas of significant broadband deficits. Members concurred.

Resolved That Council together with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council send a letter to Department of Communities seeking an urgent meeting regarding the allocation of £150m funding set aside for rural broad band which may be distributed across the north as opposed to concentrated in areas where there is significant broadband deficits.

C261/18 Deputation – Northern Health & Social Care Trust and Southern Health & Social Care Trust

The Chair welcomed to the meeting representatives from Northern Health & Social Care Trust and invited them to address the Council.

Dr Tony Stevens, Chief Executive and Ms Jennifer Welsh, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Operations delivered their presentation detailed at appendix one.

Councillor Milne entered the meeting at 7.08pm

The Chair welcomed representatives of the Southern Health & Social Care Trust and invited them to address the Council.

Mr Devlin introduced himself as the new Chief Executive and his team, and together they delivered the presentation detailed at appendix two.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake thanked both Trusts for their presentations and invite questions.

Councillor Monteith made reference to the presentations and stated that whilst they were 'lovely', they did not bear a reflection of the service the people in the district were experiencing. He stated there was no mention of emergency GP provision, threats on Loane House, lack of investment to Oakridge, no mention had been made of a medical hub for which Dungannon has been told they were first in the queue yet repeatedly other areas have received them. He referred to mental health services and atrocious waiting lists and the knowledge of the difficulty of retaining a psychiatrist in the area. He concluded his comments stating that he did not know which Health Service was being represented but it is not the one which was being delivered to the people of Dungannon town highlighting that there were 39 GPs in the Southern Trust area, one of which is in Dungannon town.

In response, Mr Devlin advised that GPs were not included in the presentation as the Southern Health and Social Care Trust did not have responsibility for them although they would work in partnership and that Ms McClements had been liaising with the Board in relation to the GP situation.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 7.41pm

Ms McClements stated that the Trust was conscious of the current situation at Northland surgery in Dungannon and the previous closure of Dr Murty's surgery. She advised that the Health and Social Care Board would know by the end of November if they had applicants for Northland surgery and if not they would approach the Trust to see if they can provide a service like that at the Bannview Practice in Portadown.

Councillor Monteith sought a response on the other issues he had highlighted.

In response, Mr Devlin stated that there was no threat on services and that there was investment in a community care team.

With regard to the health hub Ms Magwood advised that the decisions on the hubs had been Ministerial and beyond their control but that following discussions with the Department in October, Ms McClements would now be the officer responsible in developing the business case for the proposed hub which was now top of the list. A meeting scheduled for 4 December was referenced and it was highlighted that four business cases would be up for consideration but although there was a strong business case it would be subject to funding but it was hoped that Dungannon would be next.

Councillor Monteith stressed that the hub had been discussed for some 25 years.

Mr Devlin referred to comments about Oakridge Social Education Centre and advised that he has been in post for six months and already had been involved in a number of meetings with regard to Oakridge. He stated that he had met with Members of Parliament in recent weeks and that Oakridge was now listed as priority.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to Northland Surgery stating that he had attended two meetings with the Trust regarding it one with Council and the other with his party and at both an assurance was given that there was parallel conversations and if the matter of securing GPs fell to the Trust how competent were they in securing them. Councillor Cuthbertson also referred to car parking at the Craigavon Hospital site stating that it was a disgrace as it was a nightmare to try to get parked.

Ms McClements referred to the GP situation at Northland surgery and advised there was ongoing discussions but it would be wrong to pre-empt outcomes at this stage. With regards to being competent with GP appointments Ms McClements stated that it would be a struggle but that some GPs prefer to be employed by the Trust and work 9-6 pm and not have to run the business element of a practise. Drawing on the experience from Bannview practise Ms McClements stated that the Trust had achieved a static workforce and it would be hoped, if required, this would happen at Northland.

In response to the comments on car parking Mr Devlin made reference to the Antrim hospital site and others that have introduced car parking charges which result in both staff and patients paying to park but the outcome was easier parking.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he was a patient at Northlands and since the news broke it had been a very unsettling situation especially for elderly people. He stated that a clear way forward was required and people needed to know what was happening. He referred to the situation in Portadown and advised that the UUP had looked at the model and

sought assurance that it would happen at the Northland surgery if GPs were not secured. He also stated that the situation at Northland and that of the former Dr Murty practise must be put forward in the business case for the proposed hub and stressed that people needed to be sure of medical care. Councillor Cuddy stated that the district was within an area the leadership of political parties was situated yet it was an area that was always left behind.

Councillor Mallaghan thanked the Trusts for their presentations and asked if there was any ambition for a 1-1 service. He referred to primary care centres in Newtownabbey and voiced his disappointment with regard to Cookstown which was further away from many medical services and would have been the fairer option. Councillor Mallaghan spoke of the vulnerable person hub scheduled to commence in January/February stating that it would be valuable. Speaking with regard to capital plans with Causeway and Antrim hospital and the ambition for additional bed space referring to the modular buildings which in 10 years would be removed for permanent build.

In response Dr Stevens stated that the decision on centres such as that in Newtownabbey ultimately is that of the Department not the Trust although they could argue on priority but stressed he was not happy that the Northern Trust only had one centre prioritised. He spoke also of the services in Whiteabbey and that of Ballymena and stated that the investment in Newtownabbey was welcome as the Trust could release real estate which would generate money to be invested back into services. Referring to priority areas he stated that Magherafelt arguable had a higher priority than that of Cookstown and that from a Northern Ireland perspective roads should be a high priority. He stressed that a strong case was being made for investment in the Northern part of Mid Ulster in the next wave of investment and that there was investment in the Westland site for a range of services.

Dr Steven's stated that he could not influence regional decisions as each Trust area would have their own views but that he would make a case for two or three medical care centres with Magherafelt being one of the areas.

With regard to temporary beds at Antrim hospital Dr Stevens stated that the hospital geographically was in the wrong place but it had to be lived with and that in the last ten years investment had went east and west and his challenge now was to attract investment for Mid Ulster to develop its services. Speaking of Antrim hospital he stated they required a women and children's centre, a midwifery led unit and whilst 72 beds were required they had been offered 24 in high quality sectional buildings and would have them in April. He stated his hope would be in the future to reuse the sectional buildings for something else but the focus now was to secure investment in Antrim and stressed the importance of politicians and Councils to support both Antrim and Craigavon hospitals. Dr Stevens highlighted the cataract surgery and stressed that services needed to be shifted from Derry and Belfast. Dr Stevens referred again to not being granted the 72 beds required for 4-5 years and to the fact that there was no Minister for Health and posed the question could Northern Ireland please have a government as decisions needed to be made.

Councillor McLean stated it was easy to be critical but it was important to recognise progress and advised that the services at the Magherafelt site was welcome. Regarding car parking at Antrim hospital he stated it had been painful but did prove to be correct

and that the colleagues in the Southern Trust had no option but to introduce charges as it was the lesser evil to pay for a space than not have it, he also concurred with Dr Stevens that a half a loaf was better than no loaf and welcomed the additional 24 beds. Councillor McLean also highlighted after care and issues regarding care packages.

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 8.07 pm

Councillor J Shiels referred to recent issues regarding breast cancer screening when only 11% of people had been seen within the 14 day guideline and stated that whilst the situation had now been rectified what was being done to ensure it did not happen in the future.

Councillor Wilson asked if there were any proposals to extend minor injuries in Magherafelt as if hours were extended it would ease pressures in A&E at Antrim. He advised he had been in A&E in Antrim hospital and it had been like a battlefield. He further asked how many Locums operate out of Causeway hospital.

Dr Steven's advised that he would like to invest more in minor injuries as it had huge potential referring to the excellent unit in Dungannon. He advised that the difficulty was in securing qualified nursing practitioners but that the Ambulance service pathway programme was doing excellent work for example visiting patients who had experienced falls at home.

Councillor M Quinn returned to the meeting at 8.11pm

In response to question regarding Locums Ms Welsh advised that there was one permanent consultant in the Emergency Department and three other long-term locums but that the Northern Trust was endeavouring to bring more permanency to the situation

With regard to breast cancer response times Ms Welsh stated that the summer months had been challenging when demand had outstripped capacity due to planned leave and sick leave. She advised if a woman was seen by her GP and cancer was suspected the plan was to have a triple assessment ie radiologist, pathologist and surgeon within 14 days but this had not been possible. She advised that clinically a longer wait would not make that much difference but it did make a huge difference psychologically for those waiting. Ms Welsh advised that some had to wait 44 days and others 62 but that clinically the cases had been prioritised and decisions had been correct as those but back had thankfully not had cancer. Ms Welsh advised that the service was back on course but that people were already working longer than their contract hours and that it was a known fact that there was not enough significant investment thus the capacity was not there. Ms Welsh also advised that during the busy period the Southern Trust had supported the Northern Trust.

Ms Welsh in response to questions regarding domiciliary care packages, nursing and care homes that this was a huge piece of work and that there was an ongoing struggle to secure staff as for too long this has not been a valued career. Ms Welsh stressed that there needed to be an increase in wages and that they had met with the Health and Social Care Board to make the roles more attractive. She advised that they continued to work with care providers but the area would continue to be challenging.

Councillor Kearney suggested that Members visit facilities discussed instead of waiting for another 12 months for an update.

In response Dr Steven's stated he would be delighted for such visits to take place.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Agewell Service

Councillor Burton welcomed investment in the Agewell Service. The Councillor then spoke of care packages stating that whilst the outcome of assessments was being awaited beds were being blocked and thus she shared the concerns highlighted by Councillor Monteith in relation to Loane House its security and long-term investment plans. Councillor Burton also spoke of the former South Tyrone Hospital forum which had previously lobbied for the minor injuries unit and other services yet the public had walked away from it as it had been felt that the Trust had used it as a bench mark that they had met with the community. Councillor Burton highlighted the frustrations of lack of services and stressed that members were passionate about the services in the district.

Councillor Clarke stated that the presentations whilst illuminating were worrying and that he welcomed any proposed services. He stressed that his big concern was that the North had a big pond with a river running south to north, two acute hospitals positioned to the east side of it geographically and that west of the line Mid Ulster is heading towards a population of 160k and that the positioning of acute hospitals was wrong, highlighting Antrim in particular. He advised that he lived on the worst roads in the country an hour from South West, Craigavon, Antrim and Altnagalvin and emphasised that acute services in the Mid Ulster region needed to be addressed. He highlighted that due to the roads Mid Ulster had the worst ambulance response times and the highest number of calls for the air ambulance and that the region may as well be an island in the Atlantic Ocean. Councillor Clarke stressed that deficits in services needed to be addressed west of the Bann as the area was underserved.

Councillor S McGuigan spoke of the proposed hub for Dungannon and stated that the current South Tyrone Hospital site would not have sufficient carparking facilities if the hub services was allocated to it and asked was there any thought given to an alternative site. He also questioned GP buy in to any proposed hub given that many had their own premises and perhaps mortgages on same.

In response, Ms Magwood advised that the issues raised would be addressed in the business case with all benefits and options both financial and nonfinancial would be considered. She also stressed that in relation to primary care interface opportunities and options that the Trust was very much at the start of the journey. Referring to the former hospital forum she advised she had worked with it in the past.

Mr Devlin referred to the engagement with the community in Newry and advised that the Southern Trust would be more than happy to mirror what happened and would be delighted to work with Council on a health and care forum.

Ms McClement assured Members that Loane House was valued by the Trust and was a highly respected rehabilitation unit offering a high quality service. She advised there was ongoing issues with regard to medical cover but that there was a relationship with the out of hours GP service but that other facilities was being looked at. Ms McClement also

made reference to the day hospital but advised that strategically the best place for people was in their own home and other paths were interim options.

Dr Stevens spoke at length regarding the positioning of Antrim hospital and what would happen if hospitals could be moved but stressed the reality was that it would not happen. In an ideal world the hospitals would all be positioned around the lough but as this would not happen the focus needed to be on road improvements. He advised that since improvements on the Frosses Road journey times had improved by 15-20 minutes and since building new hospitals and relocating existing would not be feasible roads could be fixed.

Councillors Reid and McEldowney left the meeting at 8.40pm

In response to Councillor Kearney's request for site visits Dr Stevens stated he would be delighted to host same.

The Chair Councillor McPeake thanked everyone for their contributions and closed discussion.

C262/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted on "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2018

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 October 2018 (C235/18 – C250/18 and (C257/18) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C263/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2018

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Robison and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 (P138/18 – P142/18 and P147/18) transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

Councillors Burton and Gildernew declared an interest in PR225/18 Brantry Forest Development Project MUDC and DAERA

C264/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 November 2018

Councillor Burton drew attention to PR225/18 *Brantry Forest Development Project MUDC and DAERA* and sought clarity regarding the establishment of community partnership agreement for sustainable management solutions as detailed at point (d) of the recommendation to Council. The Councillor also drew attention to the fact that the only source of heating was to light a fire from which the smoke tended to blow back into the room and asked, if for example, a potbelly stove could be installed as part of the project.

In response the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that a small amount of money would be set aside for a service level agreement regarding the maintenance of the building and that part of the project incorporated looking at the building itself.

Councillor S McGuigan drew attention to PR230/18 Lease and Licence of Lands at Knockmany Forest from DAERA/Forest Service and asked how flexible the Service Level Agreement could be as potential people tended to live a distance from Knockmany.

In response the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that the Head of Parks was currently working with community groups in relation to the Service Level Agreement.

Councillor McEldowney returned to the meeting at 8.45pm

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018 (PR220/18 – PR232/18 and PR242/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C265/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 (E305 – E328/18 and E341/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.45pm

C266/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 November 2018

Councillor Burton drew attention to D212/18 Aughnacloy Changing Room Reallocation and sought an amendment to point 3 of the resolve to read - *That it be recommended to*

Policy and Resources Committee that Council agrees to fund the complete works at a Cost of circa £45,000. The Councillor advised that there had been discussion at the meeting regarding the changing rooms and stressed that there was a state of the art facility and that the changing rooms were not as they should be. Councillors Monteith and McNamee concurred with the amendment.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That the minute be amended at point 3 of the resolve to read - That it be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee that Council agrees to fund the complete works at a Cost of circa £45,000.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 15 November 2018 (D205/18 – D219/18 and D225/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

Councillor Mullen left the meeting at 8.46pm

C267/18 Conferences, Seminars and Training – Attendance by Members

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the undernoted for attendance of Councillors and Council Officers as outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Conference & Seminars – Attendance by Members

- ***ICBAN: The Future of Cross-Border Cooperation – ‘Border Compass’***
 - Slieve Russell Hotel in Ballyconnell, County Cavan
 - Friday 30 November 2018, 9.45 am – 1.00 pm
 - Conference fee: nil, travel & subsistence
 - Councillors S McGuigan, Councillor McAleer to attend
- ***Co-operation Ireland All Island Local Authority Forum, Study Visit to Seamus Heaney HomePlace***
 - Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy
 - Wednesday 28 November 2018, 9.30 am
 - Conference fee: nil, travel & subsistence

The Head of Democratic Services drew particular attention to the aforementioned conference taking place on Wednesday 28 November advising that Members could still attend should they wish to do so.

(ii) Member Training Requests

- **Irish Class (Beginners)**
 - Burnavon Arts & Culture Centre
 - Commencing 22 January 2019 10am -11.30am
 - Fee £30, travel & subsistence
 - Councillor N Doris to attend

(iii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
Global Goals Local Action Conference	23/11/18	3	Bangor	No
Retrospective				
Global Goals Local Action Conference	10/11/18	1	Craigavon	£25

Councillor T Quinn left the meeting at 8.52 pm

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That the attendance of Members and Officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attendees.

C268/18 Civic Recognition Requests

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated council policy.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

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

Matters for Information

C269/18 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Members noted previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council since the last meeting of the Council.

Resolved That Council note the consultations within the Consultations Report.

C270/18 Correspondence to Council – November 2018

The previously circulated report to update the Council on correspondence received from three organisations presented to Council:

- Permanent Secretary, Department of Health
- Conradh na Gaeilge
- Water & Drainage Division, Department for Infrastructure
- Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Councillor S McGuigan drew attention to the letter received from Conradh na Gaeilge and stated that Council should engage with and encourage the local community to showcase their celebration of Irish within the dates of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that the request would be referred to the Bilingual Working Group.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That

- (i) the request of Conradh na Gaeilge that Council should engage with and encourage the local community to showcase their celebration of Irish within the dates of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 be referred to the bi-lingual working group to progress; and
- (ii) Council note correspondence received.

C271/18 Notice of Motion

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the motion he wished to move as undernoted:

“This Council notes that the Belfast Trust are struggling to recruit a Paediatric Pathologist. This Council urges the Permanent Secretary of Health to approach this issue on an All Island basis. This would reduce the already enormous burden from parents suffering from bereavement. The process of carrying out a Post Mortem should be done sensitively and swiftly so a family can get the answers they need from professionals. By using services in England this would prolong this. This Council urges that arrangements be made with the health service in Dublin.”

Councillor Mallaghan advised that the situation had occurred partly due to retirements and now the final paediatric pathologists will cease carrying out the role in February 2019.

He also advised that since submitting the motion he had learned that the NHS has already approached the Health service in the south who have 5 pathologists with this expertise and that they are expecting retirements and end of service for other reasons in the near future so thus they would have no capacity to take on additional cases. He also advised that an agreement has been put in place with Alder Hay hospital in Liverpool to prioritise cases from the North but that they did not have the capacity to fly the service in.

Councillor Mallaghan sought permission to amend the motion to read

“This Council notes that the Belfast Trust are struggling to recruit a Paediatric Pathologist. This Council urges the Permanent Secretary of Health to approach this issue on an All Island basis. This would reduce the already enormous burden from parents suffering from bereavement. The process of carrying out a Post Mortem should be done sensitively and swiftly so a family can get the answers they need from professionals. By using services in England this would prolong this. This Council urges that arrangements be made with the health service in Dublin and further that the health service both north and south explore the possibility of a joint recruitment exercise so that the service can be provided on an all island basis on the island of Ireland”.

Councillor McGinley seconded the amended motion.

Councillor Wilson stated that the situation was despicable and one that everyone would be united in opposition against. He stated that the loss of a young child is the hardest thing anyone could ever have to endure and whilst sadly some deaths were anticipated others come out of nowhere with an unimaginable force of shock and drama in the midst of which a doctor has to advise if a post mortem is to be carried out a child's body must be flown to England for an uncertain period of time. He advised that even if a parent could go with the child they were leaving behind a wider support network of family and friends when they are most needed the alternative never knowing what caused the death of your child a decision you may live to regret. Councillor Wilson stressed that the situation was outrageous.

Councillor Wilson posed a number of questions regarding the motion such as; Why only urge the Department to do one thing? Why not request that a doctor is flown in so many days a week? Why not tell the Department for Health that the situation is not good enough and should not have been allowed to get to this stage? Councillor Wilson stressed that the situation was far too serious to meddle with words and said that the Ulster Unionist Party would support the motion and would not oppose an all Island solution if it would help grieving parents but emphasised that all options should be looked at. He did voice caution in that All Island solutions were not always perfect referring to the paediatric cardiac services which following withdrawal from same at Belfast was disastrous for the first few years as the decision was made prior to capacity becoming available at the Children's Hospital in Dublin resulting in ill vulnerable children having to go to England for surgery and families being split.

Councillor Wilson also stated that the coldness of the announcement of the ending of paediatric post-mortems in Belfast was particularly bad with no one taking accountability or showing any sense of empathy and now parents will shortly be left dealing with the consequences of it. Councillor Wilson stated that he wondered if there was a Health Minister in the country would the announcement really have been made at all and would a Minister really have stood back and allowed the situation to get so serious and then still do nothing whenever the Trust said they were just ending the service? He stressed that the Minister would have been called to the Stormont chamber and held to account for it but since there was not Minister and an Assembly that doesn't meet it had happened. Councillor Wilson concluded stating that if an Assembly and Executive could not be restored that the inapt Secretary of State takes action should it be putting the wheels in

motion for introducing direct rule as public services simply could not be allowed to drift any longer.

Councillor Monteith stated that it was clear that possibilities had been explored and declared his support for the motion saying that everyone has known someone who has experienced the horror of the death of a child, an experience which has lifelong impact on well being and now this decision further traumatises people in the midst of their worst nightmare. He further stated that people in England have no comprehension of how funerals are dealt with in Ireland where it is custom that a person's funeral is within two or three days of their death not three or four weeks as is the custom and practise in England. Thus if the post mortem is in England what sort of impact will this have! Councillor Monteith stated that the decision highlights the aloofness of the health service and that Council should do whatever it can to alleviate the situation. He stated that if recruitment was the issue higher incentives were required and that the message needed to be clear that such practises were not in the name of Council.

Councillor Kearney stated that there is nothing in life as painful as the loss of a child and the loss of this service here means that both deceased children and babies will need to be transported to England if parents or the Coroner needs answers as to the cause of death.

He stated that post-mortems provide vital information, particularly for families with other children whose health could potentially be at risk to an underlying condition, knowledge which is also invaluable to HealthCare Professionals. He stated that the Congenital Heart Disease Network is a shining example of an All-Ireland health service and that it is welcome news that the network at Our Lady's Hospital Dublin has received further funding to develop its services by adding to a four-bed extension to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. He emphasised that the network has meant that children's heart surgery can be carried out in Dublin rather than families having to travel across the water for life-saving surgery. Councillor Kearney stressed that it is imperative that the two Departments of Health, both North and South, continue to work together in the interests of patients, to devise similar plans to ensure that infant post-mortems can be carried out here at home in Ireland. Councillor Kearney said that from contact with Mark H Durkin MLA that Mr Pengelly has indicated that alternative Paediatric Pathology solutions are being explored, including a cross-border option, as well as the possibility of using new emerging technologies. He also advised that the SDLP was awaiting a response from ROI Health Minister Simon Harris TD, having written to him underlining the benefits of collaboration on this issue. Councillor Kearney stated that the SDLP supported the motion.

Councillor McLean concurred with the concern regarding the situation which is occurring from the declining number of professionals available and stated that the DUP would not oppose the motion.

Councillor McEldowney supported the motion and spoke with emotion concerning the stillbirth of her grandson in October 2017 and how her daughter had clung to her child of two in the days following the death. Councillor McEldowney stressed the importance of being with family at such a time and stressed her support to Councillor Mallaghan in moving the motion.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake put the aforementioned amendment to the meeting

The amendment was accepted unanimously.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake put the amended motion to the meeting

The motion was unanimously agreed.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake declared the motion carried.

Councillor Mallaghan thanked all parties for their support and reflecting on the debate advised in relation to the suggestion of flying in the service the information available had been that this was not an option.

The press and public left the meeting at 8.55pm

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved: That items C272/18 – C282/18 be taken as confidential business.

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Meeting Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 25 October 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 6 November 2018
- (iii) Policy & Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 8 November 2018
- (iv) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 13 November 2018
- (v) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 15 November 2018
- (vi) Fivemiletown Capital Programme

Documents for Sealing

- (i) Documents for Sealing: Invest NI Letter of Offer regarding Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme
- (ii) Document for Sealing: Invest NI Letter of Offer: Digital First Programme
- (iii) Document for Sealing: Collaborative Agreement: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Women in Business
- (iv) Document for Sealing: 'Lease of Lands alongside the River Bann, Portglenone between William Baxter Chesney and Mid Ulster District Council'

- (v) Document for Sealing: 'Lease of Lands at Davagh Forest between Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs'

C283/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 9.12pm

Chair _____

Date _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Monday 3 December 2018 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present	Councillor Reid, Chair Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney (7.01 pm), McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, J O'Neill
Officers in Attendance	Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Colm Currie, Principle Building Control Officer 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 Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Mr Shane Beckett, Complainant - Time Bar Venue Mr Brendan McCusker, Time Bar Venue Mr Jim Maneely, Clarman Architects – Moe's Bar

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E342/18 Apologies

Councillors Mulligan, M Quinn, Totten

E343/18 Declarations of Interest

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

E344/18 Chair's Business

No issues.

Matters for Decision

E345/18 Dual Language Signage Requests

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 McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

- Hawthorne Crescent, Dungannon

E346/18 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.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

To accept the report recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan

Not to proceed with the report recommendations.

The Chair put the two proposals to the vote.

Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal not to proceed with the erection of signage.

For	5
Against	8

Councillor McGinley's proposal to proceed with the recommendation was put to the vote:

For	8
Against	5

Councillor Kearney entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

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

- Mayogall Road, Magherafelt
- Lisnastrane Park, Coalisland
- Mullinderg, Draperstown

E347/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing development within Mid Ulster.
Site of Moy Road, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to name new residential development of Moy Road, Dungannon as follows:

- **Street 1**

1. Oaklands Drive
2. Oaklands Way
3. Oaklands Avenue

- **Street 2**

1. Oaklands View
2. Oaklands Close

- **Street 3**

1. Oaklands Way
2. Oaklands Avenue
3. Oaklands Drive

- **Street 4**

1. Oaklands Crescent
2. Oaklands Way

- **Street 5**

1. Oaklands Close
2. Oaklands Court
3. Oaklands Way

E348/18 Restart a Heart Day 2018 and Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Update – Action Plan 2018/19

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the Mid Ulster 'Restart a Heart Day' event that was held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 and advise of community resuscitation progress.

The Chair stated that this was a great initiative and that it was good to see people availing of the training. He enquired if there were any statistics available for people requiring resuscitation across Mid Ulster.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that there are no statistics available at present relating to Mid Ulster area, but could be sourced if required. She referred to statistics for Northern Ireland and said that each year there are around 1,400 out of

hospital cardiac arrests and that every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by up to 10%.

The Chair said he couldn't encourage people enough to get involved and said that it should be promoted through other avenues like church halls and community halls etc and asked if this could be pursued. He said that social media was a good advertising mechanism and it may be worthwhile letting people know that defibrillator training is out there and can be availed of.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the Ambulance Service has advised that defibrillators can be registered with them to include keycode etc. They have said that this would be very useful when people phone the Emergency Services and a code can be provided to use the defibrillator. She stated that the Ambulance Service also advised that they would be happy to maintain and look after the defibrillators.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that over 400 people attended the training provided and that it was encouraging to see such a huge uptake.

Councillor McGinley said that he wanted to commend all involved in the project, as it can prove invaluable, as was the case in the Lough Shore when a defibrillator was used to save a man's life and said that he would be more than happy to agree to the recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to note the content of the report and approve the Draft Action Plan 2018/19.

Matters for Information

E349/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 13 November 2018

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 13 November 2018.

E350/18 Service Directory of Local Services for Pharmacists – Cookstown

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the Service Directory of Local Services for Pharmacists – Cookstown.

E351/18 Building Control Workload

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

E352/18 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E353/18 Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements

Members noted previously circulated report to inform of the working arrangements in respect of refuse/recycling collection and operation of Recycling Centres during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

E354/18 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

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

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McGinley 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 E355/18 to E361/18.

Matters for Decision

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| E355/18 | Entertainment Licensing – Time Bar Venue |
| E356/18 | Entertainment Licensing – Moe's Bar |
| E357/18 | Tender for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of
1 No.Baler |
| E358/18 | Tender for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Static
Compactors |
| E359/18 | Cemeteries Administration Costs and the Scale of Charges |

Matters for Information

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| E360/18 | Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 13
November 2018 |
| E361/18 | Capital Projects Update |

E362/17 Christmas Greetings

The Chair wished members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

E363/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.15 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow (8.55 pm), Kearney, McAleer (7.14 pm), McEldowney, McKinney, S McPeake, Robinson

Officers in Attendance

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

Others in Attendance

Councillors B McGuigan, D McPeake, Molloy

Applicant Speakers

LA09/2018/0450/F Mr Monaghan
Mr McGill
LA09/2018/0720/F Mr Leonard
LA09/2018/1323/O Mr Nelson

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that Councillor Bateson had resigned from Council and thanked him for his service as a member of the Planning Committee. The Chair welcomed Councillor Donal McPeake, who would be an observer to tonight's meeting and would join the Planning Committee when required training was received.

P148/18 Apologies

Councillor Mullen.

P149/18 Declarations of Interest

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

P150/18 Chair's Business

The Planning Manager referred to recent appeal decision regarding dumping at Killyliss and advised that the appeal had been dismissed. It was advised that this was primarily on the grounds that unlawful dumping had not occurred.

The Planning Manager advised that legal advice was being sought on whether Council should accept or challenge the appeal decision.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination. The Chair sought approval to have the following applications deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting –

Agenda Item 4.4 – LA09/2017/0771/O – Dwelling and garage approx. 60m SW of 13 Barrack Road, Ballymaguigan for Joe Crozier.

Agenda Item 4.6 – LA09/2017/1101/O – Off site replacement dwelling and domestic garage / store with the existing dwelling to be retained as ancillary use to the main dwelling at approx. 165m SW of no 73 Ballyscullion Road, Bellaghy for Mr Gavin Breslin.

Agenda Item 4.8 – LA09/2017/1333/O – Farm managers dwelling and domestic garage at site adjacent to 91 Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Mr Alan McKeown.

Agenda Item 4.15 – LA09/2018/0725/O – Bungalow and garage adjacent to 7a Keady Road, Upperlands for Miss C O'Kane.

Agenda Item 4.17 – LA09/2018/0874/O – Site for farm dwelling and garage at approx. 100m NE of 90 Ballyscullion Road for Anne Marie McIvor.

Agenda Item 4.19 – LA09/2018/0942/F – Change of use from office building to dwelling at 20m NW of 32 Luney Road, Desertmartin for Doreen Leacock.

Agenda Item 4.22 - LA09/2018/1120/O – Infill dwelling 40m N of 98 Kilrea Road, Portglenone for Noel Henry.

Agenda Item 4.26 - LA09/2018/1238/F – Retention of existing agricultural storage shed approx. 20m SW of 31A Culbane Road, Portglenone for Mr Ger McPeake.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above be deferred from tonight's list for consideration for an office meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan sought approval to have the following application deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for a site meeting –

Agenda Item 4.24 – LA09/2018/1152/F – 2 apartments (in lieu of previously approved dwelling LA09/2017/1542/F) at approx. 7m NW of 6 Ferguy Heights, Cookstown for Roger McCombe.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1152/F be deferred from tonight's list for consideration for a site meeting.

Matters for Decision

P151/18 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2016/1301/F Change of use from vacant dwelling to commercial offices with 2 storey rear return extension, parking area to rear and 2 new dwellings with associated site works within lands to rear at 43 The Square, Moy for Mrs Monica Hughes

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1301/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1301/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0117/F Detached dwelling and domestic garage to the rear of 37 Mayogall Road, Gulladuff for PSK Developments

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0117/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0117/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0567/F Extension to existing factory, engineering and other ground works including retaining structure to provide serviced industrial and commercial sites. Construction of a through road linking Coalisland Road to Carland Road and associated right hand turning lane including realignment of Rossmore Road at lands at and between 48 Coalisland Road and 11 Cookstown Road, Dungannon (former Tyrone Brick Works) including lands at Rossmore Road and Cookstown Road for Maximus Crushing and Screening

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2017/0567/F advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion highlighted addendum circulated in which the following additional conditional should be attached –

Prior to the new access onto Carland Road becoming operational the existing access from Rossmore Road shall be permanently closed up.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the recommendation and stated that it was exciting to see the site being redeveloped. The Councillor referred to press coverage today and at the weekend which stated that the application had already been approved, he stated he was aware that this information would not have come from Council.

Councillor Clarke seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal and stated that it was good to see the site being brought back into use.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the Planning Committee determine planning applications not the press.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0567/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and additional condition as listed above.

LA09/2017/0771/O Dwelling and garage approx. 60m SW of 13 Barrack Road, Ballymagaigan for Joe Crozier

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1039/F Exit from new car park to rear of existing Church and proposed Church Hall complex at lands N of Lecumpher Presbyterian Church, 106 Desertmartin Road, Moneymore for The Kirk Session

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1039/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1039/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1101/O Off-site replacement dwelling and domestic garage/store, with the existing dwelling to be retained as ancillary use to main dwelling at approx. 165m SW of 73 Ballyscullion Road, Bellaghy for Mr Gavin Breslin

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1238/F 21 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping at Killymeal House and adjacent lands, Killymeal Road, Dungannon for J and V Construction

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2017/1238/F advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion highlighted addendum circulated in which the following additional conditional should be attached –

Prior to the occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved, the dwellings shall be connected to NI Water waste water infrastructure in accordance with a scheme agreed with NI Water.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1238/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and additional condition as listed above.

LA09/2017/1333/O Farm Managers dwelling and garage at site adjacent to 91 Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Mr Alan McKeown

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1407/O Industrial and commercial units on serviced sites on lands between A29 Cookstown Road/Rossmore Road and 48 Coalisland Road, Dungannon for Maximus Crushing and Screening

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1407/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1407/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0246/O Residential development, open space, access, landscaping, new roundabout and associated site works at lands to the rear of 40 Ballyronan Road adjoining Kilronan School and to the rear of 35-57 and 65-75 Killowen Drive, Magherafelt for Acheson and Glover Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0246/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0246/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.14 pm.

LA09/2018/0450/F Vary condition of planning permission M/2010/0065/F (in respect of access arrangements) at lands adjacent to 33 Drumflugh Road, Benburb for Mr & Mrs Ken Crozier

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/0450/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

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

Mr Monaghan stated he was representing the objector to the application and was accompanied tonight by Dr Ryan, Civil Engineer.

Mr Monaghan stated that the permission had lapsed and was not valid and referred to the unauthorised removal of hedging after expiry of planning permission.

Mr Monaghan stated that when DfI Roads had been consulted they had stated that visibility splays could not be reduced however, after being threatened by judicial review they stated that a visibility splay of 2m x 70m was acceptable. Mr Monaghan stated there was no justification for this change of view.

Mr Monaghan stated that the lesser splay still does not get away from third party lands being required and advised that consent for the necessary lands would not be provided.

The Planning Manager stated that he understood what had been said but asked why the objection was being made ie. Was it due to road safety?

Mr Monaghan stated that the applicant was intensifying use of the laneway and it was a requirement of planning policy to achieve necessary visibility splays.

The Planning Manager stated that a case had been presented on behalf of the objector but it was unclear what the objection was and asked if it was because of loss of amenity or harm caused.

Mr Monaghan stated that the issue was not due to harm but rather inconsistency.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Mr McGill to address the Committee.

Mr McGill reiterated the points made by Mr Marrion and stated that the application would improve access arrangements.

It was advised that there were no recorded accidents at the proposed location and danger was unlikely to be caused by approving a 2m x 70m splay as accepted by DfI Roads.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0450/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0485/F Dwelling and domestic garage 100m to the rear of 98
Tulnacross Road, Dunamore, Cookstown for Mr John McGurk**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/0485/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Clarke stated he knew the location of the proposal but would not describe it as a prominent site, he stated it was a pity the applicant had not submitted the additional information requested however he stated that change of ownership within the family could have given rise to the number of different applications.

Ms McCullagh stated that the settlement pattern in the area was mainly bungalows but that the application was for a two storey dwelling.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked when the application was submitted.

Ms McCullagh advised that the application was submitted in April. She stated that the design of the application could be negotiated however the requested information remained outstanding.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan proposed that the application be deferred for 30 days to allow for additional information to be submitted.

Councillor Bell seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0485/F be deferred for 30 days to allow for further information to be submitted.

LA09/2018/0518/O Residential development of approx. 48 dwellings, access, amenity space, landscaping and ancillary site works at lands W of Forthglen and adjacent to 130 & 130A Orritor Road and including access on to Tullagh Road, Cookstown for JAMDAC Developments

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/0518/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bell asked if there was a reason why phase 1 land was not being developed.

The Planning Manager stated that in reality developers are not building because the market is not supporting them due to high deposit amounts being required by the bank for buyers to obtain a mortgage. The other reason phase 1 land was not being developed was because the zoning of land had been generous and that the population had not risen as predicted.

Councillor McKinney asked if there was any representative on the application in attendance tonight.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that a late request to speak had been received in respect of the application.

Councillor McKinney stated that if the representative was in attendance the Committee should afford them three minutes to speak.

The Planning Manager stated there was no reason why phase 2 lands should be released, there had been no significant take up of phase 1 lands and that to approve the application could give rise to other applications. The Planning Manager stated there were discussions to be had in relation to land phasing with regard to the Local Development Plan.

Councillor McKinney stated he understood what had been said however there had already been three minutes spent talking about the application which could have been afforded to the applicant's representative. Councillor McKinney referred to the large scale of the application and proposed that the application be deferred for 60 days to allow the representative to come back to Committee to speak.

The Planning Manager stated that the applicant chose to apply on phase 2 lands and if the applicant disagrees with a decision to refuse the application they can then go to planning appeals.

In response to Councillor Bell's question the Planning Manager stated that the lands in question were phased as part of Cookstown Area Plan in 2004.

Councillor McAleer asked if the adjoining phase 1 land was in ownership of someone else.

The Planning Manager advised that the phase 1 lands were in someone else's ownership and it was up to the applicant to negotiate on this matter however the main difficulty remained that the proposal was to be sited on phase 2 lands. The Planning Manager stated that if there was a shortage of phase 1 land Members would be advised however this was not the case and there was evidence to support this.

Councillor Bell asked if the phase 2 lands in this instance could be hamstrung.

The Planning Manager stated that access to the lands could be negotiated but as the application stood there was no solution and the situation would not change in two months.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he had not allowed other late requests to speak.

Councillor McKinney stated that there were other applications that had been deferred tonight and would be discussed behind closed doors.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that everyone had the same opportunity to make a request to speak.

The Planning Manager stated that the public may have been given a false impression of what was happening in that meetings were held behind closed doors. The Planning Manager stated that all Members were notified of office meetings and were welcome to attend, the office meetings are minuted and a report is brought back to committee. The Planning Manager urged caution in relation to Member's use of wording.

The Council Solicitor stated that speaking rights are set out in protocol and are part of the Council's standing orders. She stated that protocol was in place for a good reason and the requirements are set out clearly therein. One of the purposes of imposing the speaking rights deadline is to have everyone on equal footing and to allow the officers and members to receive and address any additional information prior to the planning meeting being held.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the application is contrary to the area plan and that the applicant would have known this when applying.

Councillor Gildernew proposed the recommendation to refuse the application.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0518/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0720/F Change of house design to previously approved dwelling under M/2006/1299/RM at approx. 60m E of 31 Mullaghmoyle Road, Coalisland for Declan Dorrity

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/0720/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

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

Mr Leonard requested deferral of the application and sought further clarification on whether the original application was valid when building commenced. Mr Leonard stated he was thankful for the amendments made to the proposal but still felt it will have an impact on his amenity. Mr Leonard stated he had not been afforded the opportunity to meet to discuss his concerns regarding the application and felt he should be afforded the same rights.

The Planning Manager stated that there was an argument over whether development had started and clarified that development is not deemed to have commenced if it does not accord with approved plans, however there was some leeway in this regard. The Planning Manager asked Mr Leonard what his biggest concern was in relation to the application ie. Overlooking, closeness to boundary.

Mr Leonard stated he would have concerns in relation to closeness to boundary and that the application had increased in mass.

The Planning Manager asked the applicant whether he would be prepared to meet to discuss the application as it appeared Mr Leonard was not against a house being built if it could be amended in some way from what was being proposed.

The applicant stated he had already made accommodations and would not be meeting to discuss the application further.

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

The Planning Manager stated that if the application is approved it could be open to legal challenge.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that if the two parties were not prepared to talk it was pointless arranging an office meeting.

Councillor Bell felt there was still some ambiguity around the original application.

The Planning Manager stated that the original permission had no condition as regards to occupancy and in the interim he assumed the land had now changed hands. The Planning Manager advised that the original permission does not accord with what has been built and the access is not the same as what was approved. The Planning Manager stated that the objector has questioned the validity of whether the original planning approval was live as if it wasn't then it would mean there was no permission on the site or to build on phase 2 lands. The Planning Manager stated that what had been built was not overly concerning and if building had continued it was likely no issue would have been raised.

The Council Solicitor stated she would like time to discuss the validity of the original application with the Planning Manager.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0720/F be deferred for an office meeting – both parties to be invited.

LA09/2018/0725/O Bungalow and garage adjacent to 7a Keady Road, Upperlands for Miss C O'Kane

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/0730/O Replacement dwelling at 60 Ferry Road, Derryloughan, Coalisland for E Quinn

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0730/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0730/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0874/O Site for dwelling and garage approx. 100m NE of 90 Ballyscullion Road, Bellaghy for Anne Marie McIvor

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/0879/F Extension to existing workshop and store and change of use of land for yard area at 158 Annagher Road, Coalisland for Spincraft Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0879/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0879/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0942/F Change of use from office building to dwelling at 20m NW of 32 Luney Road, Desrtmartin for Doreen Leacock

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1056/F Additional 5.5m wide vehicular access, 2 no 2m wide footpaths interlinked into existing footpath network including right turning lane to The Olde Fairways residential development (in substitution to previous approval M/2008/0501/F) adjacent to 90 Colebrooke Road, Fivemiletown for Rahoran Ltd

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/1056/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager stated that the applicant could get access via an existing housing development. The Planning Manager stated that the application is within a settlement in which the number of accesses onto a main route should be kept to a minimum. The Planning Manager stated he did not know why the applicant had proposed the alternative access as there was no one in attendance tonight to explain.

The Planning Manager stated that DfI Roads had been consulted and had raised a proliferation of accesses issue. The Planning Manager stated it was up to the developer to negotiate with the neighbouring landowner in relation to gaining alternative access.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated DfI Roads were not refusing the application because of road safety issues but rather the number of accesses onto a main route. The Councillor

felt this was slightly unfair as there was another development in Fivemiletown which had numerous accesses onto a main route.

The Planning Manager stated that it was obvious to question what difference one more access would make but that accesses off/onto a main route should be kept to a minimum in order to keep traffic moving. The Planning Manager stated that if there was no other access point the application may be looked at more sympathetically.

In response to question from the Chair it was advised that the proposed access did go through green space within the development.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated there was a lot of other green space around the development.

Councillor McAleer asked if it was known why the applicant wanted the access.

The Planning Manager stated that no one had requested to speak on the application nor was in attendance tonight. Mr Marrion stated that information had been requested from the applicant in September however no reply had been received.

The Council Solicitor advised that DfI Roads had not stated the application would not prejudice road safety, but rather that there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate this.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the developer had took over the site a couple of years ago and would not have submitted the original plans.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan proposed that the application be deferred for 30 days to allow for further information to be submitted.

Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1056/F be deferred for 30 days to allow for further information to be submitted.

LA09/2018/1063/F Substitution of planning permission LA09/2017/0022/O for site located immediately N of permitted site at 85m N of 25 Bogashen Road, Portglenone for JFM Construction Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1063/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1063/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1120/O Infill dwelling 40m N of 98 Kilrea Road, Portglenone for Noel Henry

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1141/F Construction of modular building with associated services and waste water treatment plant; extension of upper car park with improvement works to existing site access and pedestrian link footpath between lower and upper car parks at Knockmany Forest, Augher for Mid Ulster District Council

All Members present (Councillors Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, S McPeake, Robinson) declared an interest in this application.

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/1141/F advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion highlighted addendum circulated and advised that following recent school bus crash amended plans were received, he stated that objection had been received and that as consultation was still ongoing further objections may be received. It was advised that consultation period will end on 10 December.

The Planning Manager stated that the planning department had received amendments to the application which were not expected and that this required further consultation.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan suggested that further discussion on this item continue 'In Committee' for the purposes of receiving legal advice.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That further discussion on planning application LA09/2018/1141/F continue In Committee.

LA09/2018/1152/F Two apartments in lieu of previously approved dwelling (LA09/2017/1542/F) at approx. 7m NW of 6 Ferguy Heights, Cookstown for Roger McCombe

Application agreed to be deferred for site meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1196/O Dwelling and garage adjacent to 19 Loup Road, Moneymore for Mr P E Moran

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/1196/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1196/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1238/F Retention of existing agricultural storage shed at approx. 20m SW of 31A Culbane Road, Portglenone for Ger McPeake

Application agreed to be deferred for office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1282/O Dwelling and garage 110m NE of 4 Tamnymullan Lane, Maghera for Mr Robert Sufferin

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2018/1282/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee as a request for deferral had been received.

Mr Cassidy stated that the farm was active and had been established for over 6 years he further highlighted that Transport NI have no objections to the application. Mr Cassidy felt there were exceptional circumstances relating to the application as there was no minor road to utilise, he further added that no access would be given for a new house and that the mortgage company had advised that lending could not be obtained. Mr Cassidy requested deferral of the application.

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

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that the application will create a new access onto a Protected Route and that the agent does not believe there is any alternative to the proposal however he was not convinced the proposal was the only alternative. The Planning Manager stated that no weight can be attached to the applicant's difficulty in being able to get a mortgage.

Councillor McPeake felt there were a number of factors relating to the application, he highlighted that the laneway was not in the applicant's ownership and that the applicant was eligible for a farm dwelling.

The Planning Manager stated that the same arguments could be given to other applications and that whilst he was willing to meet to discuss the application the applicant needed to be willing to negotiate.

In response to Councillor Gildernew's question the Planning Manager stated there was no evidence to suggest the applicant did not have right of way for a dwelling.

Councillor McKinney stated that the applicant may have a right of way for the existing dwelling but may not have a right of way for another dwelling.

The Planning Manager stated this would be up to the applicant to prove.

Councillor Clarke stated there may be unfettered access on the laneway for a farm but not for a dwelling. Councillor Clarke stated that there were a number of residences on the laneway and that the application merited deferral for further discussion.

The Council Solicitor reminded Members that anything which was not a material consideration should not be taken into account ie. Private law matters such as rights of way, mortgage issues or devaluation of property.

The Planning Manager stated that there was no demonstration that what the Committee were being told was the situation. The Planning Manager stated that the office meeting will be to discuss other locations and not to rehearse the same argument.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1282/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2018/1323/O Dwelling and domestic garage at land approx. 120m W of 21 Legmurn Road, Stewartstown for Archie and Eileen Bowden

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that this application would be taken 'In Committee' due to the personal circumstances associated with the case.

LA09/2017/0802/F Replacement dwelling at 124 Sixtowns Road, Labby, Draperstown for Alastair Clerkin

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0802/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0802/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1474/O Dwelling and garage 250m SE of 6 Churchtown Road, Cookstown for Mark Bell

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1474/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1474/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P152/18 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 6 November 2018

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 6 November 2018.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney 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 item P151/18 (In Committee Items) and items P153/18 to P160/18.

Matters for Decision

- P151/18 Planning Applications for Determination (In Committee Items)
- P153/18 Consultation Response to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on their LDP
- P154/18 Receive Statement of Common Ground – LDP Sperrins Forum
- P155/18 Receive Statement of Common Ground – LDP Cross Border
- P156/18 Receive Enforcement Report

Matters for Information

- P157/18 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 6 November 2018
- P158/18 Enforcement Live Case List
- P159/18 Enforcement Cases Opened
- P160/18 Enforcement Cases Closed

P161/18 Christmas Greetings

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan wished Members and Officers a Happy Christmas.

P162/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 10.36 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____



ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 4th December 2018

Chairs Business:

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

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.3	Additional condition: Prior to the new access onto Carland Road becoming operational the existing access from Rossmore Road shall be permanently closed up.	Members to note
4.7	Additional condition: Prior to the occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved, the dwellings shall be connected to NI Water waste water infrastructure in accordance with a scheme agreed with NI Water.	Members to note
4.23	Late objection received	For members to note

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor McNamee, Chair

Councillors Burton (7.10 pm) Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde (7.09 pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn (7.01 pm) Milne, Molloy, Monteith, G Shiels (7.09 pm), Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure
Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D226/18 Apologies

Councillor Clarke

D227/18 Declaration of Interests

The Chair drew members attention to Agenda Item 5 - Community Development Report, particularly Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant awards and Sports Small Grant.

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Square Wheelers Moy.

D228/18 Chair's Business

The Chair, reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest and advised any declarations could be taken throughout the meeting.

The Chair offered the condolences of the Committee to Councillor George Shiels on the recent death of his mother.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Ian Milne to the Committee and advised that he would be replacing his daughter Councillor Niamh Milne. He said that he wanted to pass on good wishes to her for the future.

Councillor McFlynn entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

Matters for Decision

D229/18 Economic Development Report

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund
- 2) Magherafelt Revitalisation Project
- 3) Cookstown Revitalisation Project

Councillor Wilson referred to the last Town Centre Forum meeting where it was stated that the Cookstown Chamber of Commerce would longer exist and felt that it would be worthwhile investigating the option of keeping it alive as it is a worthwhile initiative.

The Director of Business and Communities said that there are two representatives from the Chamber of Commerce on the Town Centre Forum and from a governance point of view would follow the issue up.

Councillor Wilson said that it would be detrimental if the group were stood down.

- 4) Village Renewal Project
- 5) Coalisland Public Realm
- 6) Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG)

Councillor Monteith advised that there was a meeting this morning with representatives from Northern Ireland Water and Department for Infrastructure regarding Sewage Waste Treatment Works and the word coming from that meeting was not good. He said that checks are being carried out on the sewers in Dungannon area and the word coming back is that it's going to be a major issue over the years to come. It was stated that the water treatment works are up to scratch but the sewers are not and that they would be putting objections to any new developments requiring sewers. He said that there is plans in place for major projects but no capital projects for sewers in the interim and may not be considered until 2020-22. He stated that there was a need to make representation to the Permanent Secretary for Department for Infrastructure and ask that a meeting be arranged with Councillors to discuss concerns regarding funding initiatives. He advised that it was up to the Council to address this serious matter.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to noting the progress on the above schemes.

Councillor A Forde entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.
Councillor G Shiels entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.
Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.09 pm

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to write to the Permanent Secretary for Department for Infrastructure and ask that a meeting be arranged with Council representatives to discuss concerns regarding funding initiatives regarding Water and Sewerage.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with concerns raised and felt that the Regulator had a lot to do with this and if the Council could liaise with the people responsible, that it may prove helpful. He said that a large chunk of the funding would remain in Belfast in and around the Cathedral Quarters and University areas due to high rise buildings and felt that we need to address issues so that the West is not left out again. He stated that we were not going to meet our objectives if water treatment issues were not sorted.

Councillor Monteith felt that the issue in Town Centres were getting worse by the week as a number of retail units were closing in Dungannon and some in Cookstown. He said that the issue of Rates and the economic model for retail on the High Street was no longer sustainable and there was a need to write to the Permanent Secretary for Finance and ask if there is any intention to bring in Rates relief for town centre businesses, similar to the model to England, Scotland and Wales. He said that the way things are going there will be no town centres left.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to write to the Permanent Secretary for Finance and ask if there is any intention to bring in Rates relief for town centre businesses, similar to the model in England, Scotland and Wales, recently announced by the Chancellor.

D230/18 Community Development

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report to seek approval for:

1. Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Grant Award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals Grant and Good Relations Grant as per Appendix 1 £1,825 and £2,344.

2. Seek Committee approval for the Sports Small Grant recommendations

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Council Sports Small Grant recommendations as per Appendix 2 £20,859 and that underspend from the Capital Sports Grants be transferred to the Sports Small Grant budget.

3. Note the Community Development Update report

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to note the contents of the Community Development Update report.

D231/18 Sports Representative Grants

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to present to members the proposed Community Grants Allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Grant Allocations.

Councillor Cuddy referred to a young sportsperson in the Dungannon area reaching a very high level within his field and said at the time it was requested that a picture of the person would be hung at the Leisure Centre, but it was never done. He enquired why it was taking so long to put the photo up as this was requested some time ago.

The Acting Head of Leisure advised that he had liaised with the Leisure Centre Manager and the issue is currently be addressed and the photograph will be hung very shortly.

D232/18 Ardboe Play Area

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to ask for consideration regarding a request to Council for the relocation of Play Park facilities at Ardboe GAA Grounds (Rossa GFC).

The Chair advised that Councillor McGinley had been in contact with him regarding the issue of Ardboe Play Area and stated that he did not request to seek a relocation and neither did the Gaelic Club. He said that Councillor McGinley advised that although he wasn't totally against the proposal he had asked that consultations take place with the club before consulting with the rest of the community and stakeholders.

Councillor McFlynn agreed with Councillor McGinley's sentiments and felt that the local people be liaised with before proceeding.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to seeking consultation with the local GAA club in relation to suitable alternative safe location within the Club Grounds in the first instance. Thereafter an alternative site of the Club Grounds could be investigated through community consultation.

Matters for Information

D233/18 Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 November 2018

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 November 2018.

The Chair advised members that correspondence had been received from Department for Infrastructure regarding legislation around Town Centre Car Parking indicating that legislation would be in place by 21 December 2018 in all towns.

Councillor Monteith enquired about the situation around the 1 hour waiting restriction in Dungannon town are the Department taking a one size fits all approach?.

The Director for Business and Communities said that he would investigate the matter.

Councillor Monteith said that he would like to see a report to the January meeting detailing the policy framework supporting the decision to support the delivery of the Dungannon Youth Project and outlining how other sport/community groups will be supported with future requests.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a report be brought to the next Development Committee on break down used on criteria for Sports/Community Groups receiving specialist assistance.

D234/18 Corporate Halloween Events

Members noted previously circulated report, which provided an update on the recent Halloween Events within the District.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor Molloy 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 D235/18 to D238/18.

Matters for Decision

D235/18 Tender Report for the Mid Ulster Generalist Advice Contract
D236/18 Lands at Newferry Public Path and Angling Stands
D237/18 Seamus Heaney HomePlace Trails Projects Funding Application

Matters for Information

D238/18 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 November 2018

D239/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 19.55 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 December 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McLean (7.03 pm), S McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn, Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mrs Kerr, Head of Finance
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

PR243/18 Apologies

None.

PR244/18 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor Ashton declared an interest in Aughnacloy College.

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Brantry Forest.

PR245/18 Chair's Business

None.

Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.03 pm.

Matters for Decision

PR246/18 Magherafelt Office Heating System Upgrade

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to upgrade and fund the replacement of the heating boilers, fuel tank and

introduce a building management system for the efficient operation of the heating system in the Magherafelt Office.

In response to Councillor McLean's question the Head of Property Services advised that the costs itemised in appendix to report were estimated and that best value would have to be obtained through a tendering process for the works.

Councillor McLean felt that the costs listed seemed high but agreed that the works were necessary. Councillor McLean stated that on the basis of Council getting best value, he would propose the report recommendation.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McLean's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked what the yearly running costs will be for the new system compared to current costs and what savings can be achieved. Councillor McKinney also asked how the new system will be controlled.

The Head of Property Services advised that he could come back with costs/savings but highlighted that, on average, a plumber has had to be called with regard to heating at Magherafelt offices every six weeks since 2016 and a new system would automatically negate the need for that type of expense. The officer advised that the new system would be more energy efficient which would bring savings and that the new system could be controlled by zoning or on a room by room basis in order that room(s) which did not require heating on a particular day did not have to be heated, thereby savings can also be achieved.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked that Members be provided with comparison of running costs and savings to be made from installation of new heating system.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the release of £110,700 plus a 10% contingency (£122,400) from the Council Capital Program to undertake the heating system replacement and upgrade works as outlined in report at the Council's Magherafelt office.

PR247/18 Aughnacloy Changing Room Relocation

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which outlined proposal to uplift the existing changing block at Aughnacloy grass pitch to Aughnacloy College's 3G soccer pitch.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to progress the uplift of the existing changing block at Aughnacloy Grass Pitch to Aughnacloy College's 3G soccer pitch at a cost to Council of approximately £45,000.

PR248/18 Castledawson Play Park

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval to accept the valuation of £1,000 and progress transfer of land and equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked if the entrance to the play park had been amended in that current access was via Riverside House.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated she would have to check this but was of the belief that if Council is to acquire the play park a new entrance would be required.

Councillor Forde asked when the play park would be handed over and open.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that if the valuation is accepted tonight officers can then move ahead with finalising the legal agreement with NIHE. The Director advised the play park would be open in the New Year when the legal agreements were complete.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to accept the valuation of £1,000 and agree to the transfer of land and play equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive to Council ownership subject to agreement.

Matters for Information

PR249/18 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018.

PR250/18 Marketing & Communications Activity Update

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

PR251/18 Performance Improvement Six Month Progress Update (Objectives, Improvement projects and Indicators)

Members noted previously circulated report which provided monitoring information on the review of Council performance against its seven statutory and three corporate performance improvement indicators and standards. The report also provided a performance progress summary against the Council's four corporate improvement objectives and their associated project plans, along with an overview of the Corporate Health Indicators for the first six months of 2018/19.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy 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 PR252/18 to PR264/18.

Matters for Decision

PR252/18 Staffing Matters for Decision
PR253/18 Award of Integrated HR/Payroll Software Contract
PR254/18 Off Street Car Park Pay on Foot Pilot Scheme
PR255/18 Dungannon Market Square
PR256/18 Brantry Award Contract
PR257/18 2019/20 Insurances Update
PR258/18 Council's Financial Management Information System

Matters for Information

PR259/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018
PR260/18 Staffing Matters for Information
PR261/18 Update on Recalculation of holiday pay for staff
PR262/18 Contracts and DAC
PR263/18 Financial Report for 7 months ended 31 October 2018
PR264/18 2019/20 Rates Estimates Update

PR265/18 Christmas Greetings

The Chair, Councillor McKinney wished Members and Officers a Happy Christmas.

PR266/18 Duration of Meeting

The commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.50 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Committee: P&R Committee

Date: 6 December 2018

Matters Resolved by Committee

The following provides those matters resolved by the above named Committee as decisions to be considered for approval at the next meeting of Mid Ulster District Council.

Minute Ref	Matters Resolved by Committee
PR246/18	Magherafelt Office Heating System Upgrade That it be recommended to Council to approve the release of £110,700 plus a 10% contingency (£122,400) from the Council Capital Program to undertake the heating system replacement and upgrade works as outlined in report at the Council's Magherafelt office.
PR247/18	Aughnacloy Changing Room Relocation That it be recommended to Council to progress the uplift of the existing changing block at Aughnacloy Grass Pitch to Aughnacloy College's 3G soccer pitch at a cost to Council of approximately £45,000.
PR248/18	Castledawson Play Park That it be recommended to Council to accept the valuation of £1,000 and agree to the transfer of land and play equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive to Council ownership subject to agreement.

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	13 December 2018
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Eileen 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 (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2018-19 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The following are seminar/ conference sessions and member training requests presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster District Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members
3.1.1	Conferences & Seminars NILGA Performance Improvement for Transforming Councils Councillor Masterclass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antrim Civic Centre • Monday 28 January 10.30am – 1.00pm
3.1.2	Member Training Requests None
3.2	Officer Approvals There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals



Save the Date

Performance Improvement for Transforming Councils Councillor Masterclass

Antrim Civic Centre

Monday 28th January 10.30am – 1.00pm

NILGA, in association with the Department for Communities and Northern Ireland Audit Office invites Elected Members to the Performance Improvement for Transforming Councils' 'Masterclass' which will give councillors a greater understanding and confidence about:

- The Legislative Requirements
- The elected member role in Performance improvement – key to building a high performing council
- The role of the Department and the NIAO
- Using the Performance Improvement Duty to benefit councils / opportunities
- Benchmarking and best practice to drive success

Why Attend?

Elected members meaningful participation in performance improvement is key to building a high performing Council. This session will focus on increasing elected members understanding and skills on the performance improvement information they receive. In doing so, elected members will be better equipped to use this important duty to inform and improve council decision making in the interests of a more strategic place shaping approach to delivery.

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Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Vat Conference for Local Authorities	27/2/19	1	London	Yes

Retrospective

Regeneration NI Conference	29/11/18	1	Belfast	No
NI Leadership & Governance Conference	27/11/18	1	Lisburn	Yes

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 13 Decenber 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's <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .					
2.0	Background					
2.1	The policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at April 2018 Council. All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour & Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.					
2.2	<p><u>Recognition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Honour: recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>Civic Reception: will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition	Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition
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2.3	<u>Processing the Request</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed against the policy/criteria • Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this • Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception • Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to Council to receive letter from Council Chair
2.4	Appendix A to this report sets out those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	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	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request for civic recognition requests
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval

Appendix A: December 2018 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Bob McClure	Britain in Bloom Discretionary Award Community Champion	Cllr F Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement at a UK competition 	For: Translink Ulster in Bloom – Community Champion 2017 Date: 26 October 2017
Lowe Brothers Master Butchers Stewartown	Butchery Excellence Gala Awards Butcher Shop of the Year – Medium Organisation	Cllr M Quinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A

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
None		

Report on	Response to Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust's Consultation and EQIA on the Introduction of a Proposed New Clinical Response Model
Date of Meeting	13 December 2018
Reporting / Contact Officer	Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure

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	In September 2018, the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) commenced its Consultation on the Introduction of a new Clinical Response Model regarding the future delivery of ambulance services. The purpose of this Paper is to consider a draft Response to the Report.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Consultation explains that the Introduction of a New Response Model has been necessitated by the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIAS has experienced significant growth in demand for emergency 999 response calls. NIAS forecasts that over the next 5 years emergency demand is projected to increase by 3.1% per year. As part of the wider transformation agenda, NIAS propose to introduce a revised Clinical Response Model (CRM), similar to that introduced recently in the UK to provide a more clinically appropriate ambulance response than the current model, introduced in 1974, by better targeting the right resources (clinical skills and vehicle type) to the right patients. The current model puts disproportionate focus on reaching patients <i>quickly</i> rather than sending the most <i>appropriate resource</i> for the patient's needs
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Mr Brian McNeill (Operations Director, NIAS) gave a presentation to Members on 14 November 2018 on the rationale for the new Model and outlined the proposed changes and their anticipated impact.</p> <p>The changes are designed to ensure that responses reach <i>'the sickest quickest'</i> and that resources are more appropriately targeted. This should provide an improved service to rural areas such as Mid Ulster, which has seen target response times not being met since 2012.</p> <p>However, the roll out of an enhanced service which delivers for rural areas will be dependent upon a number of factors including the commitment by the Department to making available the significant budget required for capital, fleet and staffing. A successful</p>

	<p>outcome will also require an integrated approach to the planning and development of the new Model and related services; requiring the involvement of other key stakeholders from across the health and social care sector, as well as other government departments, responsible for related issues such as roads, broadband and telecoms.</p> <p>The draft Response from Council is attached as Appendix 1.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Council considers and approves the draft response to the NIAS Consultation on the EQIA and Introduction of the Proposed New Clinical Response Model.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Draft response from Council to NIAS

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20 November 2018

Mr John Gow
Equality and PPI Officer
NIAS Headquarters
Site 31 Knockbracken Healthcare Park
Saintfield Road
Belfast BT8 8SG

Dear Mr Gow

Ref: Consultation and EQIA on Introduction of Proposed Clinical Response Model

Mid Ulster District Council would like to take this opportunity to put forward views, opinions and concerns in relation to the proposed Introduction of Proposed New Clinical Response Model for the NI Ambulance Service.

The specific views and concerns the Council has identified are set out in detail in the attached 'Response' document **Appendix A**, however, we would like to make the overarching comments below.

The Council is broadly supportive of the Proposal, its rationale and objectives. Over recent years, the Mid Ulster District has experienced some of the lowest performance in relation to ambulance response times, which have steadily increased since 2012 to a median of 12 minutes 15 seconds. Mid Ulster residents are also *doubly* penalised as the travel time to a hospital with major injury treatment capabilities is over eight minutes longer than the NI average.

This situation in Mid Ulster is totally unacceptable and can no longer be tolerated.

This new Response Model, if appropriately resourced and implemented, has the potential to help to address this issue and provide disadvantaged rural areas such as Mid Ulster with the safe and equitable service its residents have been deprived of for far too long.

The Council is firmly of the view that, in order for this Proposal to deliver the best possible outcomes, particularly for dispersed rural communities, an integrated approach must be adopted, both across the health and social care sector as well as other government departments, in taking this Model forward.

For example, the quality of the roads infrastructure, particularly in a rurally isolated area, has an undeniable impact on travel time. It stands to reason that improvements to our rural roads, broadband and telecoms infrastructure will undoubtedly contribute to improving response times; it is imperative that the relevant government departments are prevailed upon by the NIAST to outline what improvements they plan to make in these respective areas to enable NIAST to maximise this opportunity to deliver a high performing service to the entire population.

If not, it is likely that this situation will recur, where response times to *urban* Category 1 incidents are significantly faster than those in inaccessible *rural* locations.

Likewise, those health services and facilities which interface with the NIAS must be required to ensure their processes are aligned to integrate effectively with this Proposal and play their part in supporting its delivery. For example, the new Model has the potential to significantly reduce pressure at A&E Departments, enabling them to function more efficiently and also increase ambulance turnaround timeframes.

Furthermore, alleviating the pressure on A&E Departments will also require significant investment in other areas including Minor Injuries Units, outpatients and elective services to enable them to deal with an increase in demand. In Mid Ulster specifically, greater investment is urgently needed in these services in both Dungannon (South Tyrone site) and Magherafelt (Mid Ulster site), extending their opening hours and ensuring they are equipped to deal with higher demands, and are resourced to the same level as the recently refurbished Omagh MIU.

As ever, Mid Ulster District Council is fully committed to working with the NIAS and its health partners, as part of its Community Planning processes, to maximise successful outcomes for Mid Ulster's residents from this Proposal. Mid Ulster has experienced significant disinvestment in its health and social care infrastructure for far too long.

Increasing the capital, fleet and staffing capacity of the NIAS is critical to the Proposal; the Council believes a unique opportunity exists for the locating of a new Station at the Desertcreat site, near the new NI Fire and Rescue Learning and Development Centre.

Council is also of the view that the Mid Ulster area could be used to 'pilot' the roll out of the new Model and requests the NIAS considers this. Progressing these initiatives would indeed demonstrate a commitment to invest in and locate services in rural areas and the Council keen to work with the NIAS to explore the potential for these.

The performance data for response times clearly shows the situation is deteriorating year on year, most notably in predominantly rural areas such as Mid Ulster. The Council calls upon the Department of Health to make it a priority to ensure that the budget required by the NIAST to take forward this new Proposal is made available and ensure rural populations have the same safe and equitable access to this service as their urban counterparts.

To conclude, Mid Ulster District Council would like to convey its thanks and appreciation for the work and dedication of NIAS staff, who are committed to carrying out their role in often difficult and challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust

Consultation and EQIA on Introduction of Proposed Clinical Response Model – A Response from Mid Ulster District Council

The Council would like to highlight the following points as constituting its Response and requests the NIAS and Department take these into consideration when planning the development of the new Model.

It is the understanding of Council that the NIAS are proposing to introduce a revised Clinical Response Model (CRM) for the ambulance service, and this proposal has been developed within the following context:

- NIAS has experienced significant growth in demand for emergency 999 response calls and forecasts that over the next 5 years emergency demand is projected to increase regionally by 3.1% per year
- The new Model is intended to provide a more clinically appropriate ambulance response than the current model, by better targeting the right resources (clinical skills and vehicle type) to the right patients.
- At present NIAS aims to reach Category A emergency calls within a target of 8 minutes. The current model results in the rapid dispatch of multiple resources to a large number of patients whose clinical condition may not need that response. Currently NIAS categorises c.30% of patients as requiring an 8-minute response; evidence shows that fewer than 7% of patients require such a response.
- The current model focuses on reaching patients *quickly* rather than sending the most *appropriate resource* for the patient's needs or measuring the *quality of care* given by ambulance personnel. This can mean that when a 999 call is answered the nearest available resource, either a conveying A&E vehicle or single responding Paramedic in a car, is often dispatched regardless of the patient's actual clinical need.
- NIAS proposes to direct ambulance resources more accurately and appropriately to the smaller number of very acute emergency calls to ensure these are responded to more quickly and effectively, with a larger number of less acute calls waiting a bit longer for a more appropriate response.

- The proposed new model has 4 key elements:
 1. Identifying the sickest quickest
 2. Getting to the sickest quickest
 3. Sending the right resource, first time
 4. Providing the best patient care

Rationale for New Model

The Council fully agrees that, in the context of ever rising demand the current NIAS model is *not sustainable*, the last time target was met was 2012; since then demand has increased by 15% and performance has dropped by 21.7%.

In Mid Ulster the NIAS has not been in a position to provide an equitable and safe service to Mid Ulster residents for a number of years and in this context the Council believes such a review has been long overdue and supports the rationale for change.

Key Mid Ulster Data

Below are some statistics which must be taken into consideration in the process of planning of future service provision and in any Equality Impact Assessment:

- Mid Ulster District Council area represents a population of more than 145,000 people across 1,714km² i.e. 14% of the regional landmass. Mid Ulster's population *grew* by 18.7% between 2001 and 2013 against the regional average of 8.3%, making Mid Ulster the **fastest growing** of the new 11 council areas, this trend is projected to continue with population climbing to **165,000** by 2030).
- **Two thirds** (almost 100,000) of Mid Ulster's 145,000 are **rural**; a **significant issue**
- By 2037 **83%** will be aged **65+** (against an NI average of **68%**)
- Mid Ulster residents (and most especially Cookstown) are penalised doubly; it has poorest access to acute care provision, combined with worst ambulance response times – consistently higher than the NI average: 9.41 minutes against NI average of 6.48 minutes).
- Mid Ulster *travel time to a hospital* with major injury treatment capabilities is over eight minutes longer than the NI average.

▪ **Delivery of the New Response Model**

The proposed new Response Model will only deliver the requisite results and achieve maximum impact if it is adequately resourced and implemented. Its development should be taken forward as part of a wider strategic framework using a *joined up and fully integrated* approach to service planning and delivery, not just across the health sector but also from the Departments of Infrastructure and the Economy.

For instance, the quality of the roads infrastructure, particularly in a rurally isolated area, has an undeniable impact on travel time. Improvements to our rural roads, broadband and telecoms infrastructure contribute to improving response times; it is imperative that the relevant government departments are involved in developing this new Model from the outset, and identify what improvements they plan to make to enable NIAST to maximise this opportunity to deliver a high performing service to the entire population.

This will be fundamental to ensuring that those services and facilities which interface with the NIAS are suitably resourced and updated to do so effectively.

Furthermore, this Model has the potential to bring about improvements in alleviating pressures in other parts of the system, including significantly reducing pressure at A&E Departments, enabling them to function more efficiently and also in increasing ambulance turnaround timeframes.

However, the provision at Minor Injuries Units (MIUs), outpatients and elective services etc must therefore be enhanced to enable them to deal more efficiently with a greater demand. For example, in Mid Ulster, investment is urgently needed in both Dungannon (South Tyrone site) and Magherafelt (Mid Ulster site) MIUs, extending their opening hours and better equipping them to deal with high numbers, resourced to the same level as the recently refurbished Omagh MIU to provide services to additional patients who do not require emergency treatment.

While the Council agrees that the community have a part to play in supporting initiatives such as community resuscitation, community first responders and the defibrillator strategy, these initiatives must not, in any way, be seen as offering alternatives to, or replacements for providing rural communities with the full level of services to which they are entitled.

▪ Capital, fleet and staffing proposed

The NIAS estate in Mid Ulster is currently in poor condition; significant funding will be required to refurbish buildings, and increase fleet and staffing to support the delivery of the new Model. The Council welcomes that *rural/urban impacts will be taken into account in designing the new NIAS Estates Strategy*, and in relation to Ambulance Stations, the Council understands that a 'hub and spoke' model is being considered; again given the predominantly rural demography of this area, local deployment points must not only be retained but also upgraded and enhanced.

In addition, the Council also calls on the NIAS to now give serious consideration to developing a 'Hub' at Desertcreat, adjacent to the NI Fire and Rescue Learning and Development Centre – this offers a unique central location for the service which would have scope for a large scale development. This could provide for a full time facility with a comprehensive range of services including fleet management, repair and re-stocking services, thereby freeing up paramedics to focus on their critical work.

The Council also strongly welcomes the proposal to increase staffing by one third to reach 333; the Model will only work effectively if significant investment is made in resources and capacity. The service has been under-resourced for too long and the resultant detrimental impact on its performance, especially in rural areas, is all too apparent.

A major concern in the longer term, however, is the potential projected 'gap' in the availability of qualified staff when the current paramedic qualification will no longer be accepted in 2020+ and a new one then introduced, which trainees will graduate with in 2023.

Identifying solutions for bridging this 'gap' must be addressed as a matter of priority to ensure contingency measures are put in place in the early stages to avoid a detrimental impact on service delivery.

This new Model places an even greater requirement on the ability of the call taker to make a critical decision in the very early stages of the call to triage the Category 1s from the other three. It is imperative that staff in this position are provided with the quality of training and support to identify calls meriting a Category 1 response; an error for a patient located in an urban area may be quickly redressed by deploying resources from nearby; this option is rarely available in a rural isolated location.

As the Proposal notes, it will also be essential to ensure the right resources are deployed to the lower categories 2, 3 and 4 calls, to avoid unnecessary attendances at A&E or increased pressure on Out Of Hours services.

- **Rural Proofing**

The Council also requests that a Rural Proofing and Rural Needs Assessments must be conducted, in accordance with the Statutory Framework, to inform the planning process for the Model, ensuring that it is designed to deliver an equitable service to both urban and rural populations.

- **Budget**

The Council understands that once this Consultation is completed and the findings sent to the Department, the Business Case will then be undertaken. Given the current and increasing demand-capacity gap highlighted by the NIAS in their Proposal, and the worsening situation in relation to performance targets, it is imperative that the request for funding this new Model is expedited as a matter of priority.

- **Monitoring and reporting of new standards**

The Consultation notes, The new Clinical Response Model is intended to substantially increase the proportion of such emergency calls being answered quicker. While precise modelling will only be able to take place in practice, and while guarantees cannot be given in relation to every single incident, there is likely to be a substantial improvement in appropriate and effective ambulance response in rural areas. (p81)

Key to measuring the new Model's effectiveness will be the achievement of performance within the set targets. The key change proposed of an 8 minute response to Immediately Life Threatening Calls, *regionally* is acceptable, if achieved. While the Council welcomes this as *regional* target, once operational we will require to see performance broken down across each of the Local Government Districts to review the difference in the achievement of targets in rural areas.

The introduction of new target of a 15 minute response time for 9/10 calls will also be critical for rural areas, if delivered will be significantly better than the

current performance. However, as above this must be kept under review and will require close monitoring to ensure the current urban-rural disparities do not recur.

▪ **Conclusion**

The Council supports the development of the proposed new Clinical Response Model; if appropriately resourced and implemented, it should deliver a significantly improved service for Mid Ulster's residents. Ambulance response times in the Mid Ulster area have reached an unacceptable level and will deteriorate further if new solutions are not found. This new Model must now be progressed with the utmost urgency by the Department.

The successful implementation of this Model demands an integrated approach from across government; the NIAS cannot take this forward on its own; critical to the effectiveness of this new Model will be the contribution other key stakeholders across the health sector and also the Department for Infrastructure and for the Economy bring to the table to support the NIAS.

As evidenced by its community consultations, Health Infrastructure is the key priority in Mid Ulster District Council's Community Plan; the Council has made clear its commitment to working with its health partners, including the NIAS, to ensure that in future the residents of Mid Ulster are provided with the same health opportunities and service provision as tends to be the case with other more urban populations.

The Council takes this opportunity to extend an invitation to the NIAS and other health partners to work with them as part of the Community Planning process to identify and take forward the most appropriate solutions for the delivery of the NIAS service across Mid Ulster, ensuring its citizens have access to an equitable level of service which has not been the case to date.

Mid Ulster District Council would like to convey its thanks and appreciation for the work and dedication of NIAS staff, who are committed to carrying out their role in often difficult and challenging circumstances.

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	13 December 2018
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	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
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
The Gillen Review	Sir John Gillen Preliminary Review	Sir John Gillen completed a comprehensive and independent Review of the law and procedures surrounding Serious Sexual Offences in this jurisdiction. His preliminary report for consultation is available for now comment.	15 January 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://gillenreview.org		
	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 Justice	Stalking- A Serious Concern	Stalking has a serious and devastating impact on those who have been victims of this type of offensive behaviour. DoJ want to ensure that the law in Northern Ireland provides the best possible protection for all of those affected by stalking.	21 February 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/stalking-a-serious-concern/		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs	Consultation on draft NI Statutory Rules on Agriculture (Miscellaneous) and	DAERA is seeking views on the following draft Northern Ireland Statutory Rules;	21 December 2018	

	Residues (Charges and Examination)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture (Misc. Amendments) Regulations (NI) 2019 • Residues (Charges and Examination) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-agriculture-miscellaneous-amendments-regulations-northern-ireland-2019-and-draft		
	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		

Report on	Correspondence to Council – December 2018
Date of Meeting	Thursday 13 th December 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 refers to correspondence 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 Chief Executive of Ards & North Down BC</p> <p>Ards & North Down BC has corresponded to confirm that it has passed a motion relating to the impact of financial cuts introduced since in 2015 on the provision of community transport. Correspondence is attached as appendix A for consideration.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC</p> <p>Newry, Mourne & Down DC has corresponded to confirm that it has passed a motion calling on the Department of Education to reinstate the funding for the 'Curriculum Sports Programme' that benefitted 400 primary schools. Correspondence is attached as appendix B for consideration.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Director of Environment, Ards & North Down BC</p> <p>Ards & North Down has corresponded to confirm that it has recently written to the large supermarket retailers making a call for urgent action on single use plastics. They have written to councils requesting that they undertake similar actions as a means of providing a more effective and co-ordinated approach on this issue (single use plastics). Correspondence is attached as appendix C.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable

	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Ards & North Down BC - <i>Impact of Cuts on Community Transport</i> Appendix C: Newry, Mourne & Down DC - <i>Motion on Curriculum Sports Programme</i> Appendix D: Ards & North Down BC - <i>Single Use Plastics</i>

Our Ref : NOM65

5 November 2018



Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Dear Mr Tohill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony".

At the recent meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council the under noted Notice of Motion was adopted :

"That this Council undertakes to write to the other ten Councils requesting support in lobbying central government in relation to financial cuts introduced since 2015 in the provision of community transport. These cut backs impact on individuals isolated due to rural location, physical or mental health needs and those who are vulnerable due to personal circumstances. There is an urgency to deal with this issue as these individuals are very limited in opportunities to engage with others.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter before your Council and subsequently advise me of the outcome of its consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen".

STEPHEN REID
Chief Executive

21/11/18



20 November 2018

Northern Ireland Local Government – Chief Executives

Dear Chief Executive

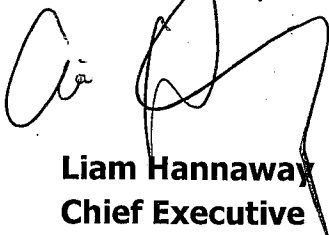
Re: Motion on Curriculum Sports Programme

At a recent Meeting, my Council passed the following resolution:

"That this Council acknowledge and applaud the contribution that the 'Curriculum Sports Programme' has made to the emotional health and physical well-being of our primary school children since it was introduced in 2007 and writes to the Department of Education expressing our concerns and disappointment that funding is no longer available, and calling for the reinstatement of funding for this essential programme of which 3,600 pupils from 400 primary schools have benefited on an annual basis. It was further agreed to forward the motion to all Councils seeking their support".

I would be grateful if your Council would give its support to the Motion and write accordingly to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Education.

Yours sincerely



Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive

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Dear Chief Executive,

Re: Call for Action by Large Supermarket Retailers for Action on Single Use Plastics

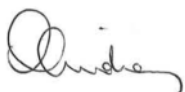
Ards and North Down Borough Council has recently written to the main large supermarket retailers that operate in Northern Ireland (Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda, M&S, Lidl, Iceland and Co-Op) in a call for urgent action on single use plastics, as part of its efforts to provide strong civic leadership on sustainable development.

We have also written to the Secretary of State for Environment advising of our petition to large supermarket retail companies and asking that the measures requested of them be incorporated as part of any future UK wide legislation governing waste and recycling obligations for producers and retailers of consumer products. Furthermore, we have requested that specific legally binding targets be established for these plastics management controls.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if your Council would consider joining forces to provide a more effective, co-ordinated call upon large supermarket retailers – writing in similar terms to these companies and encouraging your member authorities to do likewise. Copies of our letters are attached.

Many thanks for your attention in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



David Lindsay
Director of Environment

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