

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 May 2021 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor Quinn, Chair

Councillors, Ashton*, Buchanan*, Cuddy*, Doris*, Elattar*, Forde*, Gildernew*, Hughes*, McFlynn*, S McGuigan*, McKinney, McLean*, S McPeake*, Molloy*, Totten*

Officers in Attendance

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell**, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Ms Dyson**, Head of Human Resources
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Ms Mezza**, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett**, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

* Denotes members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

The Chair, Councillor Quinn welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Quinn in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

PR089/21 Apologies

None.

PR090/21 Declarations of Interest

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

PR091/21 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that this would be his last meeting as Chair of the Policy and Resources committee and thanked members and officers for their support throughout the year.

Matters for Decision

PR092/21 Requests to Illuminate Council Property: May 2021

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered requests received to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;

- Foster Care Fortnight – May 2021 (Orange)
- International Nurses Day – May 2021 (Blue)

The Head of Democratic Services drew members attention to action already agreed for Brain Injury Week which coincides with the Foster Care Fortnight. He stated if Foster Care Fortnight was agreed tonight, then the Council would accommodate them a shorter number of days to what the group had requested.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to light up designated Council properties to mark –

- Foster Care Fortnight on a set of days between Monday 10th - 23rd May 2021 (Orange), avoiding any clash with the previously agreed illumination to mark Brain Injury Week
- International Nurses Day – Wednesday 12th May 2021 (Blue)

PR093/21 Member Services

No issues.

Matters for Information

PR094/21 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 April 2021

Members noted Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 8 April 2021.

PR094/21 Elected Member Development Working Group

Members noted update of Elected Member Development Working Group meeting held on 10 February 2021.

PR095/21 Consultation on Draft Improvement Objectives 2021-23: Findings

Members noted update on the findings and outcome of the consultation undertaken on the proposed improvement objectives 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to third objective relating to Cleaner Neighbourhoods and felt that this was very timely considering that a meeting had taken place this evening. He said that the general feeling of the meeting was that some decisive action was needed on dealing with issues around littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling which reflected back on comments made by residents, with 94% in agreement. He stated that comments made enforced the opinion that we as a Council needed to take more proactive action rather than solely an educational one.

PR096/21 Council Statutory and Corporate Performance Improvement Standards: 2020-21 Update (Q1-Q4)

Members noted report which provided members with monitoring information on the review of performance against the seven statutory and three corporate performance improvement indicators and standards, along with an overview of the Corporate Health Indicators for the first twelve months of 2020/21.

PR097/21 Organisational Development Service Improvement Plan 2021/22

Members noted Service Improvement Plan for Organisational Development Directorate for 2021/2022.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Organisational Development Service Improvement Plan 2021/22.

PR098/21 Finance Service Improvement Plan 2021/22

Members noted Service Improvement Plan for Finance Department for 2021/22.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Finance Service Improvement Plan 2021/22.

PR099/21 IT Service Improvement Plan 2021/22

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the IT Service Improvement Plan 2021/22.

Live broadcast ended at 7.08 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Member consider items PR100/21 to PR108/21.

Matters for Decision

PR100/21 Staff Matters for Decision
PR101/21 Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
PR102/21 Treasury Management Strategy
PR103/21 Capital Framework 2020-2024
PR104/21 Proposed Capital Project – Dungannon
PR105/21 Full Fibre Project Update

Matters for Information

PR106/21 Confidential Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee
Meeting held on 8 April 2021
PR107/21 Staff Matters for Information
PR108/21 Contracts and DAC

PR109/21 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.10 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____