

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 7 December 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton (7.47 pm), Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy (7.03 pm), Elattar, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney (7.03 pm), McLean, McPeake, M Quinn

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR226/17 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Forde and Totten and the Chief Executive.

PR227/17 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Agenda Item 15 – Appointment of Mid Ulster Ageing Well Contract – and advised she would leave the room when this item was being discussed.

PR228/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Molloy extended the condolences of the Committee to the Director of Environment and Property on the recent death of his mother.

Matters for Decision

PR229/17 External Signage: Depots, Recycling Centres & Parks Facilities

The Head of Marketing and Communications presented previously circulated report which considered draft designs for external signage at Council depots, recycling centres and parks facilities.

Councillors Cuddy and McKinney and the Director of Finance entered the meeting at 7.03 pm during presentation of the above report.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew

That Council approve the draft designs for external signage as illustrated in appendix to report.

Councillor McLean expressed his concern stating there should be no precedence over the English Language.

Councillor Buchanan agreed with Councillor McLean's comments.

Councillor Cuddy also expressed concern regarding the proposed signage.

Members voted on Councillor McPeake's proposal to approve the draft designs for external signage –

For – 8
Against - 4

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft designs for external signage as illustrated in appendix to report.

PR230/17 Staff Usage of Greenvale Leisure Centre

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which considered proposed arrangements for discounted staff use of Greenvale Leisure Centre.

Councillor McLean stated that health and wellbeing is a big issue in employment and asked if there were any figures indicating the number of staff who have taken up the offer of discounted use of leisure facilities to establish if what Council is doing is making an impact. Councillor McLean proposed the officer's recommendation.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor McLean's proposal.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that figures were available which could be passed on for Member's information.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve that staff can avail of a 50% discount on the individual cost of using Greenvale Leisure Centre facilities for non-bookable facilities or activities including swimming, gym, fitness or other exercise programme session (on a pay as you go basis). Staff who wish to take up full membership at Greenvale Leisure Centre can do so at a cost of £15.00 per month. Both proposals

exclude Greenvale Leisure Centre staff employed in Greenvale that transferred to Council on 10 September 2017 under TUPE legislation.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation left the meeting at 7.07 pm.

PR231/17 Mid Ulster District Council's Finalised Equality Action Plan and Reviewed Disability Action Plan (Post Consultation)

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to implement Council's Equality Action Plan and Revised Disability Action Plan post consultation.

Councillor Kearney referred to recent Councillor training which had been beneficial and proposed the officer recommendation.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor Kearney's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Equality Action Plan and Reviewed Disability Action Plan for implementation as set out in report and appendix.

PR232/17 Elected Member Development Working Group

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on 22 November 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to –

- (I) Approve the report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on 22 November 2017 as set out in appendix to report.
- (II) Appoint Councillor Doris to represent Mid Ulster District Council on the NILGA Regional Elected Member Development Working Group as a representative from the Council's working group.

Matters for Information

PR233/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 9 November 2017

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 9 November 2017.

PR234/17 Advice from Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on Registration requirements under the Data Protection Act 1998

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided advice on registration requirements under the Data Protection Act 1998, with specific reference to Councillors.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to guidance in report which advised there was an exemption from registration where the only personal information processed took the form of paper records, and felt this was a step backwards.

The Head of Democratic Services stated he understood the point made by Councillor McGuigan but that the advice contained within the report was provided by the ICO Registration Team.

PR235/17 Planning System Replacement

Members noted presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress on the replacement of the Planning Portal System.

PR236/17 Member Services

No issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson 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 PR237/17 to PR252/17.

Matters for Decision

PR237/17	Email and File Archival System Contract
PR238/17	Contract for Mobile Network Services
PR239/17	Earls Project – Permissive Pathway Agreement
PR240/17	Appointment of Mid Ulster Ageing Well Contract
PR241/17	Davagh Forest Visitor Hub – Capital Project
PR242/17	Gortgonis Centre – Capital Project
PR243/17	Playparks, Villages Scheme – Capital Project
PR244/17	Drumcoo Waste Transfer Station
PR245/17	Update in relation to National Fuels Framework Agreement (RM3801) operated by the Crown Commercial Service
PR246/17	Staffing Matters for Decision

Matters for Information

PR247/17	Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 9 November 2017
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PR248/17	Staffing Matters for Information
PR249/17	Contracts and DAC
PR250/17	Financial Report for 7 months ended 31 October 2017
PR251/17	Rates Estimates 2018/19
PR252/17	Update for Rates Support Grant Judicial Review

PR253/17

The Chair, Councillor Molloy wished Members and Officers a Happy Christmas and New Year.

PR254/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR _____

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