

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Our ref: C/057/2022

15 March 2022

Mr Anthony Tohill CEO
Mid Ulster District Council
Council Offices
Circular Road
Dungannon
BT71 DT



Comhairle Ceantair
an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

Dear Mr Tohill

Re: Emergency Notice of Motion – Increased Energy Costs

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 7 March 2022, the following emergency Notice of Motion was agreed:

"In light of the massive hikes of prices in relation to energy related costs such as oil, gas, electricity and fuel in recent days and times all of which will have a major detrimental impact on all our residents in our district and beyond, Newry Mourne and Down District Council call upon and demand that the Chancellor of the Exchequer release the much necessary funding and support to enable that all households who have been affected by these massive price increases receive much needed support and help where it is needed most especially in the times that we are now in and beyond. If this motion is adopted, we encourage the other ten councils to do the same for their residents".

This emergency motion was unanimously agreed and Newry Mourne and Down District Council ask that you join them and write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I would ask that you give this matter serious consideration and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorinnia Carville".

Dorinnia Carville
Deputy Chief Executive

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Comhairle *Phob Muffe*
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**Newry, Mourne
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Dear Mr Tohill

Re: Notice of Motion – Opposed to Planned Changes to Red Diesel

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 7 March 2022, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

"That Newry Mourne and Down District Council oppose the planned changes to Red Diesel usage being brought in by HMRC in April.

The proposed changes to red diesel usage in any vehicle other than what are described as vehicles being used for agricultural purposes only.

Council notes with concern that these changes will have severe implications for many sectors of our economy locally throughout our district and not solely within agriculture. Council writes to the British Treasury opposing the planned changes and seeking to immediately pause these damaging proposals and to look at new ways as to how government can practically support businesses take the necessary actions to move away from fossil fuels and to put in place measures and policies that will have a meaningful impact on reducing emissions as these proposals will only serve to increasing input costs without themselves reducing emission.

Council writes to all Councils in the North asking them to write to the British Treasury asking them to raise concerns that this will have a detrimental economic impact across all Council Areas".

Members spoke at length about how proposed changes would have damaging effects on all sectors who avail of red diesel and the detrimental effect on businesses in particular the agriculture, construction, quarrying and manufacturing sectors that were already struggling with increased costs of materials and soaring energy prices. Recent fuel price hikes as well as reductions and in some cases withdrawal of EU funding had farmers under pressure and charities would also lose out as fundraising tractor runs would no longer be feasible.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council are opposed to the planned changes and have asked the British Chancellor to immediately pause this move and instead look at how to practically support businesses to take the necessary action to move away from fossil fuels and put in place measures and policies that would have a meaningful impact in reducing emissions.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council ask that you join them and write to the British Treasury raising concerns on the detrimental economic impact these proposed changes will have.

**Oifig an Iúir
Newry Office**
O'Hagan House
Monaghan Row
Newry BT35 8DJ

**Oifig Dhún Pádraig
Downpatrick Office**
Downshire Civic Centre
Downshire Estate, Ardglass Road
Downpatrick BT30 6GQ

0330 137 4000 (Council)
council@nmandd.org
www.newrymournedown.org

**Ag freastal ar an Dún
agus Ard Mhacha Theas
Serving Down
and South Armagh**



I would ask that you give this matter serious consideration and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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Dorinnia Carville
Deputy Chief Executive

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 12 April 2022

Email: democratic.services@fermanaghomagh.com

Mr Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Dungannon Office, Circular Road
Dungannon
BT71 6DT

Dear Mr McCreesh,

Re: Continuing Healthcare Provision

At the Council meeting held on 5 April, Members asked that I write to the Commissioner for Older People to commend him for progressing judicial review proceedings against the Department of Health regarding the Department's changes to continuing healthcare.

Members also requested that I write to all other Councils in Northern Ireland to encourage them to make similar representations to the Commissioner.

The Council trusts you will give this issue due consideration.

Yours sincerely

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

From: [Healy, Daniel](#)
To: [Eileen Forde](#)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mid Ulster District Council 31 March 2022 4.00pm
Date: 31 March 2022 14:00:51
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Eileen,

I tried calling but unfortunately I was unable to get through.

Firstly let me introduce myself. My name is Daniel Healy, I have taken over from Harry Gallagher as the permanent Divisional Roads Manager here in Western Division. I'm looking forward to the challenges of the job but as you will appreciate I will be relying on Harry for continuity as I get up to speed in the role.

I am contacting you regarding the meeting request below which Harry forwarded on to me. I am afraid that the budgets for the coming year are not available at this current time and budgets for the current year remain in line with those identified in the council reports. I am also conscious that budgetary discussions are strategic issues that have increased sensitivity during the election cycle. As such I am afraid I am taking the decision to cancel the meeting on behalf of my staff.

I apologise for the lateness of this response and any inconvenience it may cause. I also apologise that my initial contact with you and the council is to cancel a meeting, it is not how I wished to establish communication following appointment to this role.

If there are meetings required to discuss operational matters I and my staff are at your disposal.

Kind regards,

Daniel Healy

Divisional Roads Manager | DfI Roads, Co Hall, Omagh

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Dear Customer

Branch Temporary Closure

**Greystone Post Office
54 Legilly Road, Greystone, Dungannon, BT70 1PE**

We are writing to inform you that, regrettably, following the resignation of the postmaster the above branch will be closing on Saturday 23 April 2022 at 20:00.

I would like to assure you that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a Post Office service to the local community. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about this matter, please write to me via the National Consultation Team at the address shown at the end of the letter. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

Any future changes to service provision would be handled in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to Notification is available at the end of this letter.

We will display posters in the branch to inform customers.

If you are a local representative, it would be helpful if you could share this information through your social media channels and with any local groups or organisations that you know within the community, for example on noticeboards, local charities and in GP surgeries, to help our customers and your constituents understand what is happening to the Post Office in the local community. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know.

We would like to apologise for the inconvenience the temporary closure may cause. We hope that our customers will continue to use Post Office services and details of alternative Post Office branches in the area are shown at the end of this letter. Due to the effects of Covid 19 branch opening hours may vary. The latest available branch information can be found on our website, www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

If you are a local representative, we will write to you again once we have any news about our plans for future service provision.

Yours faithfully

Janese Sung

**Janese Sung
Network Provision Lead**

How to contact us:
comments@postoffice.co.uk
postofficeviews.co.uk
FREEPOST Your Comments

Alternative branches

During the Coronavirus pandemic some branches may need to make changes to their opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website

www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

Granville Post Office

Unit 1
76 Granville Road
Granville
Dungannon
BT70 1NJ

Services

The same range of services will continue to be available.

Access

This branch has a wide automatic door and level access at the entrance.

Opening times

Mon – Sat	06:30 – 21:00
Sun	08:00 – 21:00

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.2 miles away from Greystone branch, along varied terrain. Layby parking is available directly outside the branch. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

Eglish Post Office

124 Killyliss Road
Eglish
Dungannon
BT70 1LE

Services

The same range of services will continue to be available, however excluding National Lottery.

Access

This branch has a wide door and a step at the entrance.

Opening times

Mon, Tues, Thurs	09:00 – 15:00
Wed, Fri, Sat	09:00 – 13:00
Sun	Closed

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.8 miles away from Greystone branch, along varied terrain. There is a car park available nearby. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille call 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub - postofficeviews.co.uk

We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following Principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Office branch.

We will **Notify** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure¹ / temporary service interruption
- Re-opening of a temporarily closed branch in the same site
- Opening a new branch unrelated to a previous closure
- Location used by a Mobile Post Office within a community

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, providing four weeks' notice. Where four weeks' notice is not possible, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For temporary closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland; the independent statutory consumer watchdogs.

What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer watchdog (Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The watchdog will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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¹ We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.

There may be a small number of cases where due to circumstances outside our control we have no option other than to permanently close a branch in a particular location. In these cases, the consultation will seek feedback on alternative Post Office service provision in the area.

We notify locally elected representatives including but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council, selected charities, local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. They are also encouraged to share all information additionally with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.