



28 February 2019

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, 28 February 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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- 14 Cllr Cuthbertson to move
That Mid Ulster District Council review its current bye laws regarding the consumption of alcohol in designated places, and ensure all Council owned parks and walkways are included. Also ensure adequate signage is in place in all designated areas through out Mid Ulster, something which is vital to successfully prosecute offenders.
- 15 Cllr Malachy Quinn to move:

"This Council notes the Concluding Observations of the United Nations' Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Following an examination of the UK's compliance with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in August 2017 this Council is concerned with the lack of actions and consistency from either the Northern Ireland Executive or the UK Government in respect of the Concluding Observations. Council recognises the valuable contribution that those living with disabilities make to our society and will undertake to prepare a review on how the Council meets local obligations within the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities. Council will write to Theresa May for an update on what steps the Government are taking to meet the recommendations contained within the Concluding Observations."

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

16. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 24 January 2019
17. Special Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 31 January 2019
18. Planning Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 February 2019
19. Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 February 2019
20. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2019
21. Development Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 14 February 2019
22. Requests for Temporary Alternative Use of Off Street Car Parks
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25. Document for Sealing: Invest NI Letter of Offer:
Transform Programme
26. Document for Sealing: Grant of Easements for NIE for
Overhead and Underground Cable, Lands at Gortgonis
Coalisland
27. Document for Sealing: Coalisland Public Realm Scheme
DfI Roads Licence Agreement

Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 24 January 2019 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair	Councillor S McPeake
Members Present	Councillors Ashton, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, D McPeake, Mallaghan, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure Mr A McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
In Attendance:	Representatives of South West Regional College Mr McAlister Chief Executive Dr Cush, Innovation and Development Manager Mr Moss, Curriculum Manager Representatives of Northern Regional College Mr Taggart, Vice Principal of Teaching and Learning Ms Kerr, Head of Performance and Planning Representative of Education Authority Mr J Unsworth, Assistant Director of Education

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

C001/19 Apologies

None

C002/19 Declarations of Interest

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

C003/19 Chair's Business

Councillor Wilson advised that Mr Kenneth Reid had stepped down due to ill health and wished him a happy retirement as a councillor and introduced his replacement Councillor Robert Colvin.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake referred to an email received from Breakthru advising that they were in 'dire-straits' regarding funding and sustainability and suggested that Council meet with them to discuss. Councillor McPeake stated that it would be unhelpful if such an invaluable organisation was lost to the area. Members concurred.

Resolved That a meeting to be organised with Breakthru to discuss current funding crisis and future sustainability.

Councillor Clarke advised that he has been experiencing difficulties accessing the MyCmis app and was aware other Members had experienced similar issues.

He also stated that he had difficulty contacting the council offices on the 03000 132 132 number stating that he experienced it ringing a few times before ringing off. He expressed concern that if ratepayers were experiencing the same difficulties it was not good for the professional image of Council.

Councillor Burton concurred, stating she had similar experiences and when she did get through and re-directed, again you could be not get an answer.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that Officers would review the situation.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake acknowledged the confirmation of the Peace IV project in Pomeroy valued at €6million and thanked officers for their diligence.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Chair, Councillor McPeake advised that a letter is sent offering condolences to the family of employees of Council who pass away whilst in service.

C004/19 Deputation

South West College, Northern Regional College and the Education Authority

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake welcomed representatives of South West College to the meeting. Mr McAlister advised that the College was changing its structure to that of a faculty and highlighted that the further education sector was going through a major review with consultants from the Department for the Economy. He advised that some factors may impact on the overall funding and stated South West College was the largest training provider in Northern Ireland and were severely underfunded, thus unable to work as effective as they could with proper funding measures. Mr McAlister was emphatic that funding for apprenticeships should not be touched. He then together with Dr Cush and Mr Moss delivered a presentation (appendix 1) outlining the strategic priorities, innovations, economic development, delivery, skills focus, international partnerships and curriculum development.

During the presentation Councillor Wilson and Head of Democratic Services left the meeting at 7.18pm returning at 7.25pm and 7.26pm respectively.

In response to Councillor McGinley's question on specialised services, gamifying and the centre of excellence and if Council could help Dr Cush advised that the business case for

the 'Centre of Excellence for Engineering' was with the Department of the Economy. It was at an advanced stage but the lack of the Assembly was having an impact upon the project.

Northern Regional College

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake welcomed representatives of Northern Regional College to the meeting. Mr Taggart and Ms Kerr delivered a presentation (appendix 2) highlighting key performance indicators for Magherafelt campus, new provision of courses, development plan and invited Members to forthcoming open days.

Councillors Gillespie and M Quinn left the meeting during the presentation 7.29pm and 7.31 pm respectively

Councillor Gillespie returned to the meeting at 7.33pm

Education authority

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake welcomed representative of the Education Authority to the meeting. Mr Unsworth delivered a presentation (appendix 3) detailing Education Authority Services operating in Mid Ulster, key issues emerging from analysis of the current local provision report 2017-2020 and Annual Action Plans 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Councillor M Quinn returned to the meeting at 7.35pm during the presentation

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 7.45pm during the presentation

Councillor Monteith declared an interest as a School Governor in a local primary school and had been involved in the Gaelscoil Aodha Rua, Dungannon

Councillor Monteith expressed concern in relation to Education Authority planning for school places, highlighting that previously Council had carried out extensive lobbying for nursery and primary school places due to a severe shortage and that common sense would dictate that a few years down the line the children would be moving to post primary. He stated that last summer parents were distraught when trying to secure post primary places and some children were travelling a twenty mile round trip to attend post primary education. He stated that the presentation did not allude to this fact, which should have been predictable. Councillor Monteith proposed that Council seek a meeting with the Education Authority to discuss post primary school places.

Councillor Monteith also asked that it be recorded that he together with the local community had been dismayed with the Irish language had been removed from the Education Authority logo.

In response, Mr Unsworth stated he would take the comments back to the Education Authority.

Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments and spoke of the shared campus in Moy. He stated that Council were currently working with the Education Authority on leisure provision in Moy. He asked for an update on the campus. In

response, Mr Unsworth stated he did not have the information to hand and in the absence of the Northern Ireland Assembly made progress difficult but stated he would pass on the concerns to colleagues.

Councillor D McPeake Left the meeting at 7.50pm

Councillor Burton expressed dismay that Lisferty Primary School, a small rural school was on the 'hit list' and stated that if it closed it would take the heart out of the community. She also sought details on the enrolment plans for Aughnacloy Primary School highlighting that it was almost at full capacity and if it had to take students from Lisferty what would happen. Councillor Burton also highlighted that Richmond Primary School in Ballygawley site suffered with a lack of space for a sufficient play area and recreational facilities with children currently playing on a bank with trees on it. Councillor Burton was emphatic that children and parents deserve a good facilities for their children.

In response, Mr Unsworth stated he was not in a position to give detail regarding the aforementioned primary schools and that he would pass the questions to colleagues to address. He stated that the decision in relation to Lisferty Primary School was taken after a period of consultation and that colleagues were aware of the outdoor play restrictions at Richmond Primary School.

Councillor D McPeake returned to the meeting at 7.53pm.

Councillor Burton requested that if Councillor Monteith's proposal was resolved, rural proofing should also be added to the discussion.

Mr Unsworth stated that within the development of the three-year plan the Education Authority were actively seeking engagement with Councils to ensure Members have the opportunity to contribute and that the political parties were represented on the Board.

Councillor McGinley declared an interest as a member of a board of governors

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 7.57 pm

Councillor McGinley sought clarity as to why Stewartstown Primary School was identified in a sustainable planning report and asked if this was an early warning alert for closure. He also asked what the Education Authority plans were for youth participation in Mid Ulster highlighting that areas had a youth council but it was not mainstreamed.

In response, Mr Unsworth stated matters concerning Stewartstown had been in the public domain as there were three schools with minimum numbers and advised there was currently no plan but there would be engagement. In relation to youth participation Mr Unsworth advised he would take the comments back to colleagues.

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 7.59 pm

Councillor Glasgow sought clarity as to whether the Education Authority reports on potential closures had been rural proofed highlighting that two schools listed last year were appearing again, and using Churchtown Primary School as an example, stated its closure would take the heart out of the community. He asked where pupils would be

placed and stated as one school closes if they go to the next school it could be on the next list. He also highlighted school transport and stated that when he recently had telephoned the Education Authority regarding a transport matter they seemed to be experiencing similar telephone problems as aforementioned with calls not being answered and when answered no one there was able to answer the query. Councillor Glasgow expressed concern regarding online application process for school places as many rural communities do not have broadband, they cannot go to the school or use local library facilities as they have been closed.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at 8.00pm

In response Mr Unsworth with regard to Churchtown Primary School stated that people would have the opportunity to express views but indicated that registration is low. He apologised about problems experienced with telephone calls and advised that the Education Authority were endeavouring to improve communications. He stated that rural proofing was taken very seriously by the Authority and that with regard to online services admission clinics was being run to endeavour to overcome difficulties but that he would take concerns back to colleagues.

Councillor Robinson returned to the meeting at 8.03 pm

Councillor McLean stated that it was clear coming from comments on the floor that there needed to be further discussions in relation to school closures. In relation to the Colleges presentation Councillor McLean commended the representatives on the ongoing work and said it was clear that both had continued to build on what had been reported last year. He stated that he was heartened by the enthusiasm of the leadership and that he looked forward to further development.

Councillor McAleer raised concerns about issues in the Clogher Valley area and asked if the Education Authority when making plans and looking at school closures took into consideration housing developments in the area. She mentioned St Brigid's and St Matthew's closing and pupils had been moved onto Ballygawley and now the schools were trying to cope yet in the area closest to school closures there were now 70 new houses and 29 more passed for planning. She added in a few short years a high probability of children requiring school places had materialised.

Councillor McAleer voiced concern that school closures then led to transport difficulties and stated that a lot of the planning just did not 'add up'. She called for a more holistic approach to school planning during which all factors would be considered and stated that Councillors were inundated with the problems people were experiencing in relation to school places and that the schools were not fit for purpose.

In response, Mr Unsworth referred to the earlier proposal for a meeting with the Education Authority and stated that the planning team, the colleges and Council for Catholic Maintained Schools should also be involved. He stated that the Education Authority strive to bring as much information to the table as possible when school planning and stated if there was areas where the information flow could improve they would look into it.

The Chair Councillor McPeake read out registration numbers of cars to be moved

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 8.11pm

Councillor McFlynn thanked the colleges for their presentations and commended them on progress made. The Councillor expressed concern regarding provision for children with special needs and stated that often they had to travel out of their area to attend school and sought an update on Kilronan, Magherafelt.

In response, Mr Unsworth stated that it had been announced earlier in the week that Kilronan, Magherafelt would be getting an upgrade. With regard to special needs provision he stated that the Education Authority was seeking to develop this area but provision could not be made at every school as the service had to be worthwhile and sustainable, thus it ends up in centres of higher population. He further advised that it was a matter for discussion at the Area Planning level.

Councillor McKinney thanked the organisations for their presentations and commended the South West College technology van, which Councillors had had the opportunity to view earlier in the evening. He then asked if plans for Desertmartin Primary School had been shelved in response to which Mr Unsworth advised he did not have a definitive answer but would report back on the matter.

Councillor McLean left the meeting at 8.15pm and Councillor M Quinn returned

In response to Councillor Wilson's question on places at two non-denominational schools in Magherafelt Mr Unsworth advised that one was a voluntary grammar school and could bring forward numbers in response to parental demand.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake thanked representatives for attending and they withdrew from the meeting at 8.16pm

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That a meeting be convened between Members and the Education Authority (EA) and Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) to discuss post primary places and provision of primary schools (schools sustainability strategy)

Councillor McLean returned to the meeting at 8.16pm

Matters for Decision

C005/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted on "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2018

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13 December 2018 (C284/18 – C271/18 and (C297/18) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C006/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 7 January 2019 (P001/19-P006/19 and P009/19-P012/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C007/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2019

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 (E001/19–E019/19 and E31/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C008/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 (PR001/19–PR007/19 and PR008/19-PR021/19) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C009/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 January 2019

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 January 2019 (D001/19-D018/19 and D019/19) transacted in

“Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C010/19 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.

Northern Ireland Agri-Business – Beyond Brexit

- Civic Centre, Craigavon
- Friday 8 March 2019
- Cost: £250+Vat, travel and subsistence

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
 Seconded by councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That Councillor Mulligan attend Northern Ireland Agri Business – Beyond Brexit Conference

NILGA Elected Member Workshops on Data and Evidence in Community Planning

- Antrim Civic Centre
- Friday 15 February 2019
- Cost: Nil

(i) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
Hay Festival, Wales – Best Practice Visit (SHHP Growth Cluster)	5 th -6 th February 2019	1 Business Engagement Officer	Wales	Yes
NI Solace Conference	21 st February 2019	2 x Directors	Templepatrick	Yes
BCNI Fire Safety Conference	7 th & 8 th February 2019	2 x Building Control Officers	Armagh	Yes (1 free)
Sports Safety Conference	29 March 2019	2 x Principal EHO's	Garvaghey, Ballygawley	No

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
 Seconded by Councillor McLean 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.

C011/19 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.

Councillor McFlynn left the meeting at 8.20pm

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

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

Matters for Information

C012/19 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.

C013/19 Correspondence to Council – December 2018

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council.

Councillor McLean drew attention to correspondence from BT in relation to removal of payphone at Churchtown and proposed that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee who previously made recommendations in relation to landmarks in rural communities of which red telephone boxes were one.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That correspondence from BT in relation to removal of pay phone at Churchtown be referred to the Planning Committee for consideration

Councillor Glasgow advised that the telephone kiosk in question had been set on fire and condemned such actions stating that they were shameful and highlighted that Council was endeavouring to preserve the phone kiosks and that the telephones could be used for emergency 999 calls. Members concurred.

Councillor McFlynn returned to the meeting at 8.23pm

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.23pm

C014/19 Notification of Changes to Committee Membership and Position of Responsibility

Members noted previously circulated report to inform of changes made by the Nominating Officer of the Ulster Unionist Party, Councillor Wilson.

C015/19 Notice of Motion

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

“That this Council acknowledges the importance of and contribution to the economy made by our town centres; reaffirms our commitment to develop and support town centre businesses, both with direct engagement and with general town centre activities to aid footfall; and recognises the need for rate reform and, in doing so, backs the call from Retail NI for “radical change” in relation to town centres”

Councillor Wilson stated that he would commend Mid Ulster Council in all its efforts to promote town centres but stated that Council could not do it alone.

Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting at 8.26 pm

Councillor Wilson moved the motion stating that

“2018 was a difficult year for the United Kingdom’s high street as the months went on, it appeared more and more household name retailers were struggling. The problems for local retailers here however are exacerbated even further by the fact that households across Northern Ireland have less than half the discretionary spend of our neighbours in Great Britain. A major problem for our town centres and one somewhat out of our control is the wider shift in shopping trends, caused especially by the rapid growth in online retail. But it’s not just online that our high street businesses are coming up against, they are also at a major disadvantage to out of town developments, with consumers undoubtedly attracted by the hassle free car parking and the convenience of major retailers in one location. That is why it is important that I believe on street parking should remain free, especially in Cookstown! It is well know that Northern Ireland overall has a worrying shop vacancy rate with nearly one in seven units lying empty. It is far higher than the UK average and whilst some local towns such as Cookstown and Magherafelt are performing slightly better, unfortunately others such as Dungannon are higher than even the Northern Ireland average. Cookstown had a very successful ‘LOTS’ scheme and maybe that is something we could lobby for across our district town centres. This would encourage more people into town centres. But there is one thing in our control, which more often than anything else local businesses mention to me as a factor as to their long term viability on the high street – business rates. According to the strategic report from September 2018 entitled ‘Retail accommodation in Mid Ulster Town centres’, business rates here rose considerably from 36% of rent in 2002 to 46% of rent in 2012. Those figures are now seven years out of date, and as rents have continued to fall, I suspect there are now a number of businesses locally paying more in rates than on rent. That was never the intention and it just goes to show the level of rates burden being placed on some of our local businesses.

2019 is looking like it may be quite a difficult year for Northern Ireland and its economy. With the ongoing massive uncertainty in regards to Brexit and the ongoing challenges being presented by the Province entering into its third year of no Executive or functioning Assembly, businesses here are anxiously looking ahead. But the ongoing absence of Stormont now has the potential to do much more than just inflict major reputational damage to Northern Ireland.

For years the Department of Finance have been trying to scrap the small business rates relief and they nearly got their way last year. Whilst it was given a further extension I now fear that it is only a matter of time, given the fact we have no Executive before they eventually get their way. That would be yet another hammer blow to businesses with 23,000 across Northern Ireland benefitting from it. As far as my party and I are concerned instead of trying to scrap the relief, the local Department here should be trying to make it more effective by targeting varying levels of rate relief to the businesses that need it the most. Already new businesses here can no longer avail of 50% rates relief if they reoccupy premises which have been long term vacant. So instead of attracting new entrepreneurs and up and coming businesses, the units are being left empty with no rates at all being collected on them, It is a class example of why sometimes looking only at the cost of something, instead of the benefits that it delivers, is a really foolish way to make a decision. Local industry bodies such as RetailNI have also highlighted that the need for major businesses rates reform after it was announced in last year's Budget that independent retailers in England would be getting a third off their rates, while their Northern Ireland counterparts received no reduction. So whilst other parts of the UK are consciously supporting their town centres and small businesses here it looks like we are about to make things even more difficult for them. Whilst regeneration schemes in town centres, as well as the development of Business Investment Districts are providing some assistance in increasing footfall, the reality remains that for many businesses the single biggest support they could be given would be if we were to review the current business rating system, keeping what works and amending those areas which are now long out of date in this day and age of retailing."

Councillor Glasgow seconded the motion.

Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Wilson in support of town centres and stressed that it was no surprise that the high street was shrinking due to online shopping and out of town centres with shops under one roof. He stated that Council needed to be smarter in the future as time and again it receives bad press for extortionate rates on businesses yet the largest percentage of the rate goes to Central Government. He emphasised the importance of an alternative mechanism for rate relief or an incentive for businesses.

Councillor Monteith supported the motion and welcomed the discussion stating that Councillor Wilson had alluded to many comparisons between local shops here or in England. Councillor Monteith highlighted that a hairdresser in England would pay £4500 in rates the highest, yet here in the north they were paying £6000 in the Council areas with lower rated areas and maybe over £7000 in higher rated areas. He further emphasised that the figure quoted for England did not take into account the reductions in cities such as London. He highlighted that many of our local traders pay more in rates than rent and much more than their counterparts in England, Scotland or Wales, he stated that the justification for high rates was higher footfall but this was not the case. He

stressed that the rating system was not fit for purpose and had to change emphasising that unless radical action was taken towns would disappear thus it was vital to do something quickly as even established businesses were going to edge of town retail units. He stated that Council was quick to shout at other statutory agencies but must be mindful that they had themselves the responsibility to deal with some of the issues, for example, planning, as edge of town retail units were being granted planning permission through Council. Councillor Monteith highlighted the report of a recent consultant who had said carpark costs had no impact on town centres, yet people time and again say different and this was an issue Council could deal with. Councillor Monteith concluded saying that Council needed to look at its own responsibilities as well as that of others.

Councillor M Quinn concurred with Councillor Monteith stating that in the main towns and smaller towns had many empty retail units which is the focus point of much discussion yet as Councillor Monteith had highlighted Council seemed to dance around them. He stated that the SDLP would support the motion.

Councillor Buchanan commended the work of the Director of Business and Communities and town centre managers on their efforts and stated that people needed to shop locally.

Councillor G Shiels stated that he supported the motion. He spoke of retailers in Magherafelt in particular some of whom were investing in their properties to attract higher value tenants and the other end of the scale the small family businesses who were trying to keep the business going and maybe not even getting a living wage.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he fully supported the motion stressing that in what was the historic town centre in Dungannon there were so many empty units. He shared that the landlord of the CAB building paid £8000 in rates as well as insurance and thus there was little left to improve the building. He stated that landlords were sitting with empty units, family businesses trading for decades were hoping things will change but that overall moral amongst traders is low and that there was many issues but few answers. He stated that taxi companies had asked for a taxi rank and that although it would take time to establish at least if it was tried. He stressed that the issues had been well discussed with little by way of results and morale getting worse. Councillor Cuddy stated it was time for Members to get together and tackle the serious issues especially low footfall on the streets. He supported the motion.

Councillor Mallaghan concurred with many of the points highlighted but expressed concern about comments in relation to the planning committee and reminded Members that any one of them could call out a planning application and stated he was unclear as to what application Councillor Monteith was referring to.

Councillor Wilson in summary thanked Members for their support and suggested an amendment to the motion to write to the Department of Business and Communities as well as to Retail NI.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake put the amendment to the meeting and all concurred.

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

“That this Council acknowledges the importance of and contribution to the economy made by our town centres; reaffirms our commitment to develop and support town centre businesses, both with direct engagement and with general town centre activities to aid footfall; and recognises the need for rate reform and, in doing so, backs the call from Retail NI for “radical change” in relation to town centres. That Council write to Department of Finance and Retail NI to seek meeting regarding in the support of rate reform in relation to town centres”

All agreed.

The Chair Councillor McPeake declared the motion carried.

C016/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor B McGuigan moved the motion as undernoted:

“This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and processing (LA10/2017/1249/F) in the Sperrin’s and wider region. Given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this Council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive (2006/21/EC)”.

Councillor B McGuigan stating that

“The island of Ireland attracts visitors from all over the world who want to sample its culture, hospitality and an unspoilt natural environment which very few countries can rival. Mid-Ulster Council and its predecessor councils have sought to tackle years of under-investment west of the Bann by developing the obvious tourism potential of the area with a particular focus on sustainable tourism and sporting activities such as cycling. The new Dark Sky Observatory and Visitor Centre opening at Davagh is reflective of that approach where the natural environment can clearly complement and enhance the potential of the area to attract much needed income from visitors to the area. Since its inception, Mid-Ulster Council has worked closely with stakeholders such as Invest NI to create an environment which can attract international investment into the area to broaden the local economic base and to complement the extensive growth in recent years in small indigenous companies. It is clear that this approach is paying dividends as Mid-Ulster has had the highest economic activity rate and the highest employment rate across all eleven councils. That “open for business” approach is why we examine carefully every proposal which could help to sustain economic growth, particularly in light of the difficulties which Brexit can be expected to present for local companies seeking to grow their export business. But we need to be clear, Sinn Fein want to see the development of an economy which will serve our people, one which is consistent with the preservation of our local rural communities and one which enhances and supports the natural environment. We do not support, and we will not support any proposal which trades short-term economic benefit for a few people to the overall detriment of our area and which leaves a poisonous legacy for our children. This area is blessed with natural resources, resources which should be used sustainably for the good of all the people in the area and for the benefit of future generations. The planning proposal which

Dalradian have submitted for the extraction and processing of Gold and other precious metals at a Treatment Plant in the Greencastle area seeks to exploit those resources, not for the good of the people in the area but for the benefit of foreign investors and large shareholders. Furthermore there is clear and in our view irrefutable evidence of the long-term and lasting damage that this type of extraction process can have on a wide area. The excellent research which has been developed by the various campaign groups which have sprung up to oppose the development has identified many international examples where communities and their local authorities have been left to manage the devastation that has been done to local areas.

Sinn Féin has a clear and consistent policy on this type of development. At the party Ard Fheis in 2017, the conference passed a motion which made clear its opposition to the type of proposal which is currently being considered. The motion read, *“This Ard Fheis, recognises the environmental damage caused by precious metals mining and the extraction of Ireland’s non-renewable natural resources by large corporate entities with little or no benefit to local communities; Is opposed to the use of cyanide in mining due to its detrimental environmental and health implications;...”*

Our Party Leader in the six counties, Michelle O’Neill met with Dalradian last week to reiterate that opposition. It is clear that the short term economic benefits from the project, in terms of employment and revenue taken into the local economy, are far outweighed by the costs for this and for future generations of managing its poisonous legacy. The long term health problems of a project of the scale and nature proposed are a legacy we cannot leave to future generations. The toxic impact already on community relations within the area are but a foretaste of what is to come if this application is successful. As a Council, our first responsibility is to the people of Mid-Ulster – to this generation and to future generations. The health risks from the proposed use of cyanide and other poisonous substances are well documented. The leaching of toxic chemicals into the water supply and the devastation of our prized natural environment is too high a price to pay for a small number of short-term jobs. That is why in this Council and in three other Councils across the North, Sinn Fein is bringing forward the motion proposed. I am asking this Council to put the people of Mid-Ulster first and support this motion.”

Councillor Milne seconded the motion and stated that as a republican his first allegiance was to the people. He referred to the proclamation and advised that it did not just refer to the right of the people of Ireland but also referred to the ownership of Ireland thus its natural resources such as minerals, soil and resources.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 8.50pm

Councillor Milne, stressed that Dalradian was reaping profits for its management board and shareholders regardless of the impact on the local area. He further stated that Britain has the potential to reduce standards following Brexit. He asked Members to remember that the Chief Executive of Dalradian would not have a processing plant on his door neither would his children suffer.

Councillor Glasgow returned to the meeting at 8.51 pm

Councillor Milne was emphatic that Council needed to take action or the children of the area would be left with a poisonous legacy beyond their control.

Councillor Monteith stated whilst he supported the motion as it stood he wished to propose an amendment

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake stated he had considered the amendment but ruled it out of order as it seeks to cover all of the region, not just Mid Ulster, and would place a greater burden on the meeting and Council. He said that the Local Development Plan would be considered at a special meeting of Council on 31 January 2019 and such issues would be considered there. The Chair concluded that to take such a course of action could leave the Council open to legal challenge.

Councillor Monteith stated that this was a ludicrous route and demonstrated that it was one rule for one and a different rule for others. He stated that he had brought the motion forward on behalf of some of those fighting the campaign and that he felt it was his duty to afford the people a democratic voice. He highlighted that SOS (Save Our Sperrins) was fighting the campaign day and daily and if their views could not be heard by the Council, then where? Councillor Monteith stated that the people campaigning had exposed the issue at grass roots level and it was a disgrace that the amendment would not be taken. He highlighted the personal cost to the campaigners and emphasised that the state and PSNI were rallying around the rich and arresting protestors. He further sent a message of support to the protestors. Councillor Monteith objected strongly to the ruling of the Chair, Councillor S McPeake but stated he would support the motion.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake in response reiterated that there was a meeting regarding the Local Development Plan scheduled and Council could leave itself open for challenge, if the amendment was accepted.

Councillor McFlynn stressed that the impact of the situation if the processing plant was permitted could not be underestimated and shared that there was a deep sadness in the area at what is taking place. Councillor McFlynn stated that the SDLP would support the motion and stand by their neighbours in Greencastle.

Councillor Mallaghan urged Councillor Monteith to get behind the Local Development Plan and stated that Council would 'tie its hands' in making decisions going forward and reiterated that the Local Development Plan was the correct route through which to consider such options and that it would go through a consultation period.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that he came from a quarrying background spanning three generations and whilst he no longer worked in the industry highlighted that there was some great companies operating in the district. He emphasised that there was a distinct difference in mining for precious metals and the use of cyanide would result in accidents. He stressed his support for the reputable quarrying companies in the District and stated that prospecting was bringing a great divide to the community and urged quarrying companies to dissociate themselves from it. Councillor Mallaghan supported the motion.

Councillor McLean stated that his Party would not be supporting the motion. He said that the motion was the commencement of the Sinn Féin election campaign and an election stunt to coax people to support them. Councillor McLean said that Sinn Féin were now speaking about environmental issues having bombed the landscape, people and property for years.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake called on Councillor McLean to withdraw his statement or cease speaking having made an accusation against Sinn Féin.

Councillor McLean was emphatic that he would not withdraw the statement and stated that the Chair, Councillor S McPeake was silencing him as he did Councillor Monteith.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake said that Councillor McLean was stating untruths.

Councillor Clarke stated he lived approximately three miles from the site near the Broughderg River, which flows, to the Owenkillev River and if cyanide leaked into a river, the whole Foyle system would be destroyed. He spoke of the River being a breeding area for salmon, sea trout and mussels and the environmental impact of a leak. The Councillor advised that 1.5 meters of rain fell in the area annually and the site was on top of a hill, he stated that the scheme was hare brained built on the nonsense of great jobs and financial gain for the area. He drew attention that government had supported this yet there would not be a penny of tax paid. Councillor Clarke declared his support for the motion and stressed the importance of the Local development plan scheduled to the discussed in the following week.

Councillor Wilson stated that the issue was an emotive one both outside and inside the Chamber but stated that in his opinion the Chair had been wrong in silencing previous speakers but it was the prerogative of the Chair to do so.

He advised he had attended meetings regarding the matter but still had not grasped all of the facts and at first had not realised that cyanide was to be used. He shared that he had googled its use to discover that it was being used in County Meath for the last 30 years, he acknowledged the numbers of people employed by the mining industry, the fact that the application in question was outside of Mid Ulster and stated there had to be a happy medium. Councillor Wilson suggested that Council invite County Meath Council to a meeting to discuss how they had come to terms with the use of cyanide and its impact on the local community.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to Councillor Wilson's comments with regard to the use of cyanide by Tara mines in County Meath. He stated, like other Members he had attended meetings which had provided very detailed information from examples throughout the world and that it had been reported cyanide was the cheapest way to blast but there was other processes. Councillor B McGuigan had stated he had attained sufficient information to know that Council did not need or should want it used in the area. Councillor B McGuigan stated that every proposal should be looked at in its own right at which time the needs of the people and the strategy for the area could be considered. He concurred with Councillor Mallaghan in separation of aggregate mining and that of precious metals which should not be under the same umbrella.

Councillor Wilson on a point of clarification stated he did not mention Tara mines but had asked if County Meath Council should be invited to come.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake stated that he would take that.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion.

For 23
Against 9
Abstained 5

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake declared the motion carried.

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 9.12pm

C017/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Ashton moved the motion stating that

“The NI Air Ambulance needs no introduction. This life saving service works in partnership with the NI Ambulance Service. Can I at this point commend the great work of the men and women that operate this service and the great partnership that saves so many lives. The costs surrounding the helicopter relies solely on the good will of the general public. Mr Chairman this service needs a sustainable income to ensure the helicopter keeps flying. In 2018, the Air Ambulance Service has been deployed 46 times into Mid Ulster. Indeed Members this Council has even benefited directly from this service when one of our refuge collectors was involved in a serious road traffic collision and had to be cut out of one of our lorry’s and was air lifted to hospital. If it wasn’t for the Air Ambulance this employee would not have received the lifesaving treatment he required so quickly. Members questions I’m sure you are asking is about the precedent this motion sets. We support on a monthly basis a range of community, not for profit and charitable organisations. I however would argue that the NI Air Ambulance should be supported by the Government and not have to rely solely on charitable donations. This Service should be the same as our Police cars, Ambulances and fire engines. Some may say this is a Stormont Responsibility. For members information the current arrangement is that the NI ambulance service, provide the medical crew, medicines and equipment which is funded by Stormont. Unfortunately members we now find ourselves in a political vacuum now that Stormont has been off the scene for over two years. However if the Executive reform in the morning then yes lets go to Stormont and tell them we want to see Central Government fully support this service.

The Air Ambulance service costs approximately £2 Million annually just to keep it in the air. This is a huge amount of money to rely on public donations and I have no doubt members if this service was to be lost in the morning due to funding we would be up in arms. This is our opportunity to provide some level of assurance to the NI Air Ambulance. A Service that serves our whole community regardless of what background you are from. Members will ask where I intend to get this funding from. Mr Chairman having spoken with a number of members across the parties I am happy for the financial part of this motion to have further discussion at policy and resource if Members are of the mind to consider supporting this service. Mr Chairman I believe that this Council can be the leader on this issue and send a message out to the other Councils that they all benefit from this service and should be financially supporting it and I would welcome if this Council would write to the other Councils to seek financial support. Mr Chairman I believe this service speaks for itself and therefore propose the motion as presented with the financial element referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for discussion and decision.”

Councillor Ashton moved the motion as undernoted

“That this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 33 times to the Mid Ulster area during the first 10 months in 2018; And that this Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational and contribute 1/11 (£181,818) of the running costs of the NI Air Ambulance which currently is 2 Million pounds annually; And furthermore this Council writes to the other 10 Councils urging them to match Mid Ulster District Councils Commitment.”

Councillor B McGuigan left the meeting at 9.15 pm returning at 9.17pm

Councillor Burton seconded the motion and highlighted the invaluable service provided by the Air Ambulance NI. She spoke of a visit to their premises at the Maze when she had the opportunity to tour the base, hear of the remit of the work and pass on her gratitude to them for same. Councillor Burton advised that there was huge support and need for this service right across Northern Ireland but no more so than in Clogher Valley when as recently as New Year’s Eve the NI Air Ambulance had to be deployed to Aughnacloy to a serious accident.

Councillor Burton advised that prior to the NI Ambulance being launched the province was the only area in the UK without a helicopter emergency medical service. She spoke of the rural district of Mid Ulster and the lives already saved by the service provided highlighting that the statistics demonstrate the dire need for the service given that 60% of incidents are road traffic collisions, industrial and farming accidents the district really needed it as it had poor road infrastructure, was the largest industrial base outside Belfast and was rural. Councillor Burton highlighted that the service had been deployed 762 times since its formation and commended the public for the huge fundraising efforts made in the absence of Government support and spoke of services challenge in securing £2m annually for helicopter operations. Councillor Burton spoke of the part played by NILGA in advocating the work of Air Ambulance NI, show-casing them at their annual conference at which people had the opportunity to give donations.

Councillor Burton stressed the need for sustainability for the organisations and the funding required helicopters, pilots, fuel, insurance, hangars, medical crew control room, charity governance and staff infrastructure. Concluding Councillor Burton stated that in the absence of an Assembly what is key is that Air Ambulance NI is providing a national emergency service and is totally dependent on the good will of the community to keep going. Councillor Burton stated she had no hesitation in seconding the motion and urged others to support it stating that together with NILGA and the other 10 Councils the policy should be challenged that a national emergency service is delivered by a charity.

Councillor McGinley stated he supported the motion. He referred to the comment of Councillor McLean in previous discussion regarding election mode he stated that this point had been made to him regarding the Air Ambulance motion but he had responded saying that they were all colleagues and he would support the motion. He highlighted the statistics in the number of callouts at 672 with 36 times in the district and recalled how the then Minister for Health Michelle O’Neill had launched the Air Ambulance. Councillor McGinley supported the financial impact of the motion being referred to Policy and

Resources and stated that the motion should stop at the word operational with the remaining elements being referred back to committee.

Councillor Kearney pledged his support to the motion stating that it had been called out regularly to farming, road and sporting accidents and given the poor ambulance response times in the district it was much needed. Councillor Kearney spoke of his late sister who 18 years ago went to hospital by air ambulance to England, although her life wasn't saved in the aftermath of her death the local community raised money to support such services.

Councillor Wilson stated that there wasn't one in the Chamber who would disagree that the air ambulance provides a valuable service and spoke of the years the province was without the service and how the then Minister Michael McGimpsey signed off on the project. He reflected on the valuable service provided, the call outs to the area and the much needed financial resources commending the public on their generosity which has kept it going. Councillor Wilson emphasised that the services needed to be sustainable and not reliant on charity. He supported the motion with the financial element of it to be discussed at Policy and Resources committee.

Councillor Monteith supported the motion but stated that it was interesting that this motion is allowed to set Council policy but when it does not suit Sinn Féin, no one is allowed to set it. He stated that he was content that the financial element of the motion be referred to Policy and Resources Committee. Councillor Monteith commended Councillor Ashton on the motion.

Councillor Ashton in conclusion stated that she was pleased to have full party support for the motion and that the motions debate was finishing in a more positive place. Councillor Ashton moved the motion as undernoted.

- (i) *“That this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 33 times to the Mid Ulster area during the first 10 months in 2018. And that this Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational*

To be referred to Policy & Resources Committee

- (ii) *contribute 1/11 (£181,818) of the running costs of the NI Air Ambulance which currently is 2 Million pounds annually;*
- (iii) *furthermore this Council writes to the other 10 Councils urging them to match Mid Ulster District Councils Commitment”.*

As all were in favour of the motion the Chair, Councillor S McPeake declared the motion carried.

The press and public left the meeting at 9.26 pm

Councillor Mulligan, Robinson and M Quinn left the meeting at 9.26pm

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

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That items C018/19 – C028/19 be taken as confidential business.

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Meeting Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 13 December 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 7 January 2019
- (iii) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 8 January 2019
- (iv) Policy & Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 9 January 2019
- (v) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 10 January 2019
- (vi) Somme Park, Killyman Play Park Lease Agreement
- (vii) Coalisland Public Realm – Contract Award
- (viii) Heaney Trails Interpretation
- (ix) Davagh Forest Outdoor Experience (Phase 2) – Capital Project
- (x) Village Programme, Group 3 – Capital Project

Matters for Information

- (i) Document for Sealing: Conveyance between Mid Ulster District Council and Robert Thomas Ferguson in relation to lands situated at Coagh Road, Stewartstown

C029/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 9.47pm

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Mallaghan, Chair Councillors Bell, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, D McPeake, S McPeake, Robinson
Officers in Attendance	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Council Solicitor Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Applicant Speakers LA09/2018/0213/O Mr Diamond

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm

P014/19 Apologies

Councillor Mullen.

P015/19 Declarations of Interest

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

P016/19 Chair's Business

The Planning Manager tabled Planning Appeals Decision in relation to application I/2014/0399/F – Single wind turbine of up to 2.3 megawatts power output with a maximum overall blade-to-tip height of 92.5 metres, to complement a wind turbine allowed on appeal (2017/A0176) at Beltonanean Mountain, Cookstown. The Planning Manager stated that the appeal was considered afresh following quashing of previous appeal decision at High Court and advised that the reconsidered decision of the Deputy Chief Commissioner was to dismiss the appeal.

The Planning Manager tabled letter from Department for Infrastructure in relation to Public Inquiry for erection of 33 no. wind turbines at Doraville. The Planning Manager stated that whilst the application was not in Mid Ulster area, Members had previously taken the view that the application should be refused on the basis of impact on amenity in Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That Mid Ulster District Council make representation at Public Inquiry in relation to wind farm at Doraville.

The Planning Manager tabled letter from Department for Infrastructure in relation to its opinion to refuse planning application LA09/2016/0232/F – 11 turbine wind farm accessed off Corlacky Road, Swatragh.

Councillor S McPeake stated that he had attended site meeting in relation to this application and felt that the proposal would blend in and would be acceptable.

The Planning Manager stated that further to discussions at Council in relation to this application a response had been issued which adopted a neutral stance but did not raise an objection.

In response to question from Councillor S McPeake the Planning Manager stated that a Member could make representation on the matter if they wished to do so.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan suggested that a holding letter be sent to the Department stating that Council would issue further response in the next few weeks.

The Planning Manager stated that a report on the matter would be brought to March Planning Committee.

The Council Solicitor reminded Members that those who wished to attend Planning Appeals and make representations did so on an individual basis and were not speaking on behalf of the Council or the Planning Committee. Members should make this clear at any such Inquiry etc. The Solicitor also urged caution in this Council making submissions or representations in that they should not be or seen to be suggesting a policy decision or position especially while the Council is still in the development stages of its Development Plan.

The Planning Manager tabled notification in respect of RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2019 and that Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme 2016-2017 had been shortlisted as a finalist in the Successful Economy category. The Planning Manager advised that the awards ceremony is to be held on 24 April 2019 in London and invited nominations for Members attendance at same.

The Council Solicitor reminded Members of Council protocol in respect of nominations to events.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that as the awards ceremony is due to be held during the election period it may not be in order for Members to attend.

Councillor S McPeake stated he did not envisage a difficulty in Members attending the awards ceremony.

The Planning Manager stated that last year he, along with the Chair of Council had attended the awards ceremony.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That the Chair and Vice Chair of Council along with Planning Manager attend RTPI awards ceremony in London on 24 April 2019.

The Council Solicitor noted that she would consider whether there might be any issues with Members attending because of the timing of the event and in light of Councillor Cuthbertson's comments.

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 4.2 – LA09/2017/0489/F – Farm shed 210m E of 96 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland for Gavin Quinn.

Agenda Item 4.5.1 – LA09/2017/1196/A – Business signage; including signage on S & W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Danny Mulholland.

Agenda Item 4.5.2 – LA09/2018/1521/LBC – Business signage; including signage on S & W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Mid Ulster Back Care and Physiotherapy.

Agenda Item 4.9 – LA09/2018/0666/O – Replacement of existing mobile home with farm dwelling and garage at approx. 40m SE of 32a Mayogall Road, Gulladuff for Damon Brown.

Agenda Item 4.10 – LA09/2018/0800/O – Dwelling and garage at land between 20 & 26 Garrsion, Toberhead, Knockloughrim for Donna O'Kane.

Agenda Item 4.11 – LA09/2018/0944/O – Infill dwelling and garage approx. 90m SE of 43 Rocktown Road, Bellaghy for Mr David Arrell.

Agenda Item 4.12 – LA09/2018/1179/F – Replacement garage in relation to ex wedding car hire business at 39 Rocktown Road, Bellaghy for N I Wedding Cars.

Agenda Item 4.15 – LA09/2018/1450/F – Infill dwelling and domestic garage at site between 6 and 6A Carncose Road, Moneymore for Mr Rodney Mitchell.

Agenda Item 4.18 – LA09/2018/1519/F – Farm dwelling at lands approx. 200m N of 65 Killyliss Road, Dungannon for Mr Magowan.

The Chair also sought approval for the following application to be deferred for further consideration as additional objections to the application had been received –

Agenda Item 4.13 – LA09/2018/1349/F – Cattle handling and isolation facility at lands to the front of and NE of 102 and 104 Ballygawley Road and S of 101 Ballygwley Road, Glenadush for Bernard McAleer.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

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

Matters for Decision

P017/19 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2016/1703/O Change of use of waste management facility to a residential development of 6 semi detached and 2 apartments, at 89 Clady Road Portglenone for Martin Henry

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1703/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1703/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0489/F Farm shed 210m E of 96 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland for Gavin Quinn

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

LA09/2017/0753/F Poultry house (8000 birds) manure store and feed bin at lands approx. 180m N of 60 Sessiagh Scott Road, Rock for Mr G McGorry

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0753/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0753/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0806/F 5 no. self catering holiday units at 9 Mill Road, Killucan, Cookstown for Kieran Small

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0806/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0806/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1196/A Business signage; including signage on S & W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Danny Mulholland

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

LA09/2018/1521/LBC Business signage; including signage on S & W elevations and free standing sign in front of building at 15-17 Church Street, Magherafelt for Mid Ulster Back Care and Physiotherapy

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

LA09/2017/1532/F Farm building 40m NW of 81 Killyliss Road, Dungannon for Mr Gary McCann

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in this application.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1532/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1532/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1776/O Dwelling and garage 25m W of The Manor House, Corchoney Lane, Cookstown for Mr Noel Corey

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1776/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1776/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0123/F Extension to existing supermarket and relocation of Off-Sales at Springisland Supermarket, 2 Washingbay Road, Coalisland for Mr Peter Rice

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0123/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0123/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0666/O Replacement of existing mobile home with farm dwelling and garage at approx. 40m SE of 32a Mayogall Road, Gulladuff for Damon Brown

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

LA09/2018/0800/O Dwelling and garage at land between 20 and 26 Garrison, Toberhead, Knockloughrim for Donna O'Kane

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

LA09/2018/0944/O Infill dwelling and garage approx. 90m SE of 43 Rocktown Road, Bellaghy for Mr David Arrell

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

LA09/2018/1179/F Replacement garage in relation to ex wedding car hire business at 39 Rocktown Road, Bellaghy for N I Wedding Cars

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

LA09/2018/1349/F Cattle handling and isolation facility at lands to the front of and NE of 102 and 104 Ballygawley Road and S of 101 Ballygawley Road, Glenadush for Bernard McAleer

Application agreed to be deferred for further consideration earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1355/F Single garage (semi-detached to neighbours existing garage) at 6 Parkmore Gardens, Magherafelt for Mr R and Mrs C Rainey

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1355/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1355/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1450/F Infill dwelling and domestic garage at site between 6 and 6A Carnose Road, Moneymore for Mr Rodney Mitchell

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

LA09/2018/1458/O Dwelling 50m SW of 55 Kanes Rampart, Derryloughan for Owen Campbell

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1458/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bell referred to picture that was within papers and picture being shown tonight as part of presentation and felt it was difficult to get a proper view of how the whole site sits and as a result did not feel fully informed enough to make a decision. The Councillor also felt there was some further debate to be had around focal points and requested that the application be deferred.

The Planning Manager stated that as concerns centred around the visual assessment of the site he suggested a site meeting may be best in this instance.

Councillor Glasgow stated he was not disputing that a site meeting be held but that the last site meeting that was requested only three Councillors attended which was disappointing.

The Planning Manager stated he was happy to host an office meeting but it was for Members to decide how they wanted to proceed.

Councillor McKinney stated that if a site visit is requested then the proposer and seconder of the recommendation should at least attend.

Councillor Clarke stated that Members were only getting a small picture of what the area was like and more detail was needed.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if it was possible to get imagery ie. from Google Earth which could be used to assist making a decision tonight.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to Members concerns in relation to imagery in reports and stated that the images being provided were not adequate to make a decision if a Member was not familiar with the area.

Councillor Kearney referred to last site meeting held and that a lot can be learned from being on site however whenever only two or three Members attend it can put a lot of responsibility on those Members.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1458/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2018/1464/F Retrospective application for retention of general office/shelter, store building and control tower at 250m W of 7A Ballymoghlan Lane, Magherafelt for Mr Robert Brown

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1464/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1464/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1519/F Farm dwelling at lands approx. 200m N of 65 Killyliss Road, Dungannon for Mr Magowan

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

LA09/2018/1542/F Widening of existing forest park entrance for two way traffic access with controlled access bollards, erection of pay stations in car park and introduction of passing bays along internal access road at Davagh Forest Park, Omagh for Mid Ulster District Council

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

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1542/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1542/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1554/F Change of house type (from planning ref H/2007/1142/F) to chalet bungalow with detached garage and stable block at 64 Glenshane Road, Knockloughrim, Magherafelt for Mr M O'Kane

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1554/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1554/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1557/RM Chalet bungalow and detached garage 40m N of 64 Glenshane Road, Knockloughrim for Mr and Mrs S Kane

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1557/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1557/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0690/F Retrospective application for beauty salon and car sales area with associated office and valet facility at lands adjacent to 3 Killymuck Road, Upperlands, Maghera for Brian McCloskey

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0690/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0690/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1122/F Farm dwelling 40m NE of 48 Waterfoot Road Magherafelt for Mr Henry J Walls

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/1122/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1122/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/1055/O Dwelling and garage at approx. 30m S of 77 Gulladuff Hill, Moyagall, Gulladuff for Joe Hurley

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1055/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1055/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0213/O Site for dwelling and domestic garage at 60m SE of 101 Bancran Road, Draperstown for Mr Oliver Bradley

Ms McCullagh (SPO) advised that this application would be taken 'In Committee' due to the personal circumstances associated with the case.

LA09/2018/0495/O 2 storey dwelling and garage at site adjacent to 22 Carnamam Road, Gulladuff for Liam Duggan

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0495/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0495/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

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

Councillor Kearney declared an interest in this application.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1238/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1238/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P018/19 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 January 2019

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 January 2019.

P019/19 Notification of RAMSAR designation – Teal Lough

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which advised of NIEA decision to designate an area of wetlands at Teal Lough as a RAMSAR site.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan felt that the RAMSAR designation of Teal Lough would add to the tourism project at Davagh.

Councillor Clarke stated that the designation was positive and in referring to Black Bog of which some of the bog is located in the Mid Ulster area, the Councillor stated that Council should be encouraging protection of such sites.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That Council respond to notification stating that it would support the designation of Teal Lough.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake 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 P017/19 (In Committee Item) and items P020/19 to P025/19.

Matters for Decision

P017/19 Planning Applications for Determination (In Committee Item)
P020/19 Receive Consultation on Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy
P021/19 Receive Enforcement Report
P022/19 Other Business

Matters for Information

P023/19 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 January 2019
P024/19 Enforcement Cases Opened
P025/19 Enforcement Cases Closed

P026/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.12 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 7 February 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor McKinney, Chair Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Kearney, S McGuigan, D McPeake, S McPeake, Molloy, Totten
Officers in Attendance	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mrs McNally, Council Solicitor Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillors McFlynn and Monteith

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

PR023/19 Apologies

Councillors Forde, McLean, Gildernew, M Quinn.

PR024/19 Declaration of Interest

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

PR025/19 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR025/19 Vehicle All Round Safety Camera System

The Head of Property Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to retrofit and fund exterior all round camera safety systems to the fleet which are in excess of 3.5T that won't be replaced in the 2019/2020 replacement schedule.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query, the Head of Property Services advised that funding would be sourced through the revenue reserves.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the release at a cost of £25,000, plus a 10% contingency (£27,500) from revenue reserves to retrofit the 360 Birdseye view camera safety systems around the exterior of the vehicles detailed in the report.

PR026/19 Consultation on Improvement Objectives: February – March 2019

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek agreement for improvement objectives for 2019/20 and the initiation of public consultation on Improvement Objectives as set in compliance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 (the Act).

Councillor Cuddy said that although he wasn't against the initiative, but felt that Planning had one clear objective which could be measured, whilst some of the others were harder to measure and could be very subjective.

The Chief Executive advised that each year objectives were brought forward which are overseen by a Senior Responsible Officer and an assigned Project team. He said that the Council had previously approved 4 improvement objectives which were set for the two year period 2017/18 to 2018/19. Following consideration by Senior Management, three of the current four improvement objectives were recommended to progress through into the new financial year to provide sufficient time to bring about increased tangible outcomes for citizens, with the addition of one new improvement objective. He stated that following the elections in May a new Corporate Plan for the next four years would be established and new performance improvements agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the four improvement objections for 2019 to 2020 (three existing improvement objectives for a further 12 month period (2019-20) and the addition of one new improvement objective for the incoming financial year), and the initiation of consultation on same together with associated timeline.

PR027/19 Earls Project – Lease of Council owned Lands situated at Railway Park, Dungannon to STEP

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the terms of the transaction regarding lands situated at Railway Park, Dungannon ("the Lands") that forms part of the Earls Project and to seek Members approval to enter in to the Lease with South Tyrone Enterprise Programme ("STEP") on the terms contained herein.

Councillor Cuddy advised that the Dungannon Town Councillors got involved in the process a few years ago which was 100% funded, and stated that although he wouldn't be against the recommendation he would have concerns regarding the future of the lease in the eventuality of STEP not being able to continue. He said that in the past the Council had made the mistake of allocating land to another group and eventually they sold the land rather than it being returned to us.

Councillor Molloy said that there were safeguards written into the lease and would be happy to proceed with the recommendation but would like clarification on the possible outcome of STEP being unable to continue and enquired whether the debt would be against the building, Debtors or Council.

The Council Solicitor said that one of the main reasons a lease is needed is because under the terms of the funding that the Council received, the funder, SEUPB, has to take the priority charge on STEP's Lease.

Councillor Molloy asked if the Council would have to buy the lease out in the eventuality of STEP becoming insolvent.

Councillor Cuddy enquired whether the building would be allocated to the SEUPB or the Council in the eventuality of STEP becoming insolvent.

The Council Solicitor said that she would check, but she understood that as the Council was the landowner, has a provision within the Lease to terminate the Lease in certain circumstances, including insolvency then a charge on the Lease would not prevent the Council from doing this.

Councillor Molloy asked that clarification on concerns raised be brought back to Council.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the revised Lease and Lease Map as previously circulated as Appendix A and B. Clarity on concerns raised tonight be brought back to Council.

Matters for Information

PR028/19 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 9 January 2019

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 9 January 2019.

PR029/19 Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues – Subscription 2019-20

Members noted correspondence on Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues – Subscription 2019-20.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
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 PR030/19 to PR045/19.

Matters for Decision

- PR030/19 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR031/19 Village Renewal Scheme: Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 – Lands situated at Roan Park, Eglis, Dungannon
- PR032/19 Acquisition of Land at Market Square/Feeneys Lane, Dungannon
- PR033/19 Ticketsolve Contract
- PR034/19 2019/20 Insurances
- PR035/19 Rate Estimates 2019/20
- PR036/19 Minimum Reserve Provision Policy
- PR037/19 Robustness of Rate Estimates 2019/20
- PR038/19 Adequacy of Reserves
- PR039/19 Rates Support Grant Judicial Review Update
- PR040/19 Staffing – Office Accommodation Arrangements

Matters for Information

- PR041/19 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 9 January 2019
- PR042/19 Contracts and DAC
- PR043/19 Finance Report for 9 months ended 31 December 2018
- PR044/19 Staffing Matters for Information
- PR045/19 GDPR Compliance and Progress Update

PR046/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.27 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 11 February 2019 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor McPeake Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, M Quinn (7.02pm), Robinson, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance:

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Ms McNally, Marketing & Communications Officer (C Lead)
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

SC006/19 Apologies

Councillors Forde, McLean and O'Neil

SC007/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.02pm

SC008/19 Chair's Business

None

Matters for Decision

SC009/19 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding the 2019/2020 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and sought approval that the policy as detailed for year 2018/19 be retained for the incoming year.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan

Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the 2018/19 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy be retained for year 2019/20.

SC010/19 Robustness of the Estimates

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report on the robustness of the Rate Estimates for 2019/20 and drew attention to key issues outlined within the report. He further reminded Members that no extra provision had been made in relation to Minimum Revenue Provision, that the windfalls highlighted were one offs, that the £1m previously used to service a loan which was now settled should be retained to fund Council's commitments under the Growth Deal, which was under development, and that existing cash balances could be utilised to fund capital projects as opposed to drawing down loans. The Director also highlighted that the level of the Rate Support Grant was as yet unknown as was the impact of Brexit.

The Director of Finance concluded that subject to the foregoing and issues highlighted in the report he is satisfied that the proposed Rate estimates are sufficiently robust to enable Council to deliver its services in 2019/20.

Councillor Ashton drew attention to 3.10 of the report which highlighted the possible funding of the NI Air Ambulance and asked that it would be noted that she had not indicated that the funding would be sourced from Council's Rate income and that her request had not been supported by Committee.

Councillor McKinney stated that the matter had been discussed at Policy & Resources Committee on 7 February and had been deferred.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that it was his recollection also.

Councillor Ashton clarified that she had proposed at the Policy & Resources Committee to support the NI Air Ambulance and it had been voted down.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that Councillor Ashton was correct, there had been two votes and the matter had been deferred for discussion at a subsequent Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

Resolved That the report and associated comments of the Director of Finance in relation to the robustness of the Rate estimates be noted

SC011/19 Adequacy of Council's Reserves for 2019-20

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

Resolved That Members note the report Adequacy of Council's Reserves for 2019/20.

SC012/19 Estimates of Income and Expenditure for financial year 1 April 2019

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding the Estimate of Income and Expenditure for financial year 2019/2020. He referred to previous meetings and party group meetings held in recent weeks to explain the process. The Director drew attention to key issues effecting the Rate estimates and the windfall Council had received regarding the Rate Support Grant. He also stated that, if it was the desire of the Council, the officers were satisfied that the proposed increase in the Rate could be reduced by in the region of 1% due to the knowledge that the Rate Support Grant increase arising from Council's successful Judicial Review challenge had not been committed in the Rate estimates, but cautioned that this would be an arbitrary subvention, which would have to be managed and filtered back into the Rate estimates in subsequent years.

The Director of Finance drew Members attention to the proposal outlined in the report as undernoted and sought Members direction.

That Council considers the above and accepts the officers' recommendation that it:

- (1) Approve the Rate estimates and authorise the associated expenditure of £44,141,450*
- (2) Strike non-domestic and domestic Rates which will reflect a 2.89% increase on the 2018/19 district Rates, i.e. non-domestic 24.937 and domestic 0.3312;*
- (3) Authorise the Chief Executive to vire such amounts between budget headings as he deems necessary to secure Council's objectives in 2019/20*

Councillor McGinley thanked the Chief Executive and his staff team for their ongoing work to reach the recommendation. He said that conversations were rife as to what benefits the windfall would deliver and that Members were mindful of the pressures of the forthcoming elections. He stated that officers had come to a good conclusion in proposing a 2.89% rise but noted that Sinn Féin, whilst agreeing with future proofing, felt that some part of the windfall should be passed to the rate payer. He therefore proposed that Council should seek to meet 'in the middle' and requested that the Chief Executive consider a 1.5% increase and offset the associated decrease in Rate income with monies gained from the windfall.

The Chief Executive stated that the Director of Finance would analyse the impact of the reduction and confirmed that due to the windfall Council could accommodate a 1.5% rise in the incoming financial year for 2019/20 but asked how it would be managed going forward.

The Director of Finance stated highlighted that an approximate 1.5% increase in the Rate would result in Council's authorised expenditure (total amount to be raised) equating to £44,141,450; a non-domestic rate of 24.5989 (1.49% increase from previous year) for 2019/20; and a domestic district rate of 0.3267 (1.49% increase from previous year) for 2019/20;

Councillor McGinley reiterated his appreciation of the work carried out to date in reaching the recommended 2.89% increase but confirmed that Sinn Féin would like to pass on the benefit of the windfall to the rate payers.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley

That Council increases the rate by approximately 1.5%

Councillor Ashton stated that each year she prepares the DUP proposal supported by figures. She mentioned the Rate Support Grant windfall being £5.8million and the recurring Rate Support Grant increase anticipated for 2019/20 to being £1.4million and said that this should be the funds used to support the NI Air Ambulance. Councillor Ashton stated that a 0% rise in the Rate could be achieved if Council applied £1.17 million of the additional Rate Support Grant.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton

That Council increase the Rate by 0%.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal and stated that Members should reflect on what has happened in previous terms with increases which ranged from 1.4% to 5.8%. He further reflected that the Legacy council of Dungannon had made the decision to keep the rate increase at 0% and in hindsight this had been wrong and Council should make provision for growth.

Councillor McFlynn reflected on the range of the rises in other districts and stated that to go with 0% rise did not allow Council to expand and that the SDLP would support 1.5%.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Ashton's proposal and concurred with her comments. He stated that there had been a steady increase in the Rate from day one of Mid Ulster District Council especially for his electoral area of Dungannon. He reminded the meeting that the former Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council had had a 0% increase in the rate for five years in a row and as a legacy Council were in a better financial position, had a fleet of new vehicles and had completed capital projects.

Councillor Gildernew made reference to Councillor Cuthbertson's comments and stated that the 0% maintained in Dungannon for five years came 'back to bite' as the people had incurred a 6% rise.

Councillor Monteith stated he did not question the motive of a 0% rise but that, whilst he had issues with delivery of capital projects in Mid Ulster, in the legacy Council projects had got kicked down the path or ground to a halt to maintain the 0%. He stated that officers had met with Members to discuss the Rate, that a rise of 1.5% was less than the rate of inflation and the increase being made in neighbouring districts. He commented that staff pay increases brought a rise to the Rate and that even though the legacy Council had maintained a 0% rise because central government raised the regional Rate, Councils got blamed for rises anyway.

Councillor Monteith concluded stating that he would support a 1.5% rise in the rates.

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

For 23
Against 12

Resolved That Council

- (i) Approve the rate estimates and authorise the associated expenditure of £44,141,450;
- (ii) Strike a non-domestic rate of 24.5989 (1.49% increase from previous year) for 2019/20;
- (iii) Strike a domestic district rate of 0.3267 (1.49% increase from previous year) for 2019/20;
- (iv) Authorise the Chief Executive to vire such amounts between budget headings as he deems necessary to secure Council's objectives in 2019/20.

SC013/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.21pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 12 February 2019 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present	Councillor Wilson, Chair Councillors Buchanan, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, O'Neill, M Quinn, Totten
Officers in Attendance	Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	<u>Agenda Item 4 – Empower Project</u> Ms McCloy – Northern Regional College Ms McGuckin - Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (DADS)

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E032/19 Apologies

Councillor Burton.

E033/19 Declarations of Interest

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

E034/19 Chair's Business

None.

E035/19 Deputation – Empower Project

Ms McCloy made presentation to Members on the work of the Empower Project which is a Big Lottery Funded Initiative that commenced in September 2015 until 2020. The Project is funded to carry out activity in Mid Ulster and Antrim and Newtownabbey areas and provides support to children under 12 with Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia, their parents and the wider family circle to enhance confidence and learn together to develop skills to support their children. The Project also works with wider stakeholders including health and educational professionals and schools.

Ms McGuckin highlighted that there was no possibility of a referral until a child reached the age of 9 and that the Empower Project was focused on providing support to children under 12 and their families.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated he was aware of the Empower Project and commended the representatives on the ongoing excellent work.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the Empower Project extended into the Southern Trust area.

Ms McCloy advised that the bid for Big Lottery funding was submitted prior to the amalgamation of Councils but that some work had been done in Dungannon and Donaghmore and that the Project would like to extend to all areas.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the statistic within presentation that the rate of mental health is estimated to be 25% higher in Northern Ireland than other parts of the UK and asked if there was a reason for this.

Ms McCloy stated there were a number of reasons and that there was a lot of ongoing research but that the conflict in Northern Ireland was a major contributing factor. Ms McCloy also highlighted the pressures created by social media.

In response to question from Councillor B McGuigan Ms McCloy stated that the Empower Project work with a number of schools and try to do as much with the funding that they have. Ms McCloy welcomed working with schools which were proactive.

Councillor B McGuigan commented that some schools still think there is a stigma associated with Autism and other conditions.

Councillor Kearney stated that he had experience of teaching and that situations within schools now were very different to years past. The Councillor also spoke of difficulties in referral and intervention and asked if the Empower Project accepted direct referrals.

Ms McCloy stated that the Empower Project will work with whoever approaches them, that work with families is usually through word of mouth and that work with schools would be via the school approaching the Project with an identified need.

Councillor Kearney highlighted the Council Education and Skills Sub Committee which forms ongoing Community Plan work and welcomed input from the Empower Project to feed into this Committee.

Councillor McFlynn stated that she was aware first hand of the difficulties families with Autism experience. The Councillor referred to recent Council meeting with Education Boards and discussion regarding more resources being put into getting tests done more quickly. Councillor McFlynn also spoke in relation to Council visit to Kilronan School and the difficulties pupils experienced in getting activities to go to outside of School, the Councillor stated that those children are entitled to their social time as well.

Councillor McGinley declared an interest and stated that he worked for Start360 and that he had managed the Edges Project which had just finished in the Newtownabbey area. The Councillor stated that this project had saw a considerable rise in referral rate for ASD and that there seemed to be an overall geographical increase in ASD and similar conditions.

In response to question from Councillor McGinley, Ms McCloy advised that the Empower Project was being run with three members of staff.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked Ms McCloy and Ms McGuckin for their presentation and that Members were supportive of the work of the Empower Project. Councillor Wilson referred to funding for project which will be coming to an end in 2020 and asked the representatives to keep Council informed.

Ms McCloy and Ms McGuckin left the meeting at 7.27 pm.

Matters for Decision

E036/19 Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Dunlea Vale, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of Disabled Persons' Parking Bays at Dunlea Vale, Dungannon.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Dunlea Vale, Dungannon.

E037/19 Proposed No Waiting at Any Time – Market Square, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed No Waiting at Any Time at Market Square, Dungannon.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed No Waiting at Any Time at Market Square, Dungannon.

E038/19 Proposed Description Change – Limited Waiting – Rainey Street, Magherafelt

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed description change regarding Limited Waiting at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed description change regarding Limited Waiting at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

E039/19 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 McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for Hawthorne Crescent, Dungannon.

E040/19 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.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendations.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed to survey residents on streets/roads where a request has been made.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 10
Against – 4

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

- Bellebrook Mews, Magherafelt
- Union Road, Magherafelt
- Lester Gardens, Magherafelt
- The Paddock, Magherafelt

Councillor McNamee referred to discussions at recent workshop to get over situation of counter proposal being brought every month.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that it was hoped to bring a report to the next Committee meeting on the matter.

E041/19 Potential options for dealing with flyposting across Mid Ulster District Council area

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised on options in respect of flyposting and to determine a consistent approach across Mid Ulster.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that there was a situation in that flyposting in the Cookstown area is removed after one week but that there were no similar arrangements within the former Dungannon or Magherafelt areas.

Councillor Colvin asked if there was legal advice on what can and cannot be done in relation to removal of flyposting.

The Head of Environmental Health directed Members to the report which outlined enforcement options in relation to removal of flyposting.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that some flyposting can be difficult to remove and that damage can be done in removing same.

Councillor McNamee felt that a consistent approach was needed in relation to removal of flyposting.

Councillor Cuthbertson also stated the need to move forward in one direction in relation to this matter.

Councillor Glasgow stated he would be supportive of flyposting being removed after one week and that the same policy should be applied across the District. The Councillor also referred to Planning and that enforcement cases can be taken in relation to unauthorised signage/advertising/flyposting. Councillor Glasgow also referred to previous discussions in relation to graffiti and that it was decided to take an informal approach in this regard.

Councillor McNamee stated that Councils should be supportive of clean and tidy towns and proposed that Council adopt the former Cookstown model in relation to flyposting which was removal after one week.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated it would be important to get a definition of what flyposting is.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson suggested that report be brought back to Committee outlining an equitable approach across the District for removal of flyposting and costings in relation to same.

Councillor B McGuigan that education in relation to flyposting was also needed.

Councillor Kearney stated there was also a discussion to be had with Planning in relation to enforcement of unauthorised signage.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to bring a report back to Environment Committee providing a clear definition of flyposting and what it covers and outline a consistent approach to the removal of

flyposting across the District with costings to be provided in relation to same. Officers to discuss enforcement options regarding unauthorised signage with Planning Department and how this may fit in with removal of flyposting.

E042/19 National Radon Action Plan

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which drew attention to the National Radon Action Plan.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question the Head of Environmental Health advised that there were interactive Radon maps available to view online and if individuals felt they were within a high risk area they can order a home measurement pack which consists of two detectors. After three months the detectors can be returned for analysis and the individual will be informed of the results. The officer advised that there was a cost associated with this service.

In response to question from Councillor S McGuigan the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the information in relation to Radon and the interactive maps will be placed on the Council website.

Councillor Colvin felt that Council should consider and put pressure on relevant bodies to have Radon testing included as part of the conveyancing process when selling/buying a house.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the National Radon Action Plan published by Public Health England in December 2018.

Matters for Information

E043/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 January 2019

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 January 2019.

E044/19 Recycling Education and Environmental Awareness Activities

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Recycling for Schools Education Programme and other Environmental Awareness initiatives carried out over the previous six month period.

E045/19 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for July to September 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 2 of 2018/19 from July to September 2018.

E046/19 Street/Road Nameplate Costs

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail in relation to costs associated with the supply and installation of new and replacement Council street/road name plates.

Councillor Glasgow raised the following –

- Are the 32 signs previously installed included within the 108 signs now on order or was this additional?
- Why the cost of mono signage had increased?
- Has the reuse of signage legs been considered?
- Signage funded through Arts and Culture budget – does this go to Development Committee?
- How many signs did third party erect?

The Head of Property Services advised that the 108 signs on order included the 32 signs previously erected in the old format. The officer also advised that due to the change in design of signage new quotations were sought which reflected the change in cost. It was highlighted that the new signs were deeper and that as a result it was not possible to reuse the signage legs. The Head of Property Services confirmed that the cost of signage was funded from the Arts and Culture budget. The Head of Property Services advised that the number of signs to be erected by a third party could be provided when confirmed.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked what officer costs were associated with Building Control and Technical Services in relation to erection of signage. The Councillor also referred to previous discussions in that staff were not insured to cut grass along the roadside and asked if staff were insured to erect signage.

The Head of Property Services advised that the purpose of the report was to advise of costs in relation to supply and installation of signage and that no officer costs were included.

In response to this, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that a further report would be required in relation to Building Control and Technical Services costs for erection of signage.

The Head of Property Services advised that staff working on a public carriageways was included within Council insurances, the officer advised that staff do cut grass along the roadside and that the particular activity of erecting signage was not any different to that of erecting a bus shelter.

Councillor McNamee stated that there was a Council policy adopted in relation to erection of Dual Language signage and that some Members were not as vocal when signs were damaged.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had forwarded a list of vandalised signs to the Director of Environment and Property.

In response to question from Councillor Colvin the Head of Property Services advised that the £13k for dual language signage included the removal of any old signage.

Councillor Colvin stated that the report only considered the hardware costs for signage and that there would be other costs associated which had not been seen by Members.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that a report would be brought back to Committee regarding Building Control/Technical Services/Officer costs associated with erection of signage.

E047/19 Building Control Workload

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

E048/19 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E049/19 Fuel Stamp Scheme promotional video for social media

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of a promotional video for social media to raise awareness of Mid Ulster District Council Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme. Members also viewed the promotional video.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the video featured older people and that the Fuel Stamp Scheme was open to everyone.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that a young woman also featured in the video.

Councillor Colvin stated that the Fuel Stamp Scheme was excellent and asked if oil suppliers were measured for competitiveness.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that the majority of oil suppliers within the District were on board with the Scheme and that individuals were free to contact any of these suppliers in order to get best price.

E050/19 Live Here Love Here Programme Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on key programme activities of the Live Here Love Here campaign from April 2018 to date.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn 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 E051/19 to E056/19.

Matters for Decision

E051/19 Entertainment Licensing – Tropicana Inns
E052/19 Tenders for collection and recycling/recovery of road sweepings
E053/19 Waste Related Professional Services Contract

Matters for Information

E054/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 January 2019
E055/19 Off Street Car Parking: Quarter 3 2018/2019
E056/19 Capital Projects Update

E057/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.26 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 14 February 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor McNamee, Chair Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, McAleer, McFlynn, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, G Shiels,
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Deputation - Breakthru Ms Bernie McHugh – Service Manager Ms Hazel Kennedy – Administration/Finance Manager Mr Gerry Boyle - Chairperson

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D023/19 Apologies

Councillors Forde, Mulligan, J Shiels and Director of Business and Communities.

D024/19 Declaration of Interests

The Chair drew members attention to Agenda Item 6 - Community Development Report, particularly Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant awards and Peace IV grant awards. He also drew attention to Agenda Item 22 – Capital Discretionary Grant.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Agenda Item 22 – Capital Discretionary Grant – Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club Dungannon.

D025/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McNamee advised that a request had been made by the Head of Economic Development to address the committee.

The Head of Economic Development brought to Members attention that work was due to commence, next week, on the refurbishment of the two alleyways leading from Broad Street in Magherafelt to the Central and Union Road Off Street Car Parks. This work will commence with the small alleyway on the Central car park side of Broad Street and will require the occupation of a number of car parking spaces in both car

parks. A full report on these and other car park requests would be brought to the February 2019 Council meeting for further consideration. Whilst some disruption and loss of car parking during the works was inevitable this would be kept to a minimum. She sought approval from Members to proceed with the works.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to proceed with the works as outlined.

D026/19 Deputation – Breakthru

The Chair, Councillor McNamee welcomed representatives from Breakthru to the Committee and invited them to make their presentation.

The representatives circulated a copy of presentation to members present.

Mr Boyle thanked the committee for the opportunity to present to the meeting and advised that Breakthru had currently 6 funded projects providing a range of prevention, interventions and support in the areas of drugs, alcohol, gambling and mental health. He said that on average 2,000 children and young people benefit from awareness raising sessions and programmes in schools and community groups and a further 1,000 young people and adults benefits from targeted one to one work, counselling and group work.

He said that while the organisation acknowledges that there are other providers in the area, Breakthru have always looked at the needs and examined the gaps in service provision by consulting with communities, service users, stakeholders and funders to make sure that the projects and services delivered are relevant and necessary.

He advised that the organisation work with:

- Young people in Care, Care experienced or at risk due to parental substance misuse
- Young people who are at risk of exclusion from school due to behaviour issues or who have come to the attention of the PSNI prior to involvement in the Youth Justice System and prosecution
- Young people involved in Anti-Social Behaviour
- Young people struggling with drug and or alcohol misuse
- Adults with addiction issues
- Gambling awareness and support
- Building community cohesion
- Promoting health and wellbeing to vulnerable groups
- Working with the PSNI to deliver our Community Resolution Programme as an alternative to prosecution

He said that referrals to Breakthru come from GP's, Social Work Teams, Gateway, 16+, Family Intervention and Residential Care Teams, Addiction Services SHSCT, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) PSNI, Youth Diversion Officers

(PSNI), Schools, Dunlewey, Barnardos, Action for Children, BCM, Must Hostel, Youth Clubs, First Steps Women's Centre and Coalisland Training Services. Breakthru also sit on and take referrals from the Family Support Hubs.

Ms McHugh advised that the staff at Breakthru are recognised for their professionalism, skills and knowledge, with 14 employees in various roles but all are committed and dedicated and will go the extra mile to help their clients/service users.

She referred to partnership working and said that the organisation increased its impact on the communities and that it was their belief that working in partnerships can enhance delivery and make outcomes better for all. She said that the organisation works closely with the PSNI, the Policing and Community and Safety Partnership, Council, Local Youth Provision, Schools and local Community Volunteer Partners.

She concluded by saying if the organisation continues that they would like to:

- Continue and provide and extend current services
- Extend their Social Economy Project SCLC to other areas
- Adapt the existing programme to address the increased number of drug related offences
- Explore the development of Drug Court System
- Extend provision of group support for the Addiction Services

The Chair thanked the representatives for their impressive presentation and asked for members comments.

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in Breakthru as a past member of Dungannon Development Association.

Councillor Cuddy said that he was all too aware of the invaluable work being carried out by Breakthru and enquired if the group wasn't in a position to continue who would be in a position to take over their role.

Ms McHugh advised that there were other service providers available but Breakthru go far and beyond as they investigate where the gaps are which are not covered by other service providers.

Councillor Molloy said that the community would not know how important this service was until it was gone and enquired about issues relating to staff financial matters.

Ms McHugh advised that some staff are salaried, and some are funded, but not all funded projects cover central salaries and that is where the shortfall is emerging. She also said that there is a very dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly.

Councillor McAleer said that the service Breakthru provides is priceless and enquired how referrals were made by Social Workers and GPs and asked if any financial contribution made towards Breakthru from the Trust.

Ms McHugh advised that referrals are made to them from the Health Professionals but that there were no financial contributions made towards their services.

In response to Councillor McAleer's query about feedback from the Southern Trust, Ms McHugh advised that a meeting had been convened with Council officers in Magherafelt where the Chief Executive from SHTU and Head from the Children's Trust and representatives from the Supervisory Board, Social Justice and the Department of Communities had been invited.

Councillor G Shiels said that he would have a lot of empathy for the organisation and can witness for himself the strain that this was having on the representatives present here tonight. He said that he had noticed the long list of groups which are referring people to Breakthru and said that it seemed to him that the organisation was being used as a dumping ground and felt that the Southern Trust should be taking some responsibility. He referred to the management levels and asked if there was any other way of exploring options and asked if the Probation Service was involved.

Ms McHugh said that there was involvement with Probation Service in the past, but this had come to an end.

In response to a query, Ms McHugh advised that the Southern Trust pays towards funding for an employee to carry out community addictions as a team, but there are some seasonal members of staff which have to cease working once funding comes to an end. She said that overheads were problematic.

Councillor G Shiels advised that he knew very little about the Southern Trust but said that the Northern Trust had slippage money available from last year and enquired when the meeting was due to take place as it would be worthwhile investigating this.

Ms McHugh advised that the meeting was due to take place next week. She said that the Southern Trust was under severe pressure regarding their addictions service as they cannot meet their targets. She said that the timeframe was between 10-12 weeks to be seen by the Southern Trust team and this was having a detrimental effect on other health services. She said that she hoped that the Southern Trust would recognise the importance of Breakthru and bring funding to the table.

Councillor Burton referred to the £40K funding needed per year for the 3 year period and said that if this could be secured for this period, then this could be built up over time for the future. She said that as a member of PCSP she visited the Centre on numerous occasions and wanted to commend the work that the staff and volunteers do. She felt that it was important that the Council was on board to liaise with the Southern Trust and help find a solution to keep this organisation going. She enquired if the Community Development department could investigate options through Grant Tracker to see if funding can be sourced as this was a valuable service to the whole community.

Councillor Molloy enquired if there was anything else on offer regarding premises like the South Tyrone Hospital site which may lighten the load for Breakthru.

Ms McHugh said that this situation had not been looked at strategically as the current building creates income from other service users who hire out their rooms, but this was not enough to keep it going.

Councillor Monteith said that there was a need to lobby the Southern Trust to seek funding for this initiative as the organisation was covering the gap which is being overlooked by others. He said that there was a serious need to investigate Community Support and to also include other groups as these are the groups that are in dire need of Council support.

In response to Councillor G Shiels, Ms McHugh advised that Breakthru had lobbied MP's, MLA's etc and that First Minister Arlene Foster had met with the Permanent Secretary and that the group has on board Ministers Michelle Gildernew and Rosemary Barton working in trying to secure funding.

Councillor G Shiels said that it may be worthwhile for Ms McHugh contacting Department for Communities, Volunteering section to see if they could assist the group.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Breakthru for their attendance and wished them well and said that Council Officers would try and do everything they could to try and support the group.

Mr Boyle thanked the Committee for their time and said that this was much appreciated.

Representatives from Breakthru left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

The Head of Community Development provided members with an update regarding Community Development involvement with Breakthru and advised that the Community Development Manager and herself had met with group and offered support re governance and community development support. The Chief Executive and Director of Business and Communities also met the project and agreed to host a meeting with key agencies regarding potential support.

In response to Councillor Molloy, the Head of Community Development said that the only grant that Council would have that they may be eligible for would be the Community Development Strategic Grant.

Councillor Monteith said that Council funding needs to be reviewed to be brought back to the Development Committee and look at increasing the grants in line with inflation. He also stated that community based groups were coming to a crisis point and that the Council would have to look at its funding contribution in line with others including the Health Trusts who use community led services. He stated that an increase in Council grant funding would need to be met year on year and consider 3 year funding to provide some level of security of funding. He asked that Community Development look at different grant schemes and build a year on year increase as there was ample amount of money within the Council for other matters.

Councillor Cuddy said that although he agreed with Councillor Monteith's suggestion, there were a lot of organisations reducing their funding and it would be important that any proposals would support funding being distributed sensibly and target those in real need of it.

He further stated that Breakthru was a good organisation which carry out magnificent work and that the community would miss it if it wasn't there. He did agree that there was an onus on the Council to look at its funding regarding support them and other similar groups. He asked if they group could survive in the short term on and if there was potential solutions ahead.

The Head of Community Development advised that Breakthru was a project of Dungannon Development Association and it as stated in the presentation it was getting to the stage that their assets weren't there to continue to subsidise the project re full cost recovery for core staff. She said drugs and alcohol services are mainly contracted under PHA and that she thought some of the tendered services may be opening again in October. The Trust do link PHA service provision but do avail of other community led provision. Representatives are at a meeting next Friday. The Chair said that things may become clearer after next Friday's meeting.

Councillor Elattar referred to STEPS Ballinascreen. She updated that STEPS in Ballinascreen was the same situation as the group provided a free counselling service and that the Trust were referring people to them but that they do not receive Trust funding. She advised that a family member with mental health issue had been referred to STEPS which wasn't the correct service for them. It was felt that there needs to be greater engagement with the Trust to ensure people are not being passed on to groups that are not the correct service. She said that community groups are coming under pressure due to the level of referrals by Trusts and GP's and other organisations and that discussion is required.

In response to Councillor Burton's query regarding officer support to the group to help develop a way forward. The Head of Community Development advised that Community Development had met with the group and looked at options and would continue to work with the group as needed. She did state that they did need to get to a position of continuation to allow them to progress a number of options.

Councillor G Shiels said that government departments like 'passing the parcel' and should be required to pay pound for pound for responsibility of the department. He stated that third party organisations were being required to run these projects on the cheap and depend on volunteers, who have excellent skills but are not being paid, which is a bonus for the Trust. It is important that credit should be given where credit is due and that the Council should also recognise this.

Councillor McAleer referred to the need that Breakthru stated of £40k per annum for 3 years and that this would sustain them. She updated that she had noted Start 360 had an attractive initiative on their website which invited people to donate to their organisation and this may be worthwhile for Breakthru investigating this as a way of attracting donations as people would be very supportive of the project.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor G Shiels and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to undertake a review of Council community funding and investigate annual increases and longer term funding periods. To bring a report back to Development Committee.

Matters for Decision

D027/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following –

- **Invest NI Letter of Offer: Gearing for Growth Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to:

- a) Accept Letter of Offer from Invest NI (dated 8 January 2019) for the Gearing for Growth Programme offering up to £316,160 (80%) grant towards total programme costs of £395,200 (including expenses and excluding vat), following which the Letter of Offer will be presented for sealing at the next Statutory Council meeting.
- b) Approve Officers to work with CPD to procure a suitably qualified organisation(s) to deliver the Gearing for Growth Programme.

- **Invest NI Letter of Offer: Transform Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to:

- a) Accept Letter of Offer from Invest NI (dated 8 January 2019) for the Transform Programme offering up to £210,400 (80%) grant towards total programme costs of £263,000 (including expenses and excluding vat), following which the Letter of Offer will be presented for sealing at the next Statutory Council meeting.
- b) Approve Officers to work with CPD to procure a suitably qualified organisation(s) to deliver the Transform Programme.

- **Renewal of Membership with Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce**

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

In response to Councillor Burton's query about inclusion of Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce, the Head of Economic Development advised that

this is a separate matter.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Corporate Membership of NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry costing £2,500+Vat for the period of 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

- **Celebration of Mid Ulster Business Starts**

Note event on 19 March 2019 from 3pm to 8pm in the Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown.

- **Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme – Final Evaluation Report on Phase 2**

Members to note Final Evaluation Report on Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme – Phase 2 (the Reserve List).

- **Magherafelt Town Centre Wi-Fi**

Note Progress.

- **Brexit Working Group**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Brexit Working Group – Terms of Reference and the membership therein.

Councillor Molloy advised that a meeting had taken place on 26th November 2018 and another meeting was due to take place on 27 February 2019 in Mid Ulster District Council, Dungannon Office.

- **Broadband Working Group**

Note Progress and minutes of meetings held on 10 September 2018 and 18 October 2018.

- **Strategic Review of Council's Economic Development Online Services to Businesses**

Note Progress.

- **Department of Finance re Rates Relief for Town Centre Businesses**

Consider response from Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance re Rates Relief for town centre businesses.

Councillor Monteith raised concern about the response received from the Permanent Secretary and that there was a need to make it public and a corporate response returned highlighting this Council's disgust. He said that there was a need to have the

same models available in England and Wales accessible to us as this was not indicated in the response received and action was needed as a business rate policy would go nowhere.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: To write back to the Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance to:

- (a) advise her response is unacceptable and request a meeting;
- (b) strongly lobby the Department of Finance to investigate the possibility of implementing the same business rating system as England and Wales which offers rates relief to beleaguered town centre businesses.

- **Department for Infrastructure re Sewerage Treatment Works**

Note Response.

- **Retail NI, Manufacturing NI and Hospitality Ulster – A New Deal for Northern Ireland**

Councillor Molloy referred to commercial rates and said that it was well known that the Council wasn't gifted control over freezing commercial rates.

Councillor Cuddy referred to Northland Surgery and said that at a meeting on 11 December 2019 with Dungannon DEA's it was indicated that further meetings would be held but then members received a letter recently to say that things were moving along. He felt that it wasn't a priority and that the Trust weren't treating this Council with respect and we were left in the dark as to what is going on.

Councillor Monteith said that the Council were receiving emails from the Trust which were utter nonsense and that the Chief Executive was receiving update emails after they were published in the press.

It was agreed that the CEO's of Retail NI, Manufacturing NI and Hospitality Ulster be invited to a separate meeting which is open to all Councillors to attend to discuss their report 'A New Deal for Northern Ireland' and concerns around business rates.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the request from the CEO's of Retail NI, Manufacturing NI and Hospitality Ulster to meet with Members to discuss their recent report 'A New Deal for Northern Ireland' and concerns regarding business rates be invited to a separate meeting which is open to all Councillors to attend.

- **City/Growth Deals**

Councillor Monteith asked that this be raised in Confidential Business.

D028/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the following –

- **Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to approve the grant award recommendations listed on appendix 1 of the report – Community Local Festivals (£1,025) and Good Relations (£1,510).

- **Peace IV**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to agree to go to a further grant call for Phase IV Grants at a budget of £177,457.

- **Good Relations Action Plan 2019-2020 under TBUC (Together Building a United Community Strategy)**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to approve the Good Relations Action Plan 2019-2020 for submission to the Executive Office for match funding as per appendix 3 – at a value of £414,000 with 75% funding from NI Executive Office. To confirm within the plan that the primary school programme is delivered in partnership with Speedwell.

- **Tender for CCTV Monitoring in Towns in Mid Ulster**

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to go to tender for a new Town CCTV contract for monitoring and maintenance at a budget up to £30,000.

- **Community Development Report**

Note the contents of the report.

D029/19 Hospitality Mentor Programme

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the delivery of a Hospitality Mentor Programme to the Hotel and Accommodation sectors in Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the proposal and agree to deliver the Hospitality Mentor Programme as a Phase 1 with an option, budget permitting to deliver a Phase 2 in FY 2019/2020.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was important to measure this and would like to see how it does improve the whole sector.

D030/19 The Outdoor Weekend in Mid Ulster

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the delivery and promotion of Mid Ulster's First Outdoor Weekend proposed to be held on 13 and 14 April 2019 as follows –

- **The Jungle NI** – Family Fun package with additional taster activities
- **Todds Leap** – Open Park Day and additional taster activities
- **Tarrant Warfare** – Airsoft play, 13 April 2019, 3 x 1.5 hour game sessions
- **Portglenone Paddlers** – Canoeing and Kayaking for 8 years +, leaving from Newferry max 24 people
- **Dungannon Park** – Course Angling Taster 13 & 14 April 2019
- **Rock n Go Mobile Climbing Wall** – Davagh Forest Trails 13 April and Dungannon Park 14 April 2019
- **Brendan Adams Hillwalk** – The Sperrins, 14 April 2019
- **Annaginny Fishery** – Fishing lessons 13 & 14 April 2019
- **Davagh Forest Trails & Blessingbourne Mountain Bike Trails** – Mountain Biking 14 April 2019, morning and afternoon session (10 per session)
- **Ballyronan Marina** – Canoe and Sailing Taster sessions, 13 & 14 April, 2 hr morning and afternoon sessions both canoe and sailing

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Event.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be worthwhile enhancing this product and investigate other opportunities as within the Area Plan there was an intention to examine old railways and the statement of intent should be to promote this to enhance walking opportunities.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the Outdoor Strategy would be brought to committee in June which would provide an analysis of current provision across the district and maps highlighting walking trails etc.

Councillor Burton commended the staff on the magnificent work which was carried out on Knockmany Forest and ongoing works at Brantry, but would like to ask if it would be possible to investigate Lumford's Glen in the Clogher Valley as it has got very dilapidated and unsafe for walkers. She said that unless farmers agree to work with local people for a safe walking place it's not possible, and drew attention to some towns not having adequate footpaths and would ask that this be also looked at.

D031/19 Arts Council of Northern Ireland Public Consultation on Draft Five Year Strategic Framework 2019-2024

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- Inform members of the current public consultation exercise being undertaken by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland with regard to the Draft 5 year Strategic Framework for Developing the Arts 2019-2024
- Seek approval from Council to prepare a draft response to the Draft 5 year Strategic Framework on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council and to seek Council's approval to issue a response to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland by the closing date of 4pm on Friday 22 March 2019

Councillor Molloy enquired if the Council submitted their own response and whether the Council were in contact with their Strategic Partners to issue the response.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the response would be made on behalf of MUDC but would largely be reflective of the views of Council and strategic partners. He said that there was little mention of rural issues and support of rural projects and we should be mindful of this in formulating our response. Strategic Partners should be highlighting the same issues.

The Head of Culture & Arts also advised that all Strategic partner organisations had been contacted to notify them of the deadline for responses and the dates of the various consultation workshops taking place which are designed to obtain feedback from the sector on the draft framework document.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a response to the Draft 5 year Strategic Framework is prepared on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council (to be submitted for consideration by the Development Committee at its meeting of Thursday 14 March 2019) and subject to approval, issue a response to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland by the closing date of 4pm on Friday 22 March 2019.

D032/19 Glenone Wood Development Agreements Mid Ulster District Council and Forest Service Northern Ireland

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for development proposal at Glenone Wood, Portglenone in partnership with Forest Service NI.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

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

- a) Note the strategic importance with the establishment of Lease and Licence Agreements between Mid Ulster District Council and Forest Service NI in relation to the recreational management of Glenone Wood, Portglenone.
- b) Approve in principle the establishment of Lease and Licence Agreements with Forest Service NI.
- c) Present Lease and Licence Agreements and associated LPS valuation (not in excess of £2,500) for Policy and Resources Committee approval.

D033/19 Hendersons Play Park, Stewartstown Lease Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for formalisation of lease agreement in relation to a parcel of land adjacent to 29-41 Henderson Park, Stewartstown from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Hendersons Play Park, Stewartstown Lease Agreement as a member of NIHE.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

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

- a) Seek formalisation of a Lease Agreement from Northern Ireland Housing Executive in relation to a proposed 25 year lease for the designated land at Henderson Park, Stewartstown for the development of public play facilities.
- b) Formalise retrospectively a Lease Agreement from Northern Ireland Housing Executive in relation to the 8 year period of possession from 2011 to June 2019 associated to the designed parcel of land at Henderson Park, Stewartstown in relation to the provision of legacy Council public play facilities.

- c) Present Lease Agreements and associated LPS valuations on receipt, for Policy and Resources Committee approval.

D034/19 Security Provision for MUDC Camping and Caravan Amenities

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval to procure the services of a professional security provider in order to deliver seasonal services at Mid Ulster District Council Camping and Caravan Park facilities.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

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

- a) Note the content of the report and approve the proposal to seek the appointment of a suitable qualified service provider to deliver the specified security services as tendered.
- b) An initial contract period of one year with two, one year extensions subject to satisfactory performance. These extensions are an optional annual award, which are at the total discretion of the Council.
- c) Estimated year one expenditure of £10,000 and optional extensions for two additional years for specified security services as tendered. Estimated total expenditure £30,000 subject to council approval of 2019/20 and subsequent annual revenue budgets.

D035/19 Recommendations on Allocation of Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise on the Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants and advise that there was one application which passed the eligibility check for eligible funding.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the grant application of £4,295 to Michael Davitt's Camogie Club in partnership with St John's Primary School Swatragh.

Councillor Cuddy said that this grant seemed to be undersubscribed and asked if this could be re-opened and re-advertised again as he was aware of some Hockey clubs missing the opportunity to apply previously.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was still some funding available and could re-advertise the grant call again subject to funding being accrued from 2018/19 budget into 2019/202 budget.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to agree to re-advertise a further call for Sports Facilities Access Grants subject to adequate funding still being available and accrued from 2018/19 budget into 2019/20 budget.

D036/19 Sports Representative Grants

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to members the proposed community grants allocations for Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Grant Allocations as previously presented.

Matters for Information

D037/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 January 2019

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on 10 January 2019.

D038/19 Great Days Out Event on 28 March 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on Great Days Out Event which is taking place on 28 March 2019 at Corick House in the Clogher Valley.

D039/19 Lough Neagh Partnership CORE Funding 18-19

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on progress to date and approve payment of first claim totalling £11,783.23

D040/19 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 14 January 2019

Members noted previously circulated report on Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 14 January 2019.

Councillor Monteith raised concern regarding the vandalism to signage at Castleview Heights, Dungannon and stated that it was an attack on people's Irish heritage which should be respected.

The Chair said that the amount of money spent on signage was continuously being raised at Council and Committee meetings and when this sort of thing happens the same people do not ridicule the perpetrators who carry out the vandalism even though it's costing additional funding to replace the signage.

Councillor Cuddy said that it would be interesting to see who the preparators were.

Councillor Molloy enquired if there was any work ongoing with the PCSP regarding this and whether there was any way of monitoring the situation.

The Chair advised that the Police should have monitoring cameras available.

Councillor Monteith said that this was a blatant campaign to intimidate the local people and afterwards it's put on facebook to gloat about. He said that this type of vandalism was not a random attack but an ongoing operation to intimidate local people and disrespect their Irish identity.

D041/19 Leisure Services Update

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide update on progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlighting a number of key events/activities.

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 D042/19 and D047/19.

Matters for Decision

D042/19	Dungannon Leisure Centre Refurbishment Plan
D043/19	Coalisland Town Centre Forum – Proposed Membership
D044/19	Capital Discretionary Grant
D045/19	Seamus Heaney HomePlace US Visit Update
D046/19	Request for Support of NEST Project Bellaghy Village Regeneration

Matters for Information

D047/19	Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 January 2019
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D047/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.35 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	28 February 2019
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
	Rural Support – Resilient Farmers Event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenmount College, Antrim • Wednesday 27 March 2019, 10.00am – 3.30pm • No fee, travel and subsistence
	Digital Government 2019 Programme
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titanic, Belfast • Wednesday 27 March 2019 8.30am 4.00pm • Public sector delegate rate: £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234

3.1.2	<p>Member Training Requests</p> <p>None</p>
3.2	<p>Officer Approvals</p> <p>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.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p>
	<p>Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member</p>
	<p>Human: not applicable</p>
	<p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p>
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
	<p>Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals</p>



Rural Support would like to invite you to the

Resilient Farmers' Conference

Farmers' Health & Wellbeing: Building a Community of Support

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Greenmount College, Antrim; 10am - 3.30pm

Refreshments & lunch provided

**Key Note Speaker - Ian Marshall
(former UFU President & Current Irish Senator)**

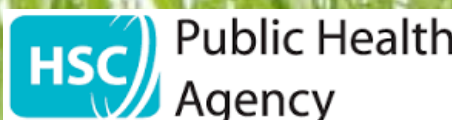
Speakers will include:

- **Medical Perspective - Dr Rebecca Anderson (YFCU & Rural Support Board Member) & Doreen Bolton (Farm Families Health Checks)**
- **Farm Safety Perspective - HSENI**
- **Rural Support Perspective - Dr Jude McCann**
- **Farmers' Experiences from the UK and Ireland**

Please RSVP by **Monday 11th March:**

victoria@ruralsupport.org.uk or telephone 028 8676 0040.

Please specify any dietary requirements



Digital Government 2019 Programme

Venue: Titanic Centre, Belfast
Wednesday 27 March 2019

DIGITAL GOVERNMENT 2019 PROGRAMME

08.30

REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE

09.00

Chairman's welcome and introduction

Bill McCluggage, Managing Director, **Laganview Associates**

09.05

Driving digital innovation: Delivering better services

Paul Wickens, Chief Executive, **NICS Enterprise Shared Services**

Becoming citizen-centric: Transforming Scotland's public services

Julie Kane, Head of Digital Public Services, **Scottish Government**

Empowering citizens to manage their healthcare

Elaine Colgan, Head of eHealth and EU Engagement, **Department of Health**

Service rePublic: A design-led approach to transforming services

Julianne Coughlan, Service Design Manager, **Cork County Council**

Driving innovation in the tourism sector

Dave Vincent, Chief Digital Officer, **Tourism NI**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

11.00

NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

11.20

Digital Citizen Engagement Project: Engaging with all citizens

Trisha Ward, Assistant Director, **Libraries NI**

Transforming the Online Passport Renewal Service

Fiona Penollar, Director of the Irish Passport Service, **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

Effective procurement for innovative ICT projects

Noel Brady, Managing Director, **Consult Nb1** and Joint Chair, **ICT Innovation Forum, CPD**

Digital technology for better outcomes in the prison service

Austin Treacy, Director of Prisons, **Northern Ireland Prison Service**

Transforming the delivery of local government services

Steven Walls, Head of ICT, **Mid and East Antrim Borough Council**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

13.15

CONFERENCE LUNCH

14.00

Presented by Dell EMC: *Technology trends to disrupt the delivery of public services*

After lunch the conference will feature a **presentation** to set the scene looking at the key trends for the next five years. It will look at the next disruptive technologies and how they may shape the future design and delivery of our public services. This will be followed by a panel discussion featuring expert participants.

1. **What are the next disruptive technologies? Getting your strategy right.**
2. How do we foster the culture for innovation within organisations?
3. **What are the barriers to digital transformation?**
4. Intelligent automation and robotics: working through the hype and preparing for the impact.
5. **Can blockchain technology transform the public sector? Are we there yet?**
6. Data as an enabler vs. data and cyber security.

7. **What steps can we take to build trust with citizens, helping Northern Ireland to become a digital leader?**
8. How do we ensure the creation of a digitally skilled workforce?



16.00

COST

Delegate fee £245 + VAT @ 20% = £294

Public sector delegate rate: £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Local Authorities Building Stronger Communities – potential role of Philanthropy	27-2-19	1	Dublin City Council	N/A
Higher Level Apprenticeships	08-02-19	1	Belfast	N/A

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 28 February 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

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	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"> <p>Civic Honour: recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:</p> <table border="1"> <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> <p>Civic Reception: will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:</p> <table border="1"> <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> </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
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<p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>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</p> </div> <p><u>Processing the Request</u></p> <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 <p>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.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p>Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Other Considerations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>

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: February 2019 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None				

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Cookstown Parochial Bowling Club	British Isles Bowling Championship British Isles Rinks (Play short mat indoor bowls)	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Colum McHugh	Irish Indoor Bowling Association Received 100 th International Cap (Plays short mat indoor bowls)	Cllr T Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented Country at International, European, All Ireland or National Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Nicole Higgins Ballylifford Primary School	Hibernian Swimming - Irish Minor School Championships Girls 10 Year Old 50 SC Meter Freestyle	Cllr Bell	<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
Cookstown High Indoor Bowling Club	Irish Indoor Bowling Association Two Rink Competition	Cllr Trevor Wilson (Received Civic Award for same competition last year 22.2.18)

Report on	Correspondence to Council – February 2019
Date of Meeting	Thursday 28 th February 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	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 Department for Infrastructure (Dfi)</p> <p>The council carried a motion on the need for the urgent necessity to construct high capacity bypasses at Dungannon, Cookstown and Moneymore. The council corresponded with Dfi on this matter and the permanent secretary has agreed that senior officials from her Department be made available to meet with representatives from Council. Democratic Services is liaising with the Department to arrange a meeting. Refer to Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure (Dfi)</p> <p>The council agreed at its December 2018 meeting that a follow-up meeting be scheduled with Dfi with respect future funding initiatives for water and sewerage facilities in the council area. The council corresponded with Dfi on this matter and the permanent secretary has agreed that a senior official from the Department's Water and Drainage Policy Division be made available to meet with Council representatives. Democratic Services is liaising with the Department on this matter. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Dept of Education (DE) and NI Local Government Association</p> <p>The Council agreed at its December 2018 meeting to support a motion passed by Newry, Mourne & Down DC calling upon the restoration of funding for the Curriculum Sports Programme. The council corresponded with the DE on the matter and the permanent secretary has responded as attached at Appendix Ci. The council also requested that NILGA take a sectoral approach on the issue. The response received by NILGA is also attached as Appendix Cii.</p>

3.4	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Lisburn & Castlereagh has corresponded with the Council to confirm it carried a motion calling for a public enquiry into “...recent revelation of ill treatment of patients at Muckamore Abbey”, seeking support from Council on same.</p>
3.5	<p>Correspondence from Permanent secretary, Department for Health</p> <p>The Council Chairperson has received correspondence from the Department for Health Permanent Secretary in response to Council carrying a motion on the delivery of paediatric and pathology services from early 2019 in Northern Ireland. The Council carried the following motion at a previous meeting on the matter;</p> <p><i>“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”</i></p> <p>The letter is attached as Appendix E.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
	<p>Appendix A: Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure (DfI)</p> <p>Appendix B: Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure (DfI)</p>

Appendix Ci: Permanent Secretary, Department of Education (DE) Appendix Cii: Chief Executive, NI Local Government Association Appendix D: Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Appendix E: Permanent Secretary, Department for Health



**From the Permanent Secretary
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Your reference:
Our reference: COR-0015-2019
29 January 2019

Dear Sean

MEETING REGARDING BYPASSES AT DUNGANNON, COOKSTOWN & MONEYMORE

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 January 2019.

Your request to meet is very timely as the Department is currently developing a new suite of transport plans. The suite includes the Regional Strategic Transportation Network Transport Plan which will consider improvement schemes for major roads and Local Transport Plans for each Council area. In addition, we have recently resumed preparatory work on the A29 Cookstown bypass and it would I imagine be useful for the Council to receive a fuller briefing on this scheme and its place in the wider Transport Plan.

With this in mind, I have arranged that my senior colleague, Tom Reid, who leads our work on Transport Planning will make himself available for the discussion you propose. Tom will be accompanied by a senior colleague from our Roads side. Stephen Wood Programme Manager of the Transport Plans, will also attend. Tom's office will make contact with Eileen Forde as you suggest to arrange a suitable date and time.

I hope this is helpful and look forward to hearing the outcome from what should be a useful discussion.

Yours sincerely

Katrina Godfrey

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**From the Permanent Secretary
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Your reference:
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29 January 2019

Dear Seán

WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY ISSUES

Thank you for your letter dated 11 January 2019 regarding the sewerage capacity issues across the Mid Ulster District Council area and specifically in Dungannon. I am aware that colleagues from the Department and NI Water met with the Council previously on this issue and had useful engagement.

As you will know, NI Water has also been engaging with the Council on the development of your Local Development Plan. As part of this engagement, NI Water provided details of areas across Northern Ireland where wastewater treatment works are at, or near, capacity. In areas where the existing public sewerage system is currently operating above design capacity, NI Water is not currently approving new connections to the existing public sewerage network. This is because further connections to the existing overloaded infrastructure may cause out-of-sewer flooding impacts upon existing customers.

In 2014, NI Water completed and agreed its Price Control business plan for the years 2015-2021, known as PC15. At that time, NI Water agreed with both the Utility Regulator and Environmental Regulator, a prioritised list of the areas and infrastructure where investment was most required. However, the availability of funding also determines how much of the proposed investment can actually take place during PC15.

I am pleased to inform you that Dungannon WWTWs is included within the prioritised list of projects to be completed during PC15 and the treatment works is currently scheduled to be upgraded in 2021.

I am conscious that I have arranged for senior colleagues from the Department to meet you following your letter about local roads schemes. I can arrange for a senior colleague from the Department's Water and Drainage Policy Division to join that meeting to cover both areas of interest in a joined up manner if the Council would find that helpful.

Yours sincerely



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21 January 2019

Dear Mr McPeake

CURRICULUM SPORTS PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2018 advising that the Council has discussed and expressed concern at the ending of funding for the Curriculum Sports Programme.

At the outset it might be helpful if I explain that no decision has been taken to end the Programme. Whilst the Department is not yet able to confirm funding for a 2019/20 Programme, officials have had positive engagement with both GAA and IFA on the development of a Programme for 2019/20 should funding become available.

The Department provided funding of £750,000 to enable the GAA and IFA to deliver the Programme in primary schools during 2018/19. A range of potential options were explored to continue to fund the Programme through to the end of the current financial year but this was not possible because of the continuing financial pressures across all parts of the education sector. Additional in-year funding for the Programme was also sought from the Department of Health and Department for Communities but unfortunately they were not in a position to provide support.

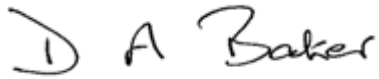
The Department of Finance announced on 22 November 2018 that the Department would be allocated a further £35.9m as a result of the monitoring round; however, this funding was to be used to address its opening budget over-commitment, enable schools to access budget surpluses accumulated in prior years and to provide further support for Special Educational Needs and School Maintenance programmes.

I acknowledge the positive impact the programme has had on pupils and staff since its inception in 2007. There has been significant investment by the Executive in the Programme with over £11 million allocated to it since 2010/11. This financial year the Ulster GAA will have delivered 19,000 coaching sessions and the IFA 16,200 coaching sessions.

The Department remains committed to working constructively with the GAA and IFA in delivering quality physical education support for children in our schools.

I trust this explains the Department's position.

Yours sincerely

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21 January 2019

Dear Mr McCallan

CURRICULUM SPORTS PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 4 January 2019 requesting the restoration of funding for the Curriculum Sports Programme in the new financial year.

At the outset it might be helpful if I explain that no decision has been taken to end the Programme. Whilst the Department is not yet able to confirm funding for a 2019/20 Programme, officials have had positive engagement with both GAA and IFA on the development of a Programme for 2019/20 should funding become available.

The Department provided funding of £750,000 to enable the GAA and IFA to deliver the Programme in primary schools during 2018/19. Whilst a range of potential options were explored to continue to fund the Programme through to the end of the current financial year, it was not possible because of the continuing financial pressures across all parts of the education sector. Additional in-year funding for the Programme was also sought from the Department of Health and Department for Communities but unfortunately they were not in a position to provide support.

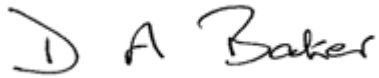
While the Department of Finance announced on 22 November 2018 that the Department would be allocated a further £35.9m as a result of the monitoring round, this funding was to be used to address its opening budget over-commitment, enable schools to access budget surpluses accumulated in prior years and to provide further support for Special Educational Needs and School Maintenance programmes.

I recognise the benefits of the Programme outlined in your letter and I also acknowledge the positive impact it has had on pupils and staff since its inception in 2007. There has been significant investment by the Executive in the Programme with over £11 million allocated to it since 2010/11. This financial year the Ulster GAA will have delivered 19,000 coaching sessions and the IFA 16,200 coaching sessions.

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Appendix D

Our ref: DB/CR/vo/CE27

29 January 2019

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Dear ~~Mr Tohill~~ **ANTHONY**

Public Enquiry in Relation to ill Treatment of Patients at Muckamore Abbey

At a meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held on 22 January 2019, the following Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed:

“Following the recent revelations of ill treatment of patients at Muckamore Abbey, this Council calls on the Department of Health to hold a public Enquiry. If a decision cannot be made in the absence of a Minister, this Council calls on the Secretary of State to step in and authorise such an Enquiry”.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion be forwarded to all other councils in Northern Ireland seeking their support in calling for a Public Enquiry into the treatment of patients in Muckamore Abbey and, accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have this matter considered by Mid Ulster District Council.

Yours sincerely

D BURNS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**From the Permanent Secretary
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Our ref: RP3505
SCORR-0009-2019

Date: 12th February 2019

Dear Cllr McPeake

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2018, following the motion recently passed by Mid Ulster District Council regarding interim changes to paediatric and perinatal pathology services from early 2019. Apologies for the delay in responding.

The Department is very aware that these measures may add to the distress experienced by families at a devastating time in their lives, and deeply regret that this step has had to be taken. I can assure you that every effort has been made to find an alternative that would have allowed the Belfast-based service to be retained, however this has proved unachievable in the short term due to the significant challenges faced in this specialty across the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI). I can also assure you that ongoing strenuous efforts will be made by the Health and Social Care (HSC) system to find a long-term solution.

The Belfast HSC Trust has undertaken four national and international recruitment campaigns since July 2015, however no applications have been received. An open-ended recruitment process with an agency specialising in international recruitment is ongoing. The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) has approached every NHS provider of paediatric pathology services across the UK, as well as those in RoI, however, and regrettably, no organisation was found that could provide continuity through an in-reach service to Northern Ireland for the provision of hospital perinatal and paediatric post mortems. The need to secure an interim arrangement with Alder Hey Hospital has therefore been necessary to ensure that a perinatal and paediatric pathology service can continue to be offered from 2019.

Looking at the medium to longer term, following on from engagement between the HSCB and RoI providers, officials from Northern Ireland and the RoI are considering the feasibility of an all-island approach to the delivery of paediatric pathology services. However, it is important to acknowledge at this stage that any potential solution is unlikely to be deliverable in the immediate future, due to current capacity constraints in RoI, and the time required for new trainees to specialise in this area.

In the meantime, the HSCB will work closely with the relevant Royal Colleges and training organisations to encourage and support training in this specialty in the future. Work is also under way to assess the feasibility of using new emerging technologies, for example, imaging, minimally invasive and non-surgical post-mortems, which could potentially provide parents with many of the answers they need, and which could be provided locally. This work will continue over the coming months.

The interim arrangements provided at Alder Hey include an expedited service to support traditional funeral times in Northern Ireland, and a faster turnaround of post mortem reports within 56 days rather than 3-6 months. For further information I refer you to the advice published by the HSCB at

<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/interim-changes-paediatric-pathology-services/>.

Finally, I assure you that all families concerned will continue to be fully supported by bereavement midwives, bereavement co-ordinators, pathology, mortuary and other clinical staff to ensure that they receive the care and advice they require.

Yours sincerely

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RICHARD PENGELLY

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	28 February 2019
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 that 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
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
DAERA/NIEA	Water Framework Directive 3rd Cycle Timeline Consultation	This document initiates and outlines the consultation process under which the third River Basin Management Plans for Northern Ireland will be produced. NIEA (Northern Ireland Environment Agency) are undertaking this consultation to enable and encourage participation in the river basin management planning process.	22 June 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/river-basin-planning-3rd-cycle-timeline-consultation		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Draft Corporate Improvement Plan 2019/20	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is seeking views on its draft Corporate Improvement Plan 2019/20	19 March 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/closed-consultations-2/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	Consulting on a draft Timetable and Work Programme for the Preparation of the	The purpose of this consultation is to outline the proposed works programme for	28 June 2019	

	Northern Ireland Flood Risk Management Plan (2021 – 2027)	preparation of the 2021-2027 Flood Management		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/timetable-and-work-programme		
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DAERA	Scoping a New Forestry Plan for North West Forests and Woodland	Forest Service has invited Council to participate in the scoping of a new forestry plan in relation to forests and woodland in the North West Forestry Planning Area.	1 March 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/scoping-new-forestry-plan-north-west-area-forests-and-woodland The survey can be found in Citizen Space: https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-forest-service/scoping-a-new-forestry-plan-for-north-west		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members to Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and District ~ Review	The consultation seeks comments on the current Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members to Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships in order to provide an assurance that this is fit for purpose.	4 April 2019	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.pcsp.org/sites/pcsp/files/media-files/doj-code-of-practice-on-appointment-of-independent-members.pdf		
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Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy – Public Consultation on site specific policy representations	This consultation advises that the Council will publish all representations received in order to allow counter representations on site specific policy representations to be made.	11 April 2019	
	Link to Consultation	www.fermanaghomagh.com		
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Child Sexual Exploitation	<p>This consultation paper focuses on a review of the law which protects children from sexual exploitation and abuse.</p> <p>The consultation looks at existing criminal law relating to a number of specific areas including: indecent images of children; grooming and on-line exploitation; child abduction; child sex dolls and sexual offences involving abuse of trust, as well as proposals to introduce additional measures to assist with 'upskirting' and strengthening police</p>	16 April 2019	

		powers to prevent and stop exploitation and abuse.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/review-of-the-law-on-child-sexual-exploitation		
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DAERA	Higher Education Tuition Fees at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)	The Department undertook a Review of CAFRE Higher Education Tuition Fees in 2017/18. The review found a disparity in the level of fees charged for different degree programmes at CAFRE, as well as differences in the amount charged to CAFRE students compared with students studying for degrees at Further Education Colleges and universities elsewhere in Northern Ireland. A subsequent focus group in June 2018 identified a range of potential policy options for future HE Tuition Fee policy at CAFRE and these have been used to form the basis of stakeholder engagement.	12 April 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-cap-policy-economics-and-statistics-division/daera-review-of-higher-education-tuition-fees-1		
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