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**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 22 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair:** Councillor Ashton

**Members Present:** Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy (7.07pm), Monteith, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance

The meeting commenced at 7pm

**C116/17 Apologies**

Councillors Mallaghan, McAleer and Mullen

**C117/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

*Councillor M Quinn declared an interest in CRAIC, Coalisland mentioned in D124/17 in Development Committee Minutes*

*Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Brantry Cultural facility mentioned in D124/17 in Development Committee Minutes*

**C118/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton expressed sympathy to the families left bereaved and those left homeless following the horrific fire at Grenfell Tower, London. The Chair advised that she had made a donation to the collection and proposed that Council write to the SHSSCT, NHSSCT and NIHE to ensure that all properties across the district were of a safe standard and that such a tragedy was not repeated.

Councillor Elattar concurred with the Chair's comments and commended her actions in both writing and making a donation. The Councillor advised that she had been in

London at the time of the tragedy and had visited the area expressing concern from the news reports at how people, who are poor, were put at risk in a wealthy area. Reminding Members that she represented Council on the Housing Council, Councillor Elattar advised she had been in contact with them to ensure the standards of properties in the district were of a high standard and spoke of the concerns of NIHE residents and how the NIHE had been on the ground to reassure residents and reiterate fire safety procedures. Councillor Elattar advised that NIHE had examined high rise buildings and the cladding used on Grenfell Tower had not been used. Councillor Elattar proposed that Council write to the NIHE to seek assurance that fire safety measures at all properties are of a high standard.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton proposed that the letter to the SHSSCT includes a request for a meeting to discuss the loss of services from the South Tyrone Hospital site to the Daisy Hill Hospital site. All Members concurred.

**Resolved** That Council write to

- (i) NIHE, Northern HSSCT and Southern HSSCT to seek assurance that fire safety equipment and procedures in all properties across the District are of appropriate standard; and
- (ii) Southern HSSCT seeking a meeting to discuss transfer of services from South Tyrone Hospital to Daisy Hill Hospital.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton expressed her delight at receiving the RTP1 Planning Award with regard to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace and extended congratulations to both the Planning Team and the Contractors on winning the prestigious National Award.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton extended congratulations to individuals from the District who had received recognition in the Queen's birthday honours list and to the local community groups who had received the Queen's award

Councillors McLean and Wilson reiterated the congratulations.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved** That letters be issued from the Chair to recipients from the District honoured in the Queen's Birthday honours and also community groups receiving the Queen's Award.

## **Matters for Decision**

**C119/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2017**

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to C107/17 with regard to the clock at St Anne's Church, Dungannon and informed Members how the press had picked up on

the 'good news' story of Council investigating how they could assist with repairs to the clock and how an Ulster based company had come forward to say they had the expertise to carry out the repairs. The Councillor advised that this week St Anne's had engaged the company and repairs had been carried out. He reminded Members how numerous minute references had shown that the legacy Council had carried out previous repairs to the clock at a cost of £12k and how the Mayor and Members of that legacy council had attended the dedication of the clock. He concluded that the clock was the town's clock.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson

That council pay the £1800 plus vat for repairs to the clock.

*Councillor Molloy entered the meeting at 7.07pm.*

The Director of Business and Communities reported that the matter of financing the costs was still under consideration and although the matter may appear simplistic Council must consider existing processes and policies. He said the matter had been considered within the town centre programme but it did not meet any criteria under grants schemes and council must be mindful not to breach its own processes. The Director advised that other council departments were investigating ways to assist and a report would be brought when appropriate.

Councillor McGinley stated that the Director had given a comprehensive account and concurred that Council should be mindful.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that to repair one clock could open a 'can of worms' as there was a clock at the courthouse in Draperstown that had been damaged in the past by the British army and there may be others.

Councillor McLean stated he had listened carefully to previous speakers comments about being mindful how money was spent and stating that some were hypocritical as previously money had been spent prior to being in place but that two wrongs don't make a right.

The Chair Councillor Ashton stated there was a proposal.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Monteith stated that there was a broken clock at the bottom of Irish Street, Dungannon and whilst he would love to help all of these projects he suggested that as previously proposed at the Development Committee, council should investigate a 'heritage projects' grants scheme that all could be considered on an equal basis.

Councillor Monteith proposed that the matter be referred to Development Committee.

The Chief Executive stated that Members should be mindful of Council procedures and legal boundaries and satisfy themselves on their decision as the legal vires are not clear.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

That Council take the Directors proposed way forward and that a report be brought to the relevant committee as to how Council could assist St Anne's Church funding request with regards to the Town Clock and other such projects across the district.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was aware there could be other projects but stated that St Anne's was somewhat different as the legacy Council had adopted the clock and officers had searched tirelessly for minutes which showed Councils close involvement with the clock. He stated that he was disappointed but rather than have a good news story turning sour he would withdraw his proposal.

**Resolved** That a report be brought to the relevant committee as to how Council could assist St Anne's funding request with regards to Town Clock and other such projects across the district.

Councillor J Shiels requested that Members be provided with a list of clocks adopted by Council.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question regarding Greenvale Leisure Centre the Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that the matter had been previously considered in confidential business.

The Chief Executive advised that the matter had been dealt with in confidential business as the report contained commercially sensitive information in relation to the current provider. He further advised that following a number of media requests Council had issued a short statement withholding commercially sensitive material.

Councillor Cuddy sought clarity as to when Members could discuss the matter with the public. In response the Chief Executive advised that there would be further reports on the matter regarding bringing the contract back 'in house'. Councillor Cuddy requested that senior officers disclose details to ratepayers at the earliest opportunity.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that officers would arrange an updated report.

Councillor McGinley stated he would not refer to specific confidential matters but stated that if a matter was confidential it should be treated as such and Members should adhere to this but expressed concern that an official press release was issued when Members had been told it was confidential.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 May 2017(C96/17 – C109/17 and C115/17), transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C120/17      Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Annual Council meeting held on Thursday 1 June 2017**

Cllr Kearney notified a change to SDLP representation - Cllr McAleer to replace Cllr M Quinn on Partnership Panel for Northern Ireland.

Cllr McGinley notified a change to SF representation - Cllr N Doris to replace Cllr Milne on Policy & Resources committee.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 June 2017(AC1/17 – AC12/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C121/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 (P070/17 – P078/17 and P086/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C122/17      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2017**

Amendment to Minutes were requested as undernoted:

- (i)      PR114/17 – Leisure Identity System: amend voting record on proposal by Cllr McPeake (page 8) to; For 10 and Against 4
- (ii)      P106/17 T Quinn be amended to read M Quinn

Councillor Cuddy expressed disappointment that the word ‘welcome’ in Polish and Lithuanian had not been included on signs in the Leisure Centre emphasising that it would have been a gesture for local communities. In response, Councillor McPeake stated that perhaps all corporate welcomes could be looked at as an outworking of the policy.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2017 (PR101/17 – PR116/17 and PR126/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C123/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 June 2017**

Councillor B McGuigan requested an amendment to minute E159/17 Bus Shelters, Update and that the resolve be amended to advise that a report be brought back to committee regarding Annaghoboe Road, Clonoe (relocation) and Dunlady Road/Kilrea Road, Crosskeys (relocation)

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 (E143/17 – E166/17 and E172/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C124/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017**

Councillor McFlynn stated that she had attended the meeting and Councillor T Quinn advised he had attended, but as a non-member of the committee.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved:** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2017 (D119/17– D135/17 and D137/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C125/17 Conferences and Seminars**

Approval was sought for the undernoted conferences for the attendance of Members and council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred. The

(i) Member Approvals

- NILGA Annual Conference and Gala Awards
  - Thursday 12 October 2017, La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh

(ii) Officer Approval

| Conference & Seminar                       | Date   | No. of Attendees | Location | Attendance Fees |
|--|--------|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| A Legal Guide to Successful Joint Ventures | 5 July | 1                | London   | yes             |

(iii) Officer Retrospective Approval

| Conference & Seminar | Date    | No. of Attendees | Location | Attendance Fees |
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| Adult Safeguarding   | 15 June | 1                | Armagh   | No              |

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to NILGA Annual Conference and advised if Council booked three places they would receive three free of charge. In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's query the Head of Democratic Services advised that the conference was a two day event and accommodation was only availed of if there was specific need.

The Chief Executive drew attention to the NILGA Awards and advised he had recommended that a number of nominations for the Awards be made by officers and thus it would be appropriate for both Members and Officers to attend.

In response to Councillor McLean's query the Head of Democratic Services advised the £170 fee was just the conference fee and did not include accommodation, travel or subsistence. Councillor McLean stated that to pay for three places and receive three free at an event which could benefit the district was worthwhile and proposed that places be booked.

Councillor Kearney stated that quite a number of Members attend NILGA and that attendance at the conference should be encouraged.

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

**C126/17 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition**

Attention was drawn to the previously circulated report and approval sought for civic recognition requests for those groups and individuals listed in line with council Receptions Policy.



The Chair Councillor Ashton stated that there were quite a few requests outstanding and groups should not be kept waiting thus a reception was scheduled for the incoming week.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

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

### **C127/17 Council Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 & 2018-19**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval for Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 and 2018-2019.

Councillor Burton advised that she represented Council on the Tourism Development Group at which the Ulster Way trail had been discussed and that parts of this in the Clogher Valley area were now in poor condition. The Councillor felt that although the Carleton Trail was highlighted for improvements she felt the Ulster Way should be revisited.

In response the Director of Business and Communities advised that historically the Ulster Way had been a rambling track and was an issue for the Sports Council for NI. He advised that Council could only address what was within its area and that the performance area detailed within the report fits within Council remit. He stated that the Members comments would be considered and a report brought to the Development Committee as part of updates.

Councillor Wilson commended officers for the district achieving the highest recycling figures and sought clarity as to whether or not Council still received landfill tax and if so how to progress projects.

*Councillor Bell left the meeting at 7.37pm*

In response the Director of Environment and Property advised there was a 'Landfill Communities' fund and that a report would be brought to a future committee regarding bringing the three areas into one fund.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's comments the Director of Environment and Property advised that landfill was under review and that currently the only available landfill was Tullyvar which would be at full capacity by 2018. He advised that landfill was at the bottom of the waste hierarchy.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved** That Council adopts the Performance Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

**C128/17      Mid Ulster Council's response to a consultation request from DFI for a proposed windfarm at lands approximately 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road, Ref LA09/2016/0232/F**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the proposed response to a consultation request from DFI for a proposed windfarm at lands approximately 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road, Ref LA09/2016/0232/F and sought approval for same.

*Councillor Bell returned to the meetings at 7.38pm*

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

**Resolved**      That Council approves the response to a consultation request from DFI for a proposed windfarm at lands approximately 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road, Ref LA09/2016/0232/F

**Matters for Information**

**C129/17      Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

**Resolved:**      The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

**C130/17      Correspondence**

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

**Resolved:**      The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

**C131/17      Consideration of Motion**

**C131.1/17      Councillor Cuthbertson to move**

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that on the 22nd May 2017 a terrorist detonated a bomb in Manchester Arena, killing 23 adults and children with many more seriously injured. On Saturday 3rd June 2017 three terrorists went on a violent rampage on the streets of London, killing eight people.

On 14th June an inferno engulfed Grenfell tower block resulting in a horrendous loss of life currently estimated by the authorities as being at 79.

These three significant tragedies left many around the world reeling in shock and horror, feeling powerless to help the many affected. In such times as these the most simple of act that others can take is to show our support and solidarity with the victims and survivors of these tragedies. We attempt to offer words of comfort and condolences but how much more significant it is to be able to display a physical

symbol of our support. The Union Flag of the United Kingdom has been flown as such a symbol of support and of solidarity throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the world. Cities, Councils and other local authorities have been united in either the flying of the Union Flag or in lighting up buildings of importance in the colours of the Union Flag. This has happened in Cities such as Berlin, Tel Aviv and Cork, amongst others.

Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom and it seems only fitting that when tragedy strikes another part of our state that we show our support for the families of the victims and the survivors by flying the flag that unites us all.

Councillor Cuthbertson moved the motion.

*“That Mid Ulster District Council amend their current policy, which prevents the flying of the Union Flag on Council Buildings, in order to accommodate occasions when the Union Flag should be flown in conjunction with other local authorities across the United Kingdom, in instances of National significance and in order to show support and respect to victims of terrorism and other significant atrocities.”*

Councillor McLean seconded the motion.

Councillor Elattar asked why Councillor Cuthbertson had not included the Mosque attack at Finsbury Park, London in the motion. In response, Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had highlighted three major incidents and was aware of both the Mosque attack in Finsbury and also the death of someone in Northern Ireland but emphasised he had focused on the major incidents. Councillor Elattar stated that there had been loss of life at Finsbury Park emphasising that many Muslims in the UK were being victimised due to hatred and that she would count Finsbury Park incident as a significant attack also.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that all attacks were highly sensitive events and offered her condolences across the United Kingdom.

Councillor McGinley stated that he would lend support to all those affected and would send condolences on behalf of the party but would not support the motion. He further stated that Council had a policy in relation to ‘flags and emblems’ and a lot of people would see this as an opportunistic ploy by Councillor Cuthbertson and in conclusion stated that a return on protocol would not do any good.

Councillor Wilson concurred with the condolences. He further stated that the Union Jack is the flag of the Union and in the UUP they believe it should be flown appropriately from buildings but he realised that others did not support this even though it was embedded within the 1998 Agreement which political parties had signed up to. Councillor Wilson continued, stating that the Union flag had been flown at half-mast following events in Manchester and London and it had even been flown at half-mast over Cork City Hall. He highlighted that this had not happened within Mid Ulster due to the lack of respect given to the Union flag and posed the question, as to why, if the Union flag can be flown in Cork it could not be flown in Mid Ulster at the heart of Northern Ireland.

Councillor Kearney expressed deepest sympathy in relation to the recent incidents and stated that he recognised the importance of displaying sympathy but that this could be expressed in many ways such as the Book of Condolence that Council had opened or the statement which had been issued by the former Chair. Councillor Kearney stated that the SDLP did not support the motion stressing that Council had a position of neutrality and should adhere to current policy.

Councillor Monteith stated that he would not support the motion and that it was opportunist to use human tragedy to raise this matter again. He stressed that if the motion was genuine the Portuguese flag would have been flown following their recent tragedy and noted if there was a tragedy in Eire the Tricolour would not be flown. Speaking in relation to the victims of Grenfell flats he stated that they had been ignored by officialdom and did not want symbols they wanted action. Councillor Monteith stated that investigating cladding on Council buildings was the action ordinary folk wanted.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had no problem including Finsbury Park incident in the motion and that each Councillor had the right to their own opinion but emphasised that there was a large section of the community who would like to see the flag flying at Council and lowered as a mark of respect. Councillor Cuthbertson made mention of the IRA bomb on 15 June 1996 when 212 people had been injured and thus some of the statements were hollow words. He stated that if the motion falls where is equality and respect?

The Chair, Councillor Ashton called for a vote on the motion.

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The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the motion had fallen.

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved:** That items C132/17 – C137/17 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Tuesday 23 May 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Council Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2017
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2017
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business at Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 7 June 2017
- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business at Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 June 2017

- (vi) Minutes taken as confidential business at Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017

*The press left the meeting at 7.55 pm*

**C138/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.05pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 29 June in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Members Present:** Councillor Ashton, Chair

Councillors Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McElDowney, McFlynn, S McGuigan, Milne, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr A Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mr A McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Mr M Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mrs E Forde, Member Support Officer

**In Attendance:** Invest NI

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| Ms E McNamee        | Regional Manager |
| Ms Ciara Kilpatrick | Client Executive |
| Ms Katherine Spratt | Client Executive |

### Transport NI

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| Mr C Loughry | Divisional Manager |
| Mr G Hackett |                    |
| Mr N Bratton |                    |

### Northern Ireland Water

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| Mr D Crabbe   |                       |
| Mr P Davidson |                       |
| Mr S Murphy   | NIW Projects Manager  |
| Ms C Burns    | Farrans Customer Care |
| Mr D Murphy   | Site Manager          |

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

### **SC22/17 Apologies**

Councillors McGinley, B McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Mullen, T Quinn

### **SC23/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

## **SC24/17      Chair's Business**

The Chair Councillor Ashton drew attention to the report sheets for each of the agencies presenting and requested that Members record non-strategic issues for each organisation. Each agency would then report back to individual Members on any specific issues highlighted.

## **SC25/17      Invest NI**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from Invest NI to the meeting. Ms McNamee delivered a presentation (appendix 1) giving an overview of Invest NI Activity and drew Members attention to the Mid Ulster 'Regional Brief' (appendix 2).

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for the presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor Wilson thanked Ms McNamee for the presentation and expressed his disappointment that whilst Invest NI could establish offices worldwide they did not have one within Mid Ulster. He also sought detail on Invest NI land within Cookstown in particular and Dungannon. The councillor also asked if Invest NI had a specific budget for each district or if there was a 'common pot'.

In response, Ms McNamee stated there was work on going in relation to land bank information details of which she would report to Council. With regard to budget Ms McNamee confirmed that Invest NI held a global budget and within Northern Ireland a local budget which was allocated on a project driven basis.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he raised the issue that Invest NI did not have an office in the Mid Ulster district each year emphasising that the district had the most industry and although a sub office had been promised in the past there was still no progress. Councillor Cuddy asked if Brexit was an opportunity to grow business; an update on Moy Park in relation to new ownership; and in relation to 'small medium enterprises' he stated that owners claimed that they had been through Invest NI processes but were not seen as clients who would export yet independently had been successful and asked if there was too much red tape in Invest NI processes.

In response, Ms McNamee advised that the subject of an office in Mid Ulster district was on the corporate agenda and she would provide a future update. With regard to the question of Moy Park she advised she would investigate and that in regard to Brexit Invest NI were redoubling their efforts to address any opportunities from it. Ms McNamee stated that Invest NI applied criteria in relation to small medium enterprises export potential and if they hadn't articulated this or if they feel Invest NI are not listening she would need examples to follow up on. In conclusion she emphasised that companies could approach Invest NI at any stage it did not have to be at the beginning.



Councillor Cuddy made mention of the recent 'Spotlight' programme which had not been a good reflection on Invest NI. Ms McNamee stated the points raised had been noted by Invest NI.

*Invest NI representatives left the meeting at 7.30pm.*

Councillor Wilson raised the issue of Invest NI office provision referring to Ms McNamee's comment that it was on the corporate agenda and that this was the first Members were aware that Council was in discussion with them regarding the matter. In response the Director of Business and Communities stated that the Council had offered access space and in the very near future hoped to have a proposition.

## **SC26/17      Transport NI**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from Transport NI to the meeting. Mr Loughrey introduced his colleagues Mr Hackett and Mr Bratton and delivered the Spring Report giving an overview of work within the district.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the gentlemen for the presentation and for dealing with Members issues on a daily basis. Councillor Ashton invited Members questions and asked about the bypass for Dungannon noting that within the Spring Report bypasses had been referenced for both Cookstown and Magherafelt. In response, Mr Loughrey advised that all major schemes were decided at Executive and Ministerial level but at present other major corridor routes were being addressed in the province but at this time a bypass in Dungannon was unfortunately not one of them.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Council had previously met with Minister Hazzard in relation to a bypass for Moneymore at which time he had indicated that the process for attaining a bypass was a long one. Councillor Cuddy stated that Dungannon had previously had an outline of a bypass which had not been progressed by planners at the time and emphasised that it was the 'table top' work that Council should be looking at to progress. He stated that there were three principal towns within the district taking upwards of half a day to travel between them. The councillor said he hoped a bypass for Dungannon would have been further advanced than it was at present.

In response, Mr Loughrey said he appreciated the comments but stated there was a risk in taking schemes forward too early as for example development and environmental statements could become outdated and have to be repeated.

Councillor G Shiels commended the Magherafelt bypass and the difference it made. He noted that Cookstown had been mentioned as the next piece of work but emphasised that Moneymore bypass should be next on the agenda as it was badly needed and would be small in comparison to some projects. The councillor suggested that Cookstown and Moneymore be treated as one project. The Councillor made mention of footpaths in Maghera.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton reminded Councillor G Shiels that such matters should be recorded on the enquiry sheet provided for follow up from Transport NI. Councillor G Shiels stated that Members should be allowed to speak on the night.

In response to Councillor G Shiels comments regarding the proposed bypasses for Cookstown and Moneymore he stated he was unaware of any two schemes coming together emphasising that it was better to progress in smaller chunks as if the overall project cost was higher it could be overlooked due to cost.

Councillor Mulligan thanked the representatives for the presentation and commended the work on the A4. He stated that he was aware of a few 'close shaves' and suggested that similar improvements were needed in Clogher to that which was carried out at Ballygawley. He emphasised that the junction was very dangerous and that perhaps a passing lane may resolve issues.

Councillor Mulligan stated he had been asked to participate in an Environmental Survey with a view of providing electricity cables in the roadway in the Clogher Valley area and asked Transport NI if they were aware of this. In response, Mr Hackett stated they were aware of a proposal for underground link from a windfarm and the matter was subject to a recent planning application.

*Councillor S McGuigan left the meeting at 7.56pm*  
*Councillor Clark left the meeting at 7.57 pm*

In response to Councillor Reid's question about heavy goods vehicles being diverted from a bridge at Coagh Mr Loughry advised he would refer to the structural section.

Councillor Wilson thanked the representatives for the presentation and for local staff courtesy to elected members throughout the year. He asked (i) when people report a street light out on the internet why is there no follow information other than the matter has been reported and requested that even an estimated follow-up would be helpful should it be weeks or months at least people would know; and (ii) regarding consultation with other major utilities, he stated that NI Water was presenting next regarding the scheme for new waterline in Cookstown and simultaneously Gas to the West would be laying gas lines thus both ends of Cookstown would be under pressure and asked how Transport NI could link the projects to minimise disruption especially when they partially fill in the holes left and Transport NI complete the works.

*Councillor Clarke returned to the meeting*

In response, Mr Loughry stated in relation to (i) there is a 10 day target for street light repairs. With regards to (ii) Mr Loughry stated that it was a major issue and Transport NI had a responsibility to ensure their asset is maintained as Transport NI do not wish to repeatedly refill holes left. He added that they kept a 'tight eye' on the quality of reinstatements carried out by other utilities. Emphasising that they had a right to carry out works he advised that Transport NI endeavoured to manage and did apply regulations such as taking works off roads at peak times and planning works for the summer period.

Councillor Wilson asked at what time Council was consulted on their preferences. In response, Mr Loughry stated that Transport NI were working closely with Gas to the West and NI Water to plan works to ensure least disruption possible.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the Gas to the West programme had only been finalised on 28 June and that NI Water had only recently advised of their planned works for Cookstown thus they had been included within the meeting agenda.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that Council needed to address the situation with Senior Management.

Councillor Gillespie stated that in village housing estates a lot of street lights were being removed at the back of pensioners' dwellings and requested that they be restored, using the example which he had recorded on the sheet provided, of a set of 13 steps which were two meters wide at the rear of pensioners' homes. Mr Loughry advised that the policy was now to provide street lighting on main roads and to the front of properties and that lights were not being removed but were not upgraded at the rear of properties nor replaced when broken. He stated that street lighting costs were £10m per annum and there was no appetite to replace them due to costs and to do so in one area and not another would create inequalities.

*Councillors Cuddy and Reid left the meeting at 8.07pm*

Councillor McAleer stated she was delighted to learn of possible commencement of A5 works but asked when phase 1B Omagh to Ballygawley would commence as the stretch of road was treacherous. In response, Mr Loughry advised that phase 1a only had been allowed for in the current budget which was determined by the Secretary of State but that the project was included in discussions for allocations of mid-year funding.

Councillor Burton commended Transport NI for recent works within the Clogher Valley area but had concerns in relation to the road at Aughnacloy Primary School and Nursery School, emphasising that the situation was 'an accident waiting to happen' due to speed increasing daily on the road.

Councillor Bell thanked the representatives for the report and welcomed Mr Bratton to Mid Ulster. He highlighted the condition of the roads on the Loughshore B routes emphasising they took a lot of pressure off A routes and were constantly being used by HGV traffic. The councillor said that whilst he understood budget constraints he stated that more needed to be done to tackle the condition of the roads. He acknowledged that Transport NI had conducted a traffic survey at his request the results of which were stark showing some 10k traffic movements per day.

*Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 8.12 pm*

In response, Mr Loughry advised that a programme of schemes had been highlighted and would be addressed in due course.

*Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.13pm*

Councillor G Shiels thanked the representatives stating that matters raised can often be a life or death matter.

The Director of Business and Communities asked if the £600k mentioned in the report was money set aside for Cookstown bypass and also emphasised that Transport NI and Council must engage to drive forward project for Dungannon.

*Councillor Gildernew left the meeting at 8.15pm*

In response, Mr Loughry advised that £600k was the stimulus package for a number of schemes and had not been translated in the current year and that Transport NI awaited the new Executive funding priorities. He also welcomed engagement with Council emphasising that they would like to fund many schemes but it was not possible and in many cases authorities and communities were bridging the gap.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked representatives for the presentation and requested a swift response to issues raised on the reports sheet.

Transport NI representatives left meeting at 8.16pm

*Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 8.17 pm*

## **SC27/17      Northern Ireland Water**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from NI Water and Farrans Construction to the meeting. Mr Crabbe assisted by Farrans representatives delivered a presentation (appendix 3) drawing attention to Lough Fea works package which was now 70% complete and the scheme due to commence and should be completed in a 5-8 week timeframe.

*Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 8.21pm*

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for the presentation making mention of the fact there would be major disruption in Cookstown due to NI Water and Gas to the West schemes running consecutively. The Chair invited questions from Members.

Councillor Wilson stated that as a public representative for the area this was the first he was aware of the planned works yet Transport NI had been consulted and Council itself some two weeks ago. He said that he understood it was essential work but it was taking place on what was an 'unofficial' bypass around Cookstown with little or no notice given to residents.

In response Mr Crabbe stated he worked on the engineering side of the project but was aware that there had been correspondence with Dungannon and Cookstown representatives on 28 November 2016 when the project was at design stage to

which one reply had been received from Sandra Overend's (MLA) office. He advised that NI Water had been in consultation with Transport NI since then.

Councillor Wilson asked NI representatives if they felt the level of consultation with residents was acceptable.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated there was to be six representatives from NI Water yet only three were in attendance to discuss this serious issue. The Chair proposed that the representatives would be invited back to Council to engage with Cookstown DEA representatives. Councillor Wilson concurred with the proposal.

In response Mr Crabbe stated that it was a long programme of work and this was the start of the consultation as parts of the project such as Morgans Hill were some 4-5 months from commencement.

*Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 8.35pm*

The Director of Business and Communities thanked the representatives for the presentation stating that he had made them aware when two weeks ago they had first engaged with both himself and the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure that Members would be aggrieved at the lack of consultation. He emphasised that Cookstown did grind to a halt when schools close and that the public would be dissatisfied with the traffic disruption causing chaos.

Councillor Glasgow expressed concern at the lack of representatives in attendance and the lack of consultation emphasising how other statutory agencies consult with council prior to any works, closures or cessation of services. He outlined how Council had consulted with the public in relation to environmental schemes and stated that NI Water should have engaged both with council and the public.

In response to Councillor Clarke's queries Mr Crabbe advised that the current pipes were made of iron and put in place in the 1950's and that the typical average overcut was 60% to 40%.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representatives for attending.

**Resolved** That a meeting with NI Water and SGN representatives be convened for relevant District Electoral Area councillors to discuss further.

#### **SC28/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 8.40pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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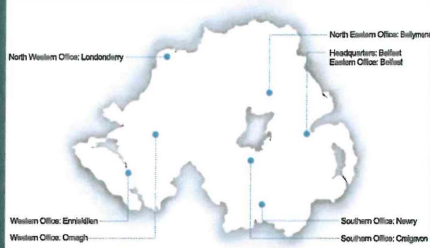
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Achievements 2011-2016

|                    |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 23,000<br>FTEs     | 42,488<br>Jobs generated | 34,700<br>Jobs created   | £589m<br>R&D expenditure |
| £17.5bn<br>Exports | £3.9bn<br>Investment     | £172m<br>R&D expenditure | 87<br>New products       |

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\* The cumulative total of support units generated in 2013, 2014 and 2015

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**Our talent**  
A young, fast growing population where more seek third level education and outperform the rest of the UK in results.

**Our value**  
We are a cost competitive location, where attractive property solutions combined with competitive salary levels, offers quality at a lower overall cost.

**Our support**  
Invest NI offers an unrivalled suite of financial and advisory support programmes covering innovation, skills, property, exports and employment.

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## Invest NI Focus 2017-2021

- ▶ Embedding innovation and entrepreneurship to support more businesses with high growth potential to start-up and scale up
- ▶ Helping more businesses successfully sell outside Northern Ireland
- ▶ Attracting more quality inward investors
- ▶ Selling Northern Ireland globally in a much wider context

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**TO SUPPORT**

- Work with partners to deliver elements of economic
- Be involved in implementation of Councils' Economic Development
- Support regions to develop strong propositions... work with councils to attract mobile
- Develop and Deliver a comprehensive Entrepreneurship Action Plan
- Be a champion of
- Be a catalyst for regional growth and support partners
- Target assets to support the growth of start-ups and export focused SMEs through
- Increase our focus and resources on HPSU / Pre-scaling and Scaling
- Help companies start to
- Enable more companies to export for the first time

**TO SCALE**

- Encourage more of our customers to grow and succeed
- Drive higher levels of innovation
- Increase Exports, help companies grow faster and create more higher value jobs

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- Showcase the best of NI... support sectors to companies to export and attract new FDI to NI

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## Priorities for INI for the next Business Strategy

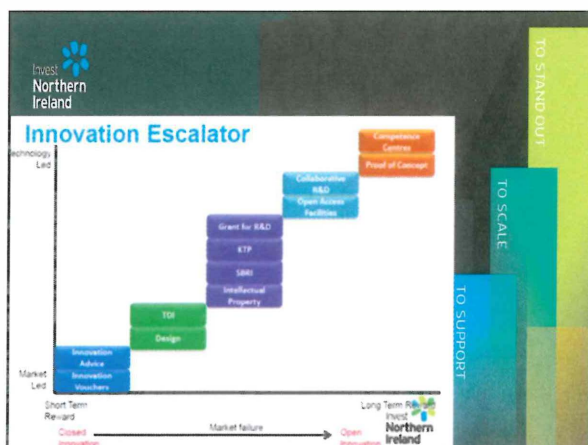
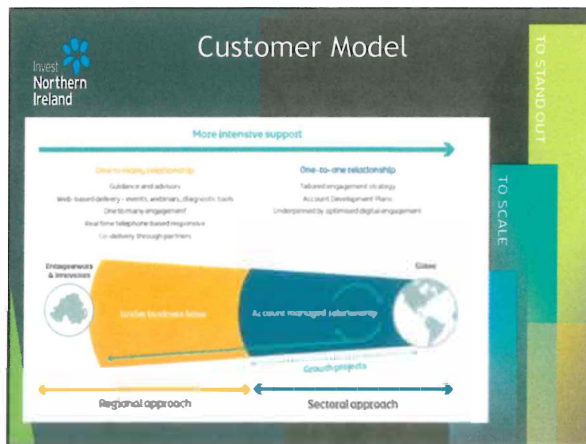
- ▶ Account managed Companies
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- ▶ Regional Growth
- ▶ Investment
- ▶ Digital Delivery

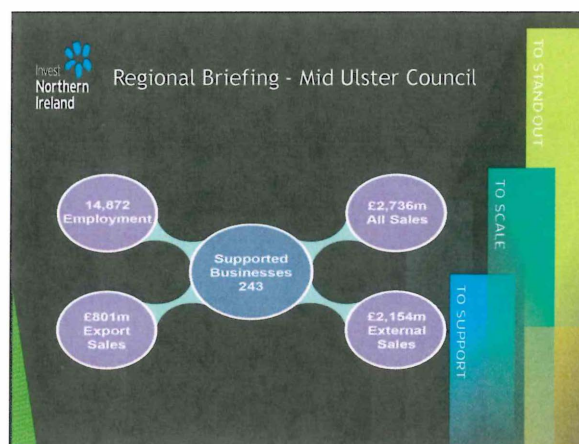
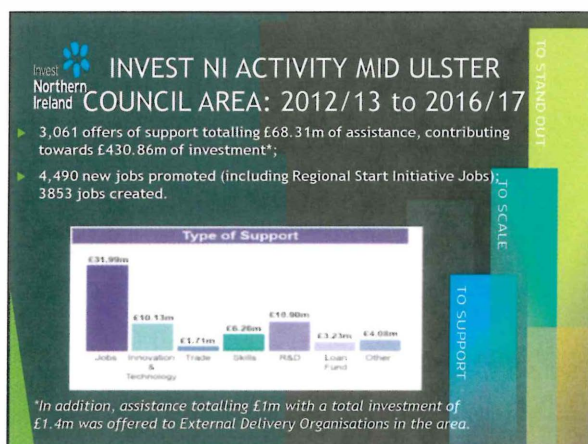
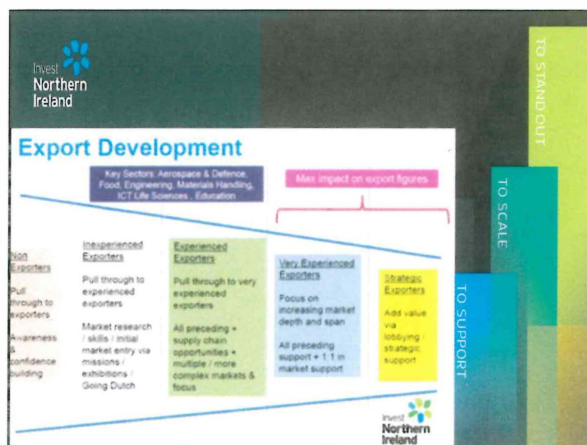
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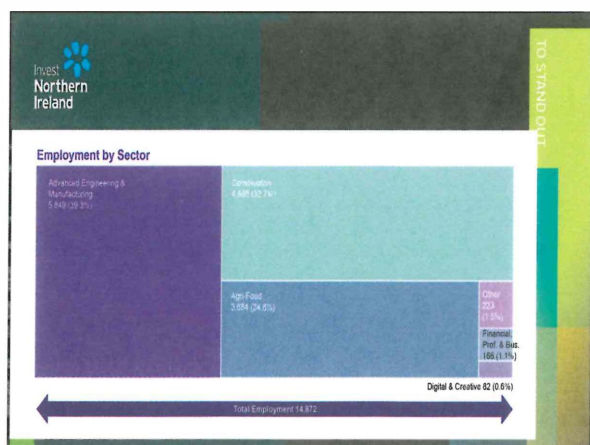
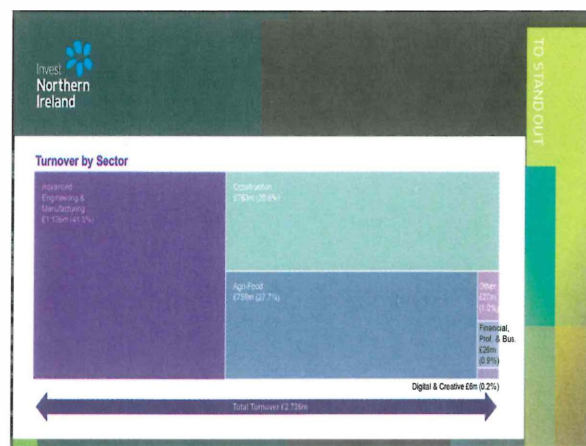
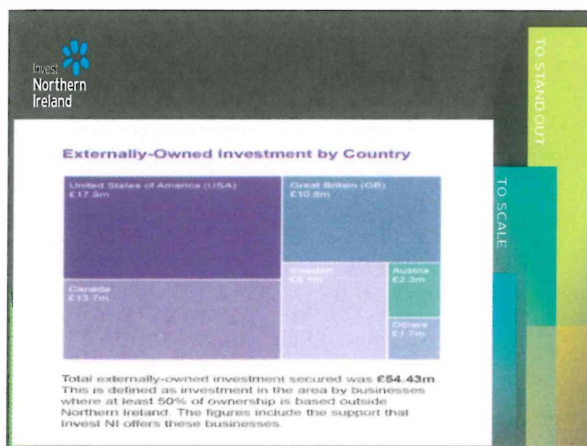
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## Bellamianta - Self Tanning Products - Start Up



Premium Cosmetic Choices Ltd is a new start-up company (August 2015) aimed at the development and sale of affordable luxury cosmetics. Brand name of Bellamianta.

Invest NI support, advice and guidance;

- Trade and export services.
- Technical - trademark registration, IP, Product Testing and Health & Safety advice.
- ICT regarding pricing software and CRM.
- People Solutions Advisor regarding contracts of employment and recruitment of additional staff.

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## Trusted Business Partner

► Transferred Functions

- Council continue to deliver interim start up provision in MUDC
- £3.696m IGJ funding for 11 council collaborative Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP) approved February 2017
- Procurement for NIBSUP hearing completion with delivery expected to commence in October 2017

► Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme (IGJ)- LED2

- Councils across N. Ireland provided with an allocation of €18m ERDF under IGJ for LED2 programmes

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## Trusted Business Partner

- LED2 programmes focussed on supporting competitiveness and growth of local micro and small businesses with < 50 employees leading to new job creation
- Linked to outcomes under Community Planning/Economic Development Plans/PfG/ Invest NI's Business Strategy 2017-2021/Economy 2030
- LED2 programmes funded ERDF (60%) and funded Council (20%) with match funding Invest NI (20%)
- Mid Ulster indicative allocation €1,815,314 ERDF

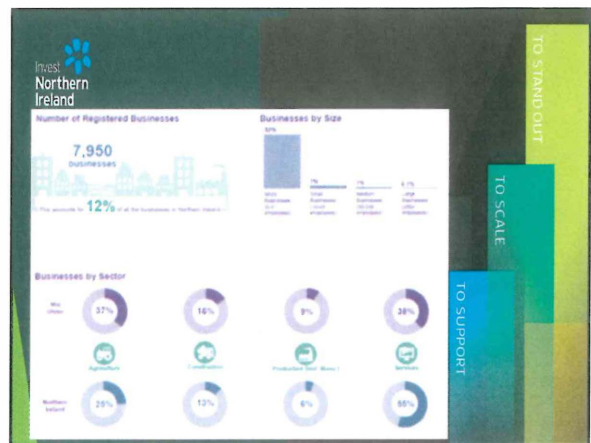
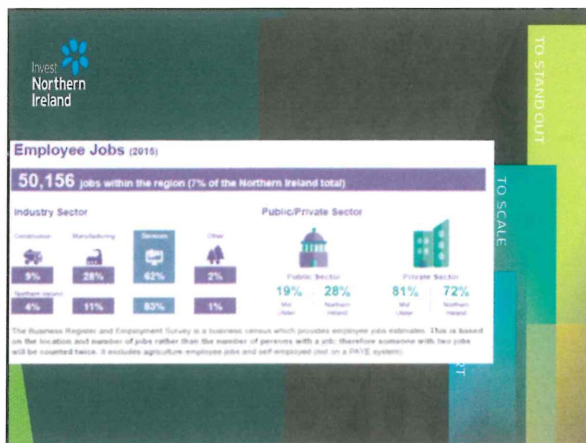
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## Trusted Business Partner

- First delivery of approved projects expected to commence August/September 2017 following completion of procurement process
- Community Planning - Statutory Partner
- Regional Briefings/Council Profiles

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Progress Through Strategic Partnership

Fully Committed to Community Planning

Fully committed to play our role within the wider economic development landscape to transform NI into a truly leading internationally competitive economy which provides opportunities for all

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# Mid Ulster Council Area Profile

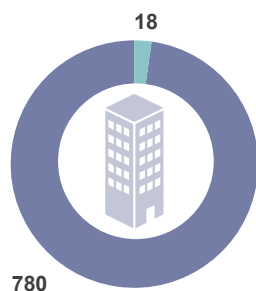
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Sources: Various

## Invest NI Activity (2012-13 to 2016-17)

Locally-Owned Businesses  
Externally-Owned Businesses

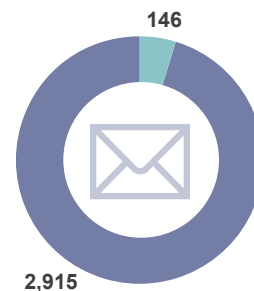
### No. of Businesses = 798



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| 234 | 7  |
| 254 | 10 |
| 325 | 11 |
| 326 | 9  |
| 281 | 13 |

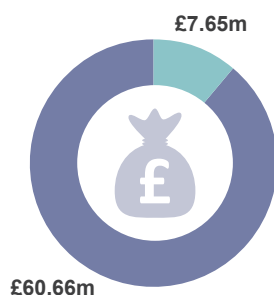
2016-17  
2015-16  
2014-15  
2013-14  
2012-13

### No. of Offers = 3,061



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| 431 | 29 |
| 516 | 30 |
| 666 | 37 |
| 674 | 23 |
| 628 | 27 |

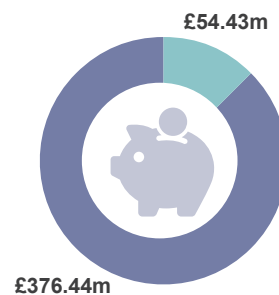
### Total Support = £68.31m



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| 9.03  | 1.00 |
| 11.15 | 0.71 |
| 18.15 | 2.93 |
| 10.85 | 0.70 |
| 11.48 | 2.30 |

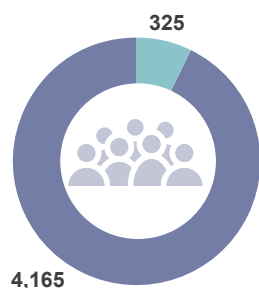
2016-17  
2015-16  
2014-15  
2013-14  
2012-13

### Total Investment = £430.86m



|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| 58.06  | 5.15  |
| 56.93  | 2.81  |
| 164.54 | 21.66 |
| 45.48  | 9.88  |
| 51.43  | 14.92 |

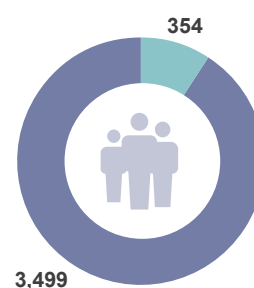
### Jobs Promoted = 4,490



|       |     |
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| 472   | 0   |
| 546   | 2   |
| 1,406 | 192 |
| 774   | 3   |
| 967   | 128 |

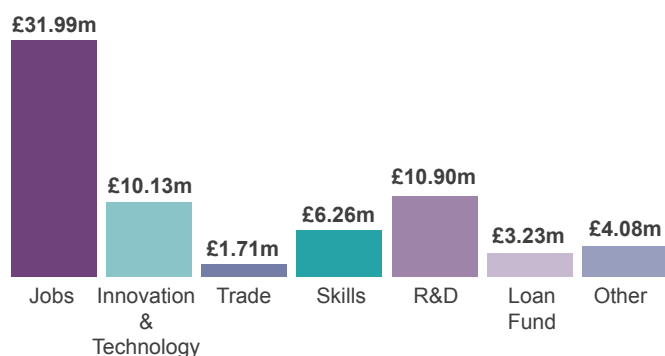
2016-17  
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2014-15  
2013-14  
2012-13

### Jobs Created = 3,853



|     |     |
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| 592 | 2   |
| 414 | 232 |
| 976 | 4   |
| 955 | 17  |
| 562 | 100 |

### Type of Support



### Notes

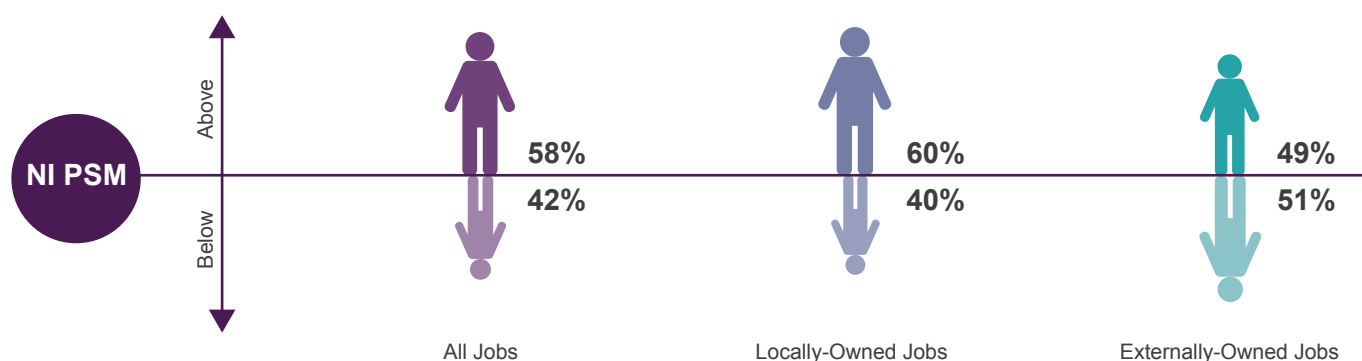
• Business totals may not add as a business can be supported in more than one year and can move from local to externally-owned during the 5 year period.

• Does not include £1.00m of support to External Delivery Organisations or universities, which contributes towards £1.40m of investment, as this benefits businesses across all of Northern Ireland.

• 'Jobs Promoted' are those which are expected as a result of the implementation of a business plan. As this happens, they become 'Jobs Created'.

## Jobs above NI Private Sector Median (PSM)

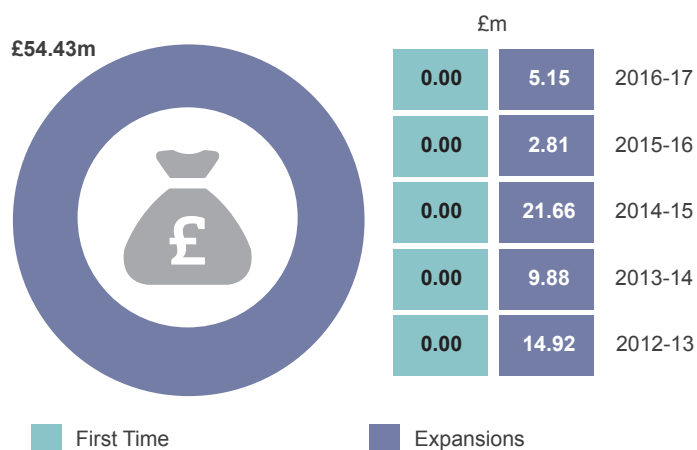
For specific projects Invest NI measures the quality of the jobs by the proportion of those jobs that attract salaries above the Northern Ireland PSM wage - the average annual wage for the private sector, which is **£20,800** for 2016.



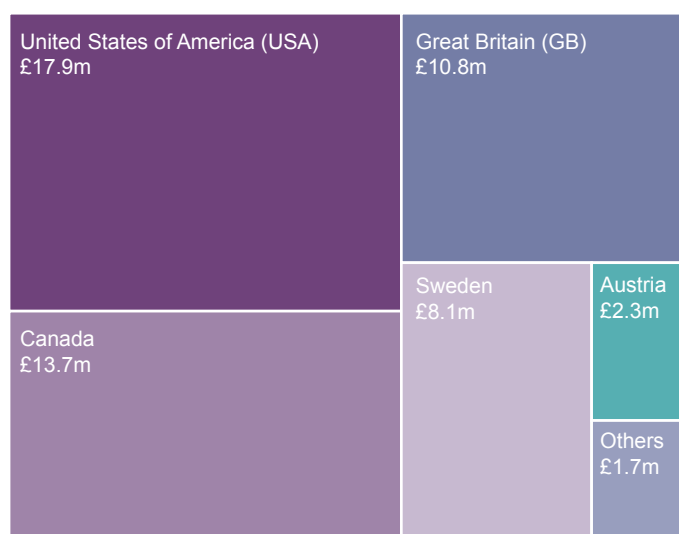
## Top 5 Investors



## Externally-Owned First Time Investment vs Existing Expansions



## Externally-Owned Investment by Country

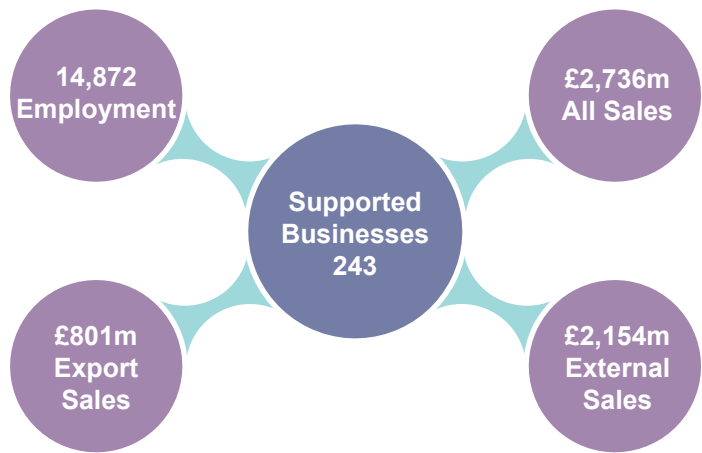


Total externally-owned investment secured was **£54.43m**. This is defined as investment in the area by businesses where at least 50% of ownership is based outside Northern Ireland. The figures include the support that Invest NI offers these businesses.



# Invest NI Supported Businesses' Performance (2015)

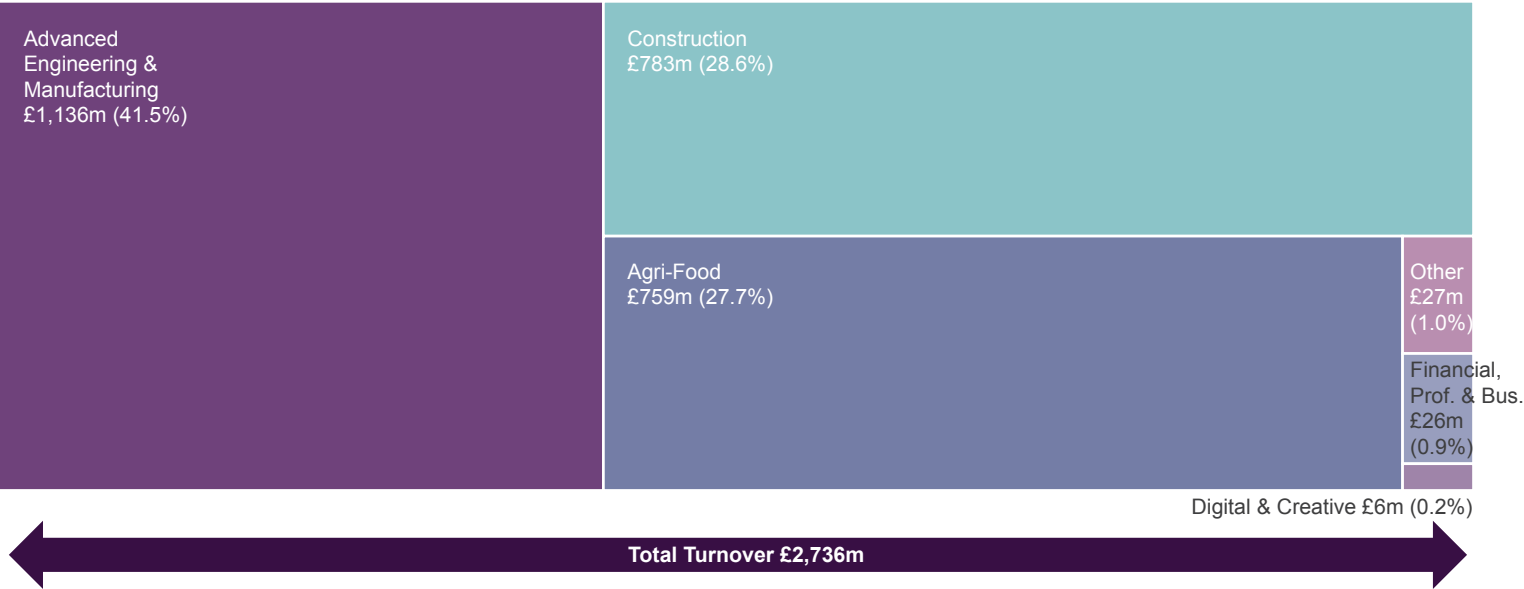
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are collected from a sub-set of Invest NI supported businesses with potential for growth through external markets. KPIs are geographically assigned based on the business' HQ location. These include all sales, external sales, exports and employment.



| Per Employee Ratios                      |            |                          |
|--|------------|--------------------------|
|  | Mid Ulster | All Invest NI Businesses |
| Sales per Employee                       | £183,984   | £146,156                 |
| External Sales per Employee (Outside NI) | £144,867   | £109,714                 |
| Export Sales per Employee (Outside UK)   | £53,868    | £52,704                  |

Per employee ratios are provided to enable comparisons across all businesses in the Invest NI portfolio.

## Turnover by Sector



## Employment by Sector



Sectors are classified according to Invest NI's sector reporting structure which is based on supported businesses' main product/service within Northern Ireland.

# Economic Profile

## Population (2015)

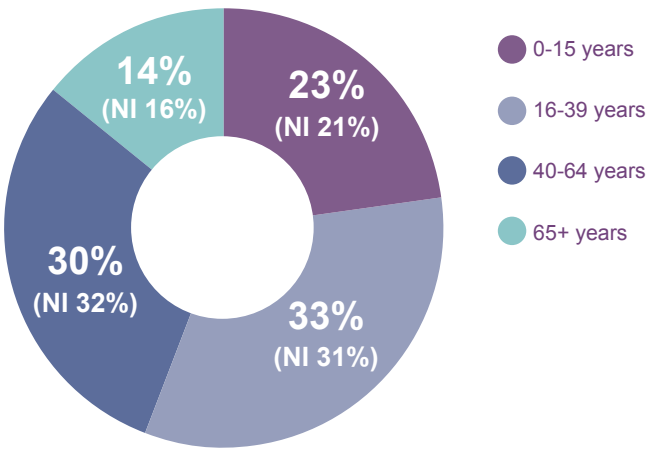
Total  
Population  
144,002



8% of total NI population

Source: Mid Year Population Estimates, NISRA

## Population by Age

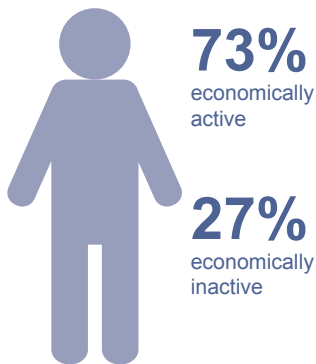


## Labour Market Structure (2015)

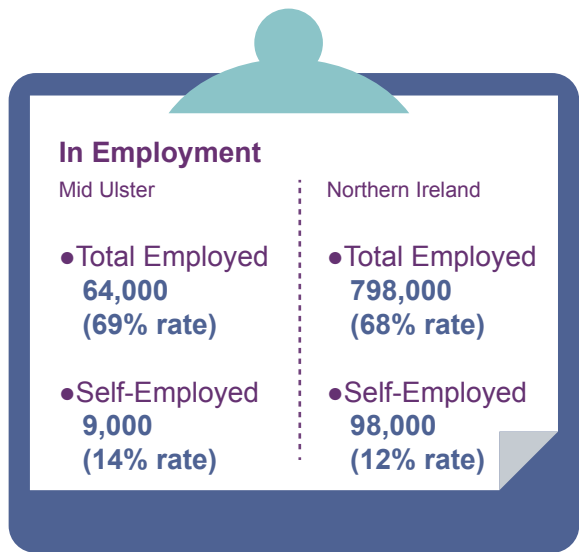
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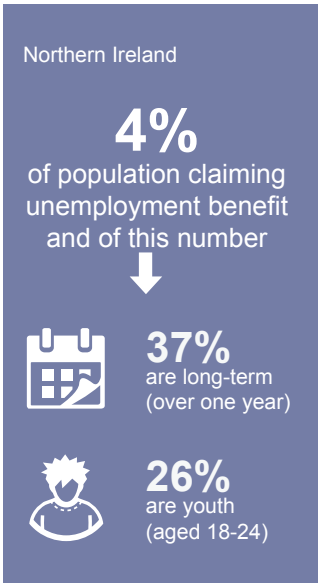
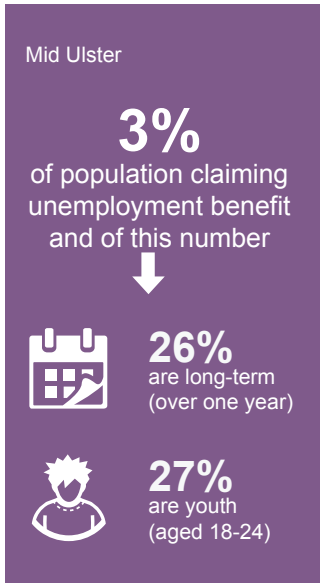
Northern Ireland



Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA



## Unemployment Claimants



Source: Claimant Count, NISRA

The labour market structure is composed of the economically active (people in employment and seeking work) and inactive (not seeking nor available for work). This data is provided through the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the largest regular household sample survey in Northern Ireland. **Total numbers in employment do not equate to total jobs as a person can have more than one job.**

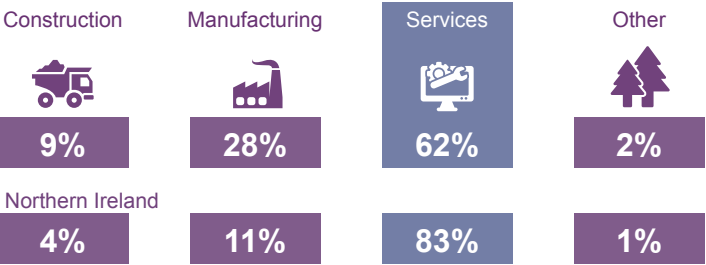
Unemployment annual averages data is derived from the Claimant Count as LFS figures fall below suppression thresholds. This is an administrative data source based on the numbers claiming unemployment-related benefits. It uses a different definition of unemployment to the LFS.

Both measures of the labour market are based on the working-age (16-64) population.

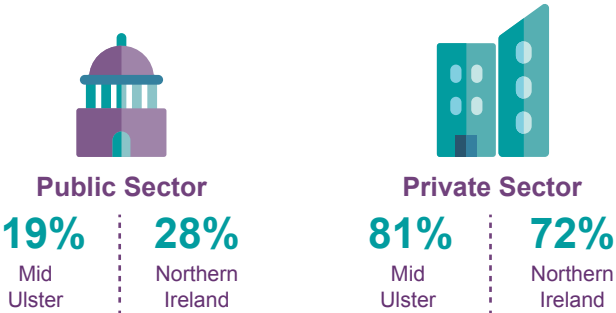
# Employee Jobs (2015)

**50,156** jobs within the region (7% of the Northern Ireland total)

## Industry Sector



## Public/Private Sector



The Business Register and Employment Survey is a business census which provides employee jobs estimates. **This is based on the location and number of jobs rather than the number of persons with a job; therefore someone with two jobs will be counted twice.** It excludes agriculture employee jobs and self-employed (not on a PAYE system).

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey, NISRA

# Earnings (2015)

The median weekly earnings for Northern Ireland are **£389.8**

## Place of Residence

Median weekly earnings based on people living in the area -

**£365.0**



## Place of Work

Median weekly earnings based on people working in the area -

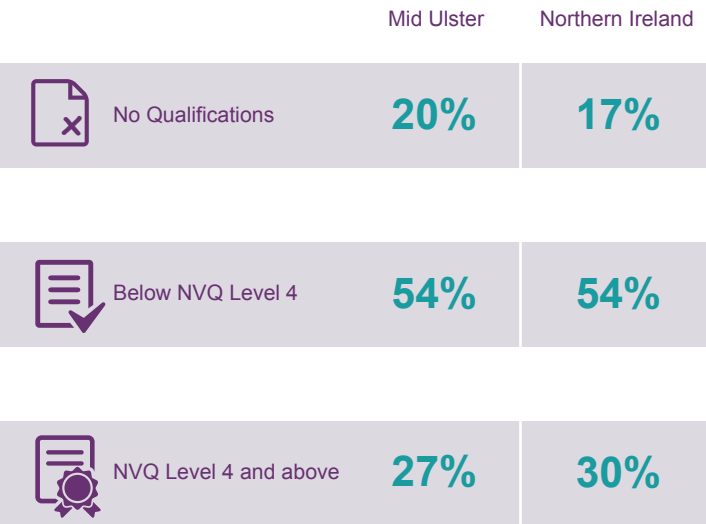
**£355.7**



Based on median, weekly, basic and other earnings for full-time employees (more than 30 hours per week) in the private sector.

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA

# Qualifications (2015)



This data is provided through the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey and includes a measure of qualifications, based on the working-age population (16-64), using the following classification:

- No Qualifications
- Below NVQ Level 4 (Level 1 to Level 3)
- NVQ Level 4 and above (degree level and above)

Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA

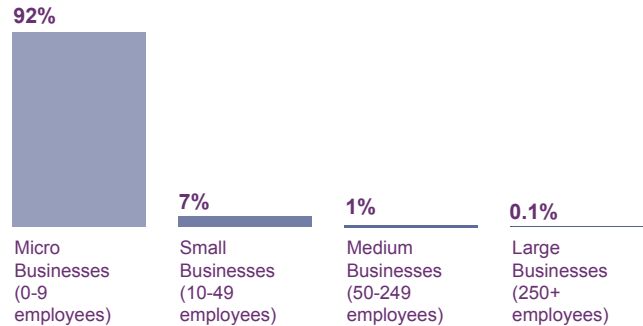
# Business Base (2015)

The business population is defined here by the Inter Departmental Business Register which excludes smaller businesses and the self-employed who fall below the VAT registered/PAYE thresholds.

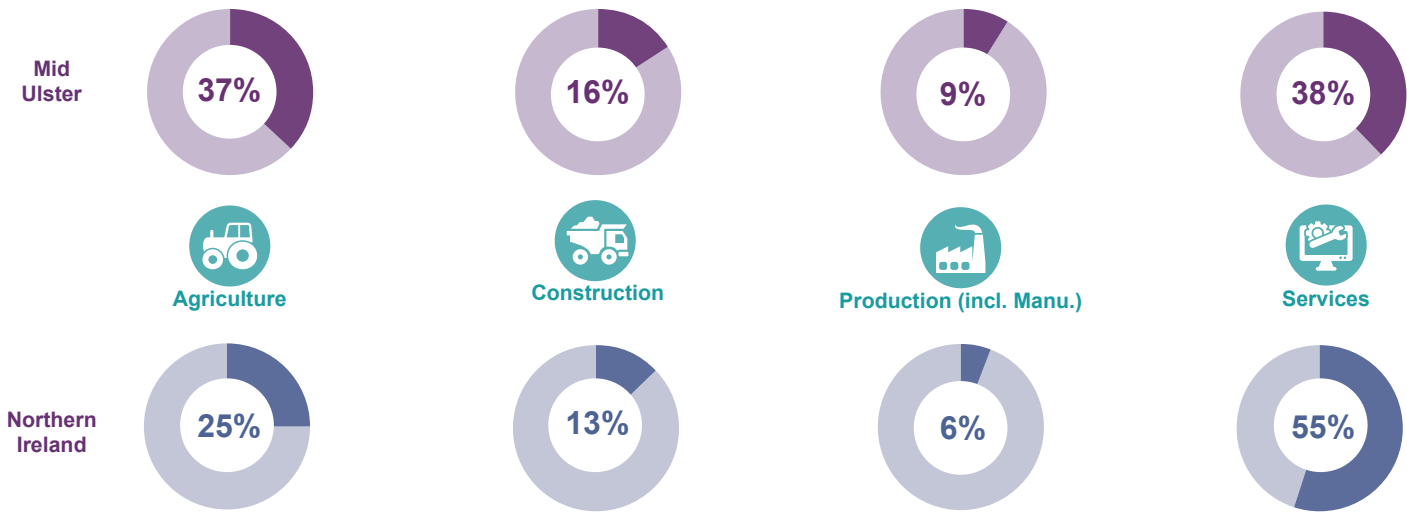
## Number of Registered Businesses



## Businesses by Size

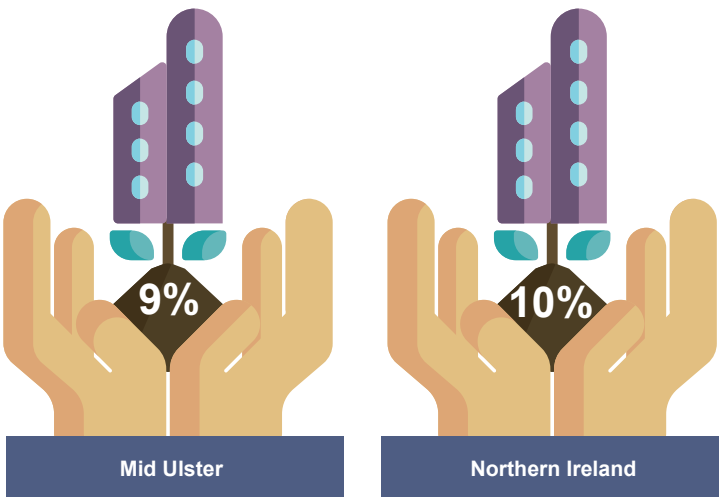


## Businesses by Sector



## Business Births

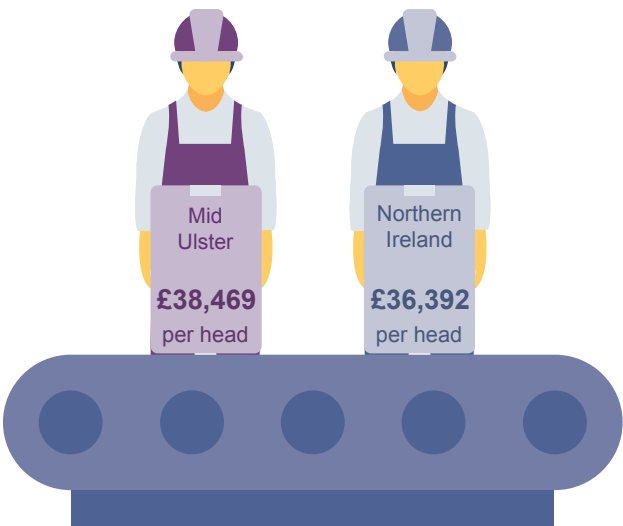
A business birth is identified as a business that was present in the latest annual active business population dataset, but not the two previous ones. The birth rate is expressed as a percentage of total active enterprises in the current year. Business demography data excludes the agriculture sector.



# Productivity Work-Place Based (2014)

Productivity is based on the approximate Gross Value Added (aGVA) generated by the non-financial business economy (and excludes public sector). This is measured by the Northern Ireland Annual Business Inquiry based on income, less cost of goods and services used to create this income.

Per head calculations are made using total in employment, rather than the resident population as this can be subject to distortion (due to the effects of commuting and variations in age distribution).

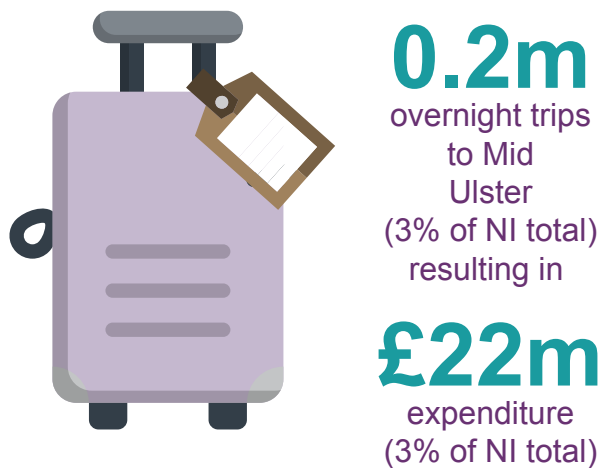


Source: Northern Ireland Annual Business Inquiry, NISRA

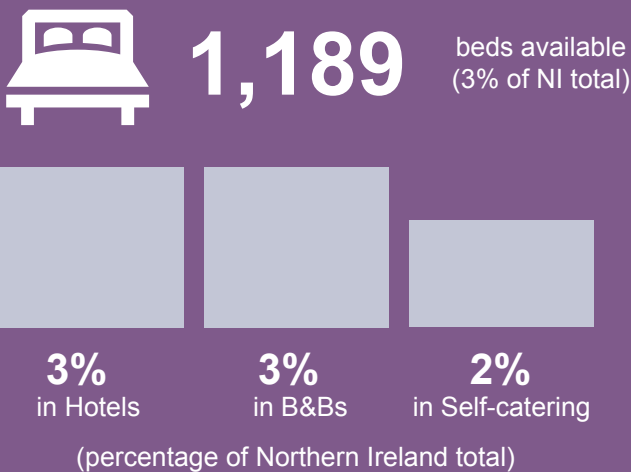
## Tourism

A variety of statistics are used to provide a picture of tourism. These include: passenger and household surveys which measure the number of overnight trips and associated expenditure; occupancy surveys of local hotels and commercial accommodation and the Visitor Attraction Survey.

### Overnight Trips & Associated Spend (2015)



### Availability of Accommodation (2015)



### Tourism Jobs (2015)



### Visitor Attractions (2015)



The most popular visitor attractions in 2015 were:-

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Tullaghoge Fort                       | 14,000 |
| Drum Manor Forest Park                | 12,520 |
| Annaghinny Open Farm / The Bog Museum | 3,000  |

Source: Tourism Statistics, NISRA

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## WATER MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT

### LOUGH FEA PACKAGE COOKSTOWN SCHEME

Presentation to:  
Mid Ulster Council

29<sup>th</sup> June 2017



## AGENDA

Derek Crabbe   NIW, Senior Project Manager  
Donal Murphy   Farrans, Senior Construction Manager

- Background
- Scheme Drivers & Objectives
- Lough Fea Work Package
- Cookstown Scheme
- Phases 1 & 2
- Traffic Management
- Customer Care
- Summary



## BACKGROUND -WATERMAINS REHAB' PROJECT


Northern Ireland Wide Programme to improve water mains

165 km pipe – replaced annually, up to 100 years old

Insufficient historical funding

Main arterial pipes were installed early 1950's (spun iron)

Aim to minimise disruption!



## SCHEME DRIVERS & OBJECTIVES

Money more Rd/ Morgans Hill Rd

Water Quality: 20%

- EC Directive on Drinking Water Quality
- Revised Water Quality Regulation



Structural (Bursts): 60%

- Reduce interruptions to supply
- Reduce leakage

Hydraulic: 10%

- Improve pressure/flow
- Improve operability

Other drivers: 10%

## LOUGH FEA WORK PACKAGE

29Km - in Dungannon, Magherafelt and  
Cookstown (urban and rural)

70% complete in rural

Total Investment - £2.1million

Programme - 18 months

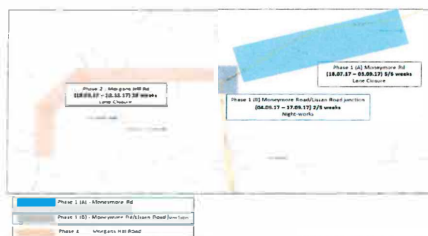
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## COOKSTOWN SCHEME



## Phases 1 & 2 – Overview



## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- Extensive use of low-dig techniques
- Consultation with Transport NI, PSNI, Translink, Political Representatives, Council Technical Services, Schools and local Businesses
- Construction sequence planned to minimise disruption
- Advanced warning signs
- Business operations and customer access facilitated
- All road closures advertised in local press
- Flexible approach

## CUSTOMER CARE

- Advanced Notifications & Liaison
- Alternative Supply Arrangements
- Extensive use of Low Dig Technology
- Dedicated Customer Care Manager
- Waterline Tel: 03457 440088
- Elected Representatives Tel: 03453 006461
- Contractor 24hr Helpline & On-Call Rota
- Direct line – Council to Site Engineer



## SUMMARY

- Absolutely Essential
- Consultation Commercial and Private
- Experienced Contractors
- Latest Construction Technologies
- Customer Care Management
- Minimising Disruption a Priority



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**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Monday 3 July 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor McGinley, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, M Quinn, Reid (7.04 pm), Totten

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr Breslin, Principal Environmental Health Officer  
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services  
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services  
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services  
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control  
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

**E173/17 Apologies**

Councillor B McGuigan.

**E174/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

**E175/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair made Members aware of Council initiative taking place from 1-8 July in which a person who recycles an electrical appliance at a Council recycling centre will be entered into a competition to win a new tablet or laptop. The Chair urged Members to encourage residents to take part in the competition.

Councillor Burton advised that judging was taking place in Castlecaulfield today and that the Horticultural Society wanted to place on record its' thanks to the Council and its officers and staff, particularly mentioning Mr Paul Bailie and Mr Terry Scullion, for their efforts as the village was currently looking amazing.

The Chair, on behalf of the Environment Committee wished Castlecaulfield well in the competitions they have entered.

**Matters for Decision**

**E176/17 Off Street Car Parking Strategy**

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the implementation of the Off Street Car Parking Strategy

and Action Plan. The Timescale for Implementation of the Proposed Revised Arrangements for Off Street Car Parking within the Mid Ulster Council District was also provided. It was highlighted that the number of charged parking spaces at Perry Street car park, Dungannon should read 36.

*Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.04 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Councillor Mulligan thanked the Director for the detailed report which he felt covered every aspect one might consider raising. The Councillor stated that he believed that a user should pay for their use of a car park and proposed the recommendation of the officer – To adopt option 4 as the preferred strategy option and proceed with public consultation in respect of this option.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would be opposed to the proposal to make Perry Street car park all charged spaces. The Councillor felt that Dungannon had a good mix of free/pay car parks however a user has to negotiate a steep hill to get to Market Square from Perry Street car park and it would be wrong to make this car park all charged.

The Director of Environment and Property stated he would take the comments of Members on board and that options will be open to discussion and consultation with the Environment Committee having the ultimate say on the way forward.

Councillor McNamee stated it would be interesting to see what feedback was received as part of the consultation process. As a Cookstown Councillor, he advised that there was a fear amongst businesses of moving people away from the town centre and that Cookstown Town Centre Forum were against the introduction of charges for car parking. Councillor McNamee also advised that some people are already using residential car parking in Cookstown and that this would become a bigger problem if car parking charges were to be introduced. Councillor McNamee referred to Union Place car park in Cookstown and advised that this car park was given to legacy Council on the understanding that there would never be any cost associated to its use.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that there were sufficient car parking spaces in Cookstown and that proposals are aimed at encouraging those who want to park all day to use the free car parks. In relation to Union Place the Director advised that the deeds for this car park were still with TransportNI and that investigation into any covenants could be explored.

Councillor Glasgow stated that whilst he would commend the work that had been done in bringing the report forward he would agree with the comments made by Councillor McNamee and felt that the introduction of car park charging would be a severe detriment to Cookstown and that people would go further afield to shop as a result. Councillor Glasgow stated he would be totally opposed to option 4 as recommended and would not be voting in support of this option and instead proposed option 1 – Do Nothing.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Glasgow's proposal stating that current car parking arrangements were working well in Cookstown and concurred with the previous comments of fellow Cookstown Councillors.

Councillor McFlynn referred to Central car park in Magherafelt and that this car park is used by a high number of Church goers during the day. Whilst realising that Council are responsible for the maintenance of car parks, Councillor McFlynn felt that charging options for this car park should be reconsidered rather than the proposal to charge for all spaces. Councillor McFlynn felt that an increase to disabled and parent and child spaces would be advantageous and was welcomed.

Councillor Burton asked if Council had investigated what other Councils were doing in relation to car parking.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that comparisons were taken against car parks in Causeway Coast and Glens Council and Fermanagh and Omagh Council. The Director highlighted that there was no proposal to increase charges in car parks which is what some Councils had done.

The Director of Environment and Property stated he did not believe that the introduction of car park charging would be detrimental to Cookstown and would assist with the turnover of spaces. The Director used the example of free car parking in Dungannon over a Christmas period in which people working in the town used all the spaces closest to the town centre and shoppers could not get parked. In relation to Central car park in Magherafelt the Director advised that 62% of users parked there all day and the £1.20 all day charge did not put people off.

In response to Councillor Reid's questions the Director of Environment and Property advised that Council would be undertaking the consultation and that any additional income from car parks comes back to Council.

Councillor Reid realised the need to undertake maintenance of the car parks under Council control and the costs associated with same. The Councillor felt that gritting of car parks should also be considered during winter months. Councillor Reid referred to parking in Coalisland which is not charged and that local employees currently park on the street close to their work premises thereby taking up spaces for potential customers. Councillor Reid advised that he had been approached by some people who stated that it was a "done deal" that car park charging would be introduced.

The Chair advised Councillor Reid that there was no "done deal" and that the preferred option would be open to public consultation.

Councillor Kearney felt that the report put forward was reasonable and would support the earlier comments of Councillor McFlynn.

The Chair urged Members to think about equality across all car parks.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked what the difference was between options 4 and 8.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that option 8 would be a more flexible approach to car park charging than option 4.

The Chair asked for a seconder to Councillor Mulligan's proposal – To adopt option 4 as the preferred strategy option and proceed with public consultation in respect of this option.

Councillor McFlynn seconded Councillor Mulligan's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Glasgow's proposal – Option 1, Do Nothing

For – 4

Against – 7

Members voted on Councillor Mulligan's proposal – Option 4, To charge in all towns but not all sites.

For – 3

Against – 2

The Chair declared Councillor Mulligan's proposal carried.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to -

- (I) Adopt option 4 as detailed below as the Preferred Strategy Option – “To charge in all towns (Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt), but not all sites.”
- (II) To enter into a twelve week public consultation period in relation to the preferred option and associated actions.

**E177/17      The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010  
– Special Events on Roads**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided detail on the Statutory Rule entitled The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (2010 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 which comes into operation on 4 September 2017. From this date Councils will assume responsibility for dealing with requests to hold special events on all public roads apart from special roads (which are mainly motorways).

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that legislation allows for cost recovery and that no additional monies would be coming to Council for the additional responsibilities.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed some concern in relation to this legislation particularly with regard to enforcement of road closures.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure acknowledged that the legislation as currently drafted will result in increased administration for both Council and event organisers.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed that the issuing of notices under the Act be authorised through the Council Committee system for an initial period of six months before making a decision regarding delegating authority.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the issuing of notices under the Act be authorised through the Council Committee system for an initial period of six months before reviewing the process.

*Councillors Glasgow and Reid left the meeting at 7.46 pm.*

**E178/17      Government Waste Working Group (GWWG)**

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the work of the Government Waste Working Group and sought approval for the related Operational Protocol and Procurement Guidance documents.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to support officer's collaborative work with NIEA in the Government Waste Working Group and approve the Operational Protocol and Procurement Guidance as circulated.

**E179/17      Service Level Agreement with Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the provision of housing fitness inspections and associated requests**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Northern Ireland Housing Executive for undertaking housing fitness inspections and associated requests on behalf of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's question the Principal Environmental Health Officer advised that the service level agreement will assist in standardising the response from Council in providing housing fitness inspections.

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to approve the Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the provision of housing fitness inspections and associated requests, the Agreement to be subject to review after 12 months.

**E180/17      Service Level Agreement with Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland for the provision of services by the Environmental Health department**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a Service Level Agreement which formalises a voluntary agreement which has existed between the Drinking Water Inspectorate and District Councils for the collection of private water samples within their respective areas.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Drinking Water Inspectorate for the collection of drinking water samples. Agreement will be subject to review after 12 months.

**E181/17 Street Naming and Property Numbering**

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of a new residential housing development within Mid Ulster as follows –

Site off Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Proposed by Councillor Totten  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt as Sycamore Drive.

Site off Moneymore Road, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Moneymore Road, Cookstown as Gallion Glen.

**E182/17 Dual Language Request**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval to undertake survey of all applicable residents on the street/road to which Dual Language Signage has been requested.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed with a Street Naming Survey for Beaghmore Road in accordance with the Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage.

**Matters for Information**

**E183/17 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 June 2017**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 June 2017.

**E184/17 Entertainment Licensing Applications**

*Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Killeshil Community Centre – noted under applications received for the grant/renewal of Entertainment Licence.*

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

#### **E185/17      Building Control Workload**

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

Councillor McFlynn noted the good work ongoing within the Building Control department.

#### **E186/17      Building Control Responsibilities on Fire Safety related Regulations and Legislation**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of existing procedures in place to ensure compliance with Fire Safety requirements within the Building Regulations (NI) and associated functions.

Members noted the content of the report.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised of correspondence received from Civil Service in relation to carrying out assessment of Council owned properties in respect of cladding. The Director advised that he did not believe Council had cladding on any of its buildings but that checks would be carried out and response returned to Civil Service.

#### **E187/17      Environmental Health Department Food Service Plan for 2017/18**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of Environmental Health Department's Food Service Plan for 2017/18.

#### **E188/17      Smoke Free Northern Ireland, 10 years on**

Members noted previously circulated report which highlighted that the smoke free status for workplaces and work vehicles has been in force for ten years. An update on an ongoing smoking shelter survey of licensed premises was also provided.

#### **E189/17      Mid Ulster Community Pharmacy Partnership Networking Event, "Making links to lighten the load"**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Mid Ulster Community Pharmacy Partnership Networking Event, 'Making links to lighten the load' which was held in March 2017.

#### **E190/17      Flax Project – Sustainability**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the introduction of a small Flax growing Project to the District.



## **E191/17      Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful – Spring Clean/Benchmark Report**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Big Spring Clean 2017 and 2016/17 National Benchmark report (Annual Litter Survey) for local environmental quality.

## **E192/17      Tullyvar Joint Committee Update**

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

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn 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 E193/17 to E197/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

- E193/17      Contracts for the collection and treatment of bio-waste
- E194/17      Tender report for the supply of Fleet Maintenance and Repair Services
- E195/17      Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

### **Matters for Information**

- E196/17      Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 June 2017
- E197/17      Capital Projects Update

## **E198/17      Duration of Meeting**

The Chair wished everyone a good summer break.

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.14 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 July 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McEvoy, Head of Development Plan & Enforcement  
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms Largy, Council Solicitor  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

**Applicant Speakers**

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| I/2012/0398/F                       | Guy Glencross                       |
| I/2012/0398/F                       | Bernadette McNally                  |
| M/2014/0148/F                       | Jim Maneely – Clarman Architects    |
| LA09/2016/0433/F                    | Aidan Kelly – Architect             |
| LA09/2016/0521/F                    | Martin Nugent – McKeown & Shiels    |
| LA09/2016/0761/F                    | Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners        |
| LA09/2016/1371/O                    | Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners        |
| LA09/2016/1556/O                    | Niall Scullion – Newline Architects |
| LA09/2016/1617/F                    | Aidan Bradley – Manor Architects    |
| LA09/2016/1650/F                    | Gemma Jobling – JPE Planning        |
| LA09/2017/0074/O                    | Niall Scullion – Newline Architects |
| LA09/2017/0538/O                    | Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners        |
| LA09/2016/0634/O                    | Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners        |
| LA09/2016/0693/F                    | Aidan Kelly – Architect             |
| LA09/2016/1307/F                    | Jim Maneely – Clarman Architects    |
| Consultation Response               | Andy Stephens – Matrix Planning     |
| Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Church |                                     |

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

**P087/17 Apologies**

None.

## **P088/17      Declarations of Interest**

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

## **P089/17      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan said that he wanted to acknowledge the success for the Council on receiving the prestigious award at the RTPi ceremony in London for the architectural design of the Seamus Heaney Homeplace.

He said he wanted to pass on his thanks to the Planning Department on their hard work on making this possible as this was a huge accomplishment for Mid Ulster.

The Chair referred to the request for a meeting on Strategic Planning Policy, he said although the deadline had passed, it would be important to get a broader spectrum of a planning committee and would recommend that each party nominate one representative from their party, plus the Planning Manager to be involved. He asked that members pass their nominations to the Committee Section tomorrow.

The Planning Manager advised that official figures on planning were now available online and that it was interesting to know that Mid Ulster has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of planning applications which was impressive.

The Planning Manager advised that items A10 and A22 were to be removed from the Agenda tonight until clarification is sought on accurate addresses.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved:** That items A10 and A22 be removed from the Planning Agenda until clarification is received on accuracy of addresses.

The Planning Manager referred to Drumglass House and advised that there were major concerns due to the dilapidated condition of the building with Building Control. He advised that a structural assessment was carried out on 30 May 2017 and the purpose of the inspection was to comment on the structural integrity of the existing building and to provide options for the future and to inform the way forward on whether de-listing should be requested. The comments were based on an external examination only of the building as access was not possible.

The findings of the survey found that the building was a 3 storey building of traditional stone construction and was in poor condition. The roof had collapsed, windows and doors were long gone and the building was subject to the open elements. There was evidence of cracking over the window openings on the front elevation. Vandalism was also an issue.

Options were:

1. Demolish the entire building
2. Rebuild/re-roof the entire building

3. Brick up window and door openings
4. Prop the wall nearest the adjoining school building using a suitably designed system

It was felt that options 1 and 2 were the extreme, with options 3 and 4 being the minimum required. It was the view of the Planning Manager that the findings of the report would not support a request to DfC HED to have the building de-listed and that we would now revert to Building Control to consider the way forward.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **P090/17      Planning Applications for Determination**

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

**I/2012/0398/F      Retention of ‘as constructed’ 11kw Gaia Wind Turbine with an 18.4m hub height, at approx. 103m SW of 29 Crancussy Road, Cookstown for P McNally**

The Chair advised that this application would be taken within Confidential Business due to personal circumstances surrounding it.

**Resolved:** That planning application I/2012/0398/F be taken within Confidential Business.

**H/2013/0253/F      250kw Wind Turbine with 40m to hub height and 31m dia. Rotors at approx. 525m NW of 150 Tirkane Road, Maghera for Mr Peter McKenna**

Ms Doyle ((SPO) presented a report on planning application H/2013/0253/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved:** That planning application H/2013/0253/F be refused.

**H/2015/0032/F      4 Dwellings and associated site works at land E of Manor Lane, Magherafelt for F.P. McCann**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved:** That planning application H/2015/0032/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**M/2014/0148/F      3 Storey Apartment Development with basement/ground floor parking at lands at the junction of Gortmerron Link and Brookfield Road, Dungannon for BDJ Management Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in the above application as he was attended meetings within the legacy Dungannon Council in 2014.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved:** That planning application M/2014/0148/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0433/F      Housing Development of 2 detached and 4 semi-detached dwellings at 47 Killyman Road, Dungannon for Aidan Kelly**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0433/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0521/F      Detached chalet bungalow, retention of 2 domestic garages; 2 mobile homes, 3 static caravans and the grading, re-shaping and infilling of land on a brownfield site at 100m W and NW of 11 Derry Road, Coalisland for Mr William Whitehouse**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0521/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Reid advised that work at this site was being carried out before the application was submitted and said that he would be concerned about where a member would stand if a person came forward with a complaint.

The Planning Manager advised that the objection letter submitted was only rehearsing issues which were previously raised.

The Chair stated that the objections have already been considered by the Planning Officers and that there was nothing additional to add to this application.

Councillor Reid advised that he was satisfied that everything was above board.

**LA09/2016/0667/O Dwelling and garage 50m N of 5 Scotchtown Lane, Coagh for Mr Tom Workman**

Ms Doyle ((SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0667/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0667/O be refused.

**LA09/2016/0761/F Extension to existing portacabin to provide storage and office accommodation 40m NW of 35 Moss Road, Ballymaguigan for Christopher Cassidy**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0761/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Ms Doyle (SPO) advised that additional information had been received from Department for Infrastructure – Roads Service advising that they couldn't be definitive with regards to the amount of hedge having to be removed partially due to its existing height. They have indicated however on measuring the distance the hedge is from the road edge and trying to superimpose it onto the plan the TNI felt that approximately 15-20m of hedge needs to be removed in order to deliver the sightlines to the West.

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

Mr Cassidy advised that the whole site and the current building on it area Planning Approved established commercial site.

He said that the case officer had stated in his report that the policy would therefore in principle allow for the potential expansion. There were no objections to the application. He said that it was his understanding the site was proposed to be zoned under the Mid Ulster Development Plan. Members are well versed on the site, on the business and the employment that is provided. The Planning Appeal Commissioner commented that the policy in principle allows for the potential redevelopment of the existing storage use for the proposed office use. He said that the removal of the roadside hedging is used to support the refusal under integration and build up. The removal of the hedge and the site lines are in place with no hedging needing removed. Transport NI were re-consulted and confirmed 15-20m needed removed. Critically Transport NI did not visit the site and in a telephone conversation with Mr Sean Hackett has now agreed to visit the site and will do so tomorrow. He said that he would be confident that the visit would establish that the site lines are in place.

Mr Cassidy said that in that consideration to this application in his opinion, it falls short of what he expect of the Council and would invite the Members before reaching a decision to visit the site so they may see it and make their own informed decision.

Councillor Bateson felt that there was confusion over this application as there was nothing definitive within the plan and a site visit may clear this. He said that he knew the area well and would disagree that this would ruin the rural character of the area which was on the edge of Lough Neagh and that there was nothing else on down the stretch of road apart from businesses. He agreed that with Mr Cassidy that a site visit would be beneficial.

The Planning Manager stated that there was a need for Members to be careful in considering the application as Roads Service have measured the site from the hedge and re-measuring the area would make no difference.

The Planning Manager indicated that this application was being portrayed as a building not a portacabin to use for storage purposes by the Agent and would serious caution to take a different view from what is evident in the report. He advised Members that it has been decided to issue an Enforcement Notice and would finds it hard to understand why anyone would take a different view on this.

Councillor McPeake said that reading through the comments on issues of screening and visibility, the key here was really the policy and in principle would allow for expansion for office use and if there was a policy in principle for storage, the applicant could go for that and make a change down the line. The emerging plan for the Ballymaguigan area and possible increase in provision there would be a few issues there. The report indicated that it should not be built at the site because there was not a proper transport infrastructure, and queried how a business in this rural area could survive if there was one in place.

The Planning Manager advised that the Planning Appeals were harsh in their decision.

The key issue was office space within the countryside which was not permissible under the current policy and this had been confirmed by the previous PAC decision. In relation to a new plan, at this stage it was not possible to pre determine the outcome processor give any weight on whether at some future date this site may be brought into the settlement limit.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

To refuse the application

Councillor Bateson said that 18 months down the line this application may have a different outcome and could not see the justice as it was based on the potential of being detrimental to the rural character of the area. He asked that the committee have the opportunity to visit the site so they can make their own minds up.

Propose by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

To arrange a site visit to the area so members can make their own mind up on the site.

The Chair put Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application to the vote:



For 7  
Against 8

The Chair put Councillor Bateson's proposal to arrange a site meeting to the vote:

For 9  
Against 6

**Resolved:** That a site meeting be arranged for planning application LA09/2016/0761/F.

**LA09/2016/1047/F Granny flat extension to rear of existing dwelling at 75 Donaghmore Road, Dungannon for L McGuigan**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1047/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1047/F be refused.

**LA09/2016/1371/O Infill site adjacent to and N of 61 Deerpark Road, Bellaghy for Mr Norman Leslie**

Application to be withdrawn due to address query.

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1371/O be withdrawn due to address query.

**LA09/2016/1556/O Infill site for dwelling between 33 and 33b Tobermore Road, Draperstown for Teresa McNally**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1556/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Scullion advised that committee that the proposed site was for the applicant's daughter to live beside her to provide care for her mother. He said that the proposal would include an 18m frontage which was in line with other dwellings within the area. He said that the dwellings would not be an infill as it has a common frontage with other dwellings on the Tobermore Road and was not squeezed within back lands within the development. He asked members to consider the proposal and felt that an office meeting may be beneficial.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

That planning application LA09/2016/1556/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2016/1617/F Amendment to previously approved housing scheme to replace 4 detached dwellings and 6 semi-detached and change of house type for 6 semi-detached dwellings at lands opposite 374 Killyman Road, Dungannon for Boa Island Properties Ltd**

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that application was listed for approval but that there was additional information presented tonight.

He advised that planning permission had recently been granted for two developments beside this development and development had already commenced on the site. He said that changes to the conditions were made as follows:

**Condition 1:** proposed should be changed to read:

The decision notice is issued under Section 55 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 –

Reason: This is a retrospective application.

**Condition 4:** insert 'to be carried out within 12 weeks of this decision' instead of 'prior to commencement of any other development permitted'.

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

Mr Bradley advised the committee that this site was known in the past for its anti-social behaviour and in previous years four detached dwelling were approved with the construction of supermarket and stores. Recently lands to the West of 281 Killyman Road, proposed housing development comprising the replacement of the previously approved supermarket with 3 blocks of semi-detached dwellings and exclusion of previously approved right turning lane. This development site would have two entrances and would result in reduction in traffic and in relation to other traffic, traffic management has agreed with the application.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that it was great to see the site being developed but that there was some confusion as he felt that Transport NI were obviously not aware of the volume of traffic which was going to access the development. He said that it was his understanding that the 3 block of houses on the left were accessing out onto the lower side.

Councillor Reid advised that this was a dangerous stretch of road with a high volume of traffic and that it would be essential that this issue be investigated again.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that this application should be put on hold until everything is put in place by Transport NI and issues based on these circumstances should be more open and transparent.

McAleer withdrew her proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Transport NI accessed their proposal on previous drawings.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1617/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1650/F Extension of the existing dairy and factory facility to provide additional cold storage warehousing; reconfiguration of dispatch bay; new palletising line and relocation of powder store (Approved under I/2013/0124/F) at lands at 139 Moneymore Road, Dunman Bridge, Cookstown for Dale Farm Ltd**

*Councillor Robinson declared an interest in the above application.*

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1650/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1685/F Change of house type and road layout from previously approved application I/2003/1097/F to provide 22 dwellings at land adjacent to Carryview, Urbal Road, Coagh for Sydney Brown & Son Ltd**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1685/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1750/F Non-hazardous waste transfer station at Drumcoo Recycling Centre, Coalisland Road, Dungannon for Mid Ulster District Council**

*All members declared an interest in the above application.*

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1750/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1797/F Change of house type and re-siting of dwelling to previously approved I/2008/0310/RM at land 50m E and SE of 20 Loughdoo Road, Cookstown for Shauna Loughran**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1797/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/1809/O Detached single storey dwelling adjacent to 84 Hillhead Road, Creagh, Toomebridge for Noel Nugent**

*The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in the above application and vacated the Chair.*

The Vice Chair, Councillor Wills Robinson took the Chair.

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/1809/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0074/O Dwelling (infill) at site adjacent to 61a Brough Road, Castledawson for Mary Scullion**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan returned to the Chair.

*Councillor McPeake declared an interest in the application.*

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0074/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

*Councillors Glasgow and Reid left the meeting at 8.05 pm.*

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

Mr Scullion asked for an office meeting so investigations can take place regarding cluster issues.

The Head of Development Management said that due to unusual circumstances regarding frontage he would be happy for members to seek a deferral for an office meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2017/0074/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2017/0308/O Off site replacement dwelling and domestic garage/store, 55m North West of 53 Tirgan Road, Carncose, Moneymore for Mr Mark Moran**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2017/0308/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0409/O Demolition and clearance of existing forestry school and rebuild of new forestry building at 56 Pomeroy Road, Tandragee Road, Pomeroy for Mid Ulster District Council**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in the above application and vacated the Chair.

The Vice Chair, Councillor Robinson took the Chair.

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in the above application.

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2017/0409/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0472/F Provision of a new surfaced walking route with associated lighting. Adventure trail play equipment, refurbishment of existing play area safety surfacing, provision of 1.2m high spectator fencing and associated hard standing to existing football pitch, seating and planting at Drumgoose Road, Benburb for Benburb and District Community Association**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan returned to the Chair.

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2017/0472/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0538/O Two-storey dwelling and garage 65m S of 61 Deerpark Road, Leitrim, Castledawson for Norman Leslie**

Application to be withdrawn due to address query.

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2017/0538/O be withdrawn due to address query.

**LA09/2016/0634/O Replacement of existing filling station, shop and car wash to incorporate, alongside it, the construction of mixed use units (including a filling station, classes A1 and classes B2) and associated car parking and landscaping (amended description) at 132 Drum Road, Cookstown for Seamus Molloy**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in the above application and vacated the Chair.

The Vice Chair, Councillor Robinson took the Chair.

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

Mr Cassidy advised that after deferment at the February Committee meeting a site visit was arranged where it was assumed after altering the scheme that it was acceptable. He said that he was surprised that after no further communication from the Council it was recommended for refusal again.

He said that this was an Outline Planning Permission which was generally used to find out whether or not a proposal was likely to be approved by the planning authority, before any substantial costs were incurred. This type of planning application allows fewer details about the proposal to be submitted. The submitted concept plan was for indicative purposes only.

Policy PED2 Economic Development in the Countryside is relevant and allows for the redevelopment of an established economic use in compliance with PED4. A proposal would only be permitted under this policy where it is demonstrated all the following criteria can be met.

Part A states it is acceptable where the scale and nature of the proposal does not harm the rural character or appearance of the local area and there is only a proportionate increase in the site area; in this case there is no increase in the site area and the

structures to be replaced are a disused filling station, a house, two garden centre structures, a car wash and tyre sales sheds. All these buildings are in a fairly dilapidated state. Any scheme on this site has to be planning gain.

Part B requires there would be significant environmental benefits as a result of the redevelopment. The Council has added no weight this dilapidated sites, on the main road between Cookstown and Omagh being redeveloped. He said that he would suggest that the environmental benefits as being significant.

Part C requires the redevelopment scheme deals with the full extent of the existing site and addresses the implications of the remainder of the site.

Part D requires that the overall visual impact of the replacement buildings would not be significantly greater than that of the buildings to be replaced. The current structures on site amount to shop and fillings station measuring 155m<sup>2</sup> floor area, a tyre sales shed measuring 250m<sup>2</sup>, two polytunnels measuring 205m<sup>2</sup>, a car wash building measuring 36m<sup>2</sup> and a house measuring 100m<sup>2</sup>. The total floor area of buildings to be replaced is 846m<sup>2</sup>. Proposed buildings have a footprint of 700m<sup>2</sup> thus are approx.. 150m<sup>2</sup> less than that what currently exists.

He said that the Council had raised concern regarding car parking which may provide a negative visual impact of hard standing on a roadside site but this already exists unregulated. The proposal surely will be more visually pleasing than currently exists.

The Council also has concerns regarding impact negatively on the amenities of the adjoining residential properties. However, experts in the field, namely Environmental Health have replied in their consultee stating they would have no objections to this proposal subject to conditions. Road Safety issues have also been raised, but consideration should be given to the current state of the site. The current uses and previous approvals provides for an unfettered use of the yard, the building and significantly its present access to the public road thus permitting unrestricted use of it for any vehicle. There is no history of accidents at these premises.

The scheme proposes to regulate and improve this site on one of the main gateways entering Cookstown. The new site has the potential for significant job creation. Any concerns which the Council may have can be met with suitably worded conditions and that he would request that members approve the scheme.

Councillor Clarke stated that this site has been here for over 50 years and it seemed strange that when a business was in existence for such a long period of time and there's an opportunity for redevelopment that this should be encouraged and would propose that a site meeting be held to see where to site and what could come out of it.

The Planning Manager advised that the committee had already recommended this application for an office meeting and not a site meeting as this proposal was for a small retail park type development and that traders in Cookstown would not be happy with retail units in the countryside. He said the applicant had been advised that there were no objections to the redevelopment of the petrol filling station or tyre fitting element, however additional shops and offices give rise to policy concerns.

Mr Cassidy advised that there was a potential client for the proposal and after investigations he found that no-one was against the scheme.

The Planning Manager stated what was discussed and recommended was done, but that major units were out of character for the area.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that this application was on the deferral list and to protect the Council he would recommended refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

To refuse the application.

Councillor McPeake stated that this was a major industrial proposal and it merits a further discussion and suggested modifications be made to try and remedy the situation.

The Planning Manager advised that the application was for shop and office units and one large shop unit connected to the garage. If the applicant wanted to amend the application into a light industrial unit, this should be more acceptable given what was on the site.

Councillor McPeake said that it was unfair to get agreement tonight from the Agent and that it would be wise to give him time to investigate issues raised.

The Planning Manager said that it was up to Members to make the decision on the application.

Councillor Clarke said that he was disappointed that when he had comments to make, that they were rubbish and as he didn't see any objections to the application, he had merely only made a suggestion on a proposal on whether it should be accepted or not. He advised that he felt under minded by the Planning Manager and made a proposal to have a site meeting as he did not have the opportunity to attend the office meeting. He said that the site may be in the open countryside, but the site was always there in the first instance.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

To hold a site meeting so members have an opportunity to make their own mind up.

The Chair put Councillor Clarke's proposal to hold a site meeting:

For        8  
Against   4

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0634/O be recommended for a site meeting.



**LA09/2016/0693/F Detached shed for winter storage of caravan and general domestic use at 239 Ballygawley Road, Dungannon for Mr Martin McCaul**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan returned to the Chair.

*Councillor McAleer declared an interest in the above application.*

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

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

Mr Kelly addressed the committee and advised that following an office meeting after the September 2016 meeting conditions were applied to the application which were adhered too and that his clients welcomed that. He advised that the objectors live at 4 White's Road and that they are concerned that the garage would have a significant overshadowing effect on their sunroom as it is stated the sunroom requires the light to provide heat and light and that the ground floods where the garage is proposed may result in it being raised up and this would further dominate the house.

Councillor McAleer said that she was in agreement with the Objector as the Applicant's house is away from the garage and the Objector's house is in close proximity.

The Planning Manager stated that the applicant has already been asked and has moved the shed to increase the distance from the sun room. How far the sun lounge the garage should be is purely a subjective manner, and in this case the officer feels the distance is now adequate.

Councillor McAleer enquired if this means there is conditions on the site and that the Objector has not disagreed to the shed and was only asking for 3m the other way which she found reasonable.

Councillor McAleer felt if this was a residential building that this wouldn't be case and as it's a shed it doesn't impact on a person's life but this isn't the case.

Councillor Gildernew said that he was concerned about one neighbour putting restrictions on another and enquired when overshadowing usually occurs at the site.

The Head of Development Management said that across the road a hill would possibly result in early morning and late autumn overshadowing.

The Planning Manager in answer to Councillor McAleer said that the applicant may be agreeable to a condition that no development takes place in the area between the garage and curtilage next to the sunroom and that he would explore this.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved:** That planning application LA09/2016/0693/F be deferred until further consideration is given.

*Returned from Confidential Business*

**I/2012/0398/F Retention of 'as constructed' 11kw Gaia Wind Turbine with an 18.4m hub height, at approx. 103m SW of 29 Crancussy Road, Cookstown for P McNally**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by J Shiels

**Resolved:** That planning application 1/2012/0398/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**P091/17 Report on application LA09/2016/1307/F – Motorsport Racetrack at Coalisland**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1307/F in accordance with Mid Ulster Council's 'A Best Practice Guide for the processing of major planning applications in Mid Ulster', where it states the Council will provide an interim report to the Planning Committee where members views are needed to help progress the application. This will also provide an update to the Planning Committee on the status of the above major planning application proposal.

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

Mr Maneely wanted to thank the Council and especially the Planning Department for all their help to date. He outlined the benefits for the Mid Ulster area if the Motor track at Coalisland is progressed. He advised that the mix of business elements on the old clay quarry site would create a significant number of jobs over the next 3-5 years within many different sectors. On the periphery of the site, a link road would provide a long-needed bypass for Coalisland, with vehicles avoiding the centre of the town and significantly reducing congestion and pollution within the town itself. Depending on the mix of business elements as agreed with the planning authorities, the focal point ie. The circuit itself, would create a large number and full-time and part-time jobs (not just specifically for racing related activities, but also service operators and those operating concerts and markets etc.).

Mr Maneely stated that facilities such as a health centre, offices and buildings with the potential for use by the community may be included if there is sufficient interest. A large number of industrial units would be constructed to encourage small and medium sized enterprises to form a business park. A training centre is envisaged which would service the needs of engineering, plastics and metal finishing related businesses. The derelict site, currently an eyesore to the side Coalisland, would be regenerated and incorporate community access to upgraded site and facilities. Different aspects of the site would appeal to the schools and youth groups; from driver training in a controlled environment to bird watching and photography etc. creating opportunities for further education for many years to come.

Walkways and cycle paths would offer other potential usage such as cross country running and off-road cycling, creating opportunities to improve the general health and wellbeing of the area. The lakes would be stocked with fish, and sailing, windsurfing and other boating activities would be available to the general public. Lake Torrent believe each of the above activities and new business would draw people to Coalisland and the surrounding area bringing in additional revenues for local businesses including shops, restaurants and accommodation providers. This additional revenue would in turn create further employment to the local community and surrounding areas.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan thanked Mr Maneely for his presentation and enquired what he would like the Council to do to progress this.

Mr Maneely said that there is 18 various consultancy bodies involved i.e. noise pollution, traffic management etc. and this takes time to bring everything on board. There is an onus for technical approval for safety of cars and motorcycling which would take racing off the roads and onto the racetrack. Funders need to be in place and this can only happen when approval is in place, assessments and consultancy issues and maintaining funding is essential due to Brexit and when international programme is taken into consideration.

The Chair, advised the committee that this application was unique for this area and was significantly important to try and encourage it the best way possible.

The Planning Manager said that there was a problem with major applications due to the length of time it takes which can hold up funding. The purpose of the interim report was to inform the committee of progress and to allow members to express any initial thoughts on the proposal.

A lot of issues relating to traffic management, Transport NI have stated that they can work through these and related parking issues. There is currently no licencing system for car parking in relation to key race days. Race days could be potentially a noise nuisance to the Coalisland area and these issues would need to be taken into consideration. The Planning Manager advised that race days would be inevitably noisy. However this could be acceptable as under permitted development motor sports can take place on land up to 14 days per year and that Environmental Health would indicate the acceptability of noise level.

The Planning Manager went on to advise the meeting that in his view the principal of the recreation use was acceptable in policy terms.

The Solicitor advised there was a need to be cautious as there were objections to the application and if the Objectors choose to make a representation they should have that opportunity. She stated that a decision should not be taken tonight, as this could be detrimental for members.

Councillor Gildernew stated that if Mid Ulster was serious about tourism, then this was a fine example for the route to go and would see this kind of venture of as being a huge success.

Councillor Bell agreed with Councillor Gildernew's comments and given the special circumstances around Brexit and funding opportunities, would ask that the Chair instruct Council Officers to work with consultees and interested parties to try and speed the process up.

Councillor Cuthbertson agreed that the proposal was very impressive, but said that there was a need for the committee to be cautious due to the objectors to the application. He said that if this was approved then there would be serious problems relating to the A45 and this needs to be addressed with the private developers and government departments to remedy the situation as this could be a recipe for disaster.

Mr Maneely advised members that traffic management plan was part of the application and this would be put in place.

The Planning Manager said that he would be keen to progress the application but that there was a need to be careful and give full consideration beforehand as there was no clear indication from statutory agencies.

Councillor McPeake agreed with comments regarding Objectors and other legal issues and suggested a letter of comfort be provided to Mr Maneely within reason on a regular basis for funding opportunities for his investors.

The Planning Manager said that there was a need to reassure ourselves that the issues are addressed.

Councillor McAleer advised if motorsport was taken off the roads, this would decrease road fatalities

The Planning Manager advised that the proposal was impressive and given past performance on a month he was confident that issues would be sorted out quickly.

**Resolved:** Members to note the information given.

**P092/17      Consultation response to Department for Communities, Historical Environment Division on the listing of the Presbyterian Church, 69 Main Street, Castlecaulfield**

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement drew attention to addendum item 7 and presented previously circulated report to provide members with background and draft response to a consultation by Department for Communities, Historic Environment Division (HED) regarding their consideration to list the Presbyterian Church, 69 Main Street, Castlecaulfield BT70 3NP.

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

Mr Stephens advised that committee that a condition report in 2012 highlighted a number of problems. Mr Stephens stated that damp, wet rot and dry rot were all identified.

He said that damp was a general feature in the walls of the church, both externally and internally. Some areas were particularly badly affected especially the wall plaster at the rear of the church, the porch and the choir area and is affecting the church building as a whole. Wet rot was also a feature and this had rotted the floor boards. The floor had to be repaired twice in the past year, some of the areas had timber replaced in the past five years and have already rotted within this time. The floorboards and floor joists have also shown signs of woodworm infestation, a problem that also is particular prevalent in the organ and choir area. Another issue within the choir area is that the walls are stained due to moisture running down them whilst mould growth is evident in the internal corners. Finally, there is also evidence of dry rot, this is evident in the condition of the back seats of the Church. These problems have all been noted in the Architect's 2012 condition report and over time this is progressively getting worse.

The Chair, advised that this was a difficult one to deal with as it involves the Historic Environment Division.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that the Representatives from the Church approached him and that he wasn't aware if it was confidential business, he said that he went back to the representatives to contact Council. He said that after listening to the Agent it would be fair to go with option 3 to all people and let them see what their proposals are and ask the Department for Communities to delay their planning process.

The Planning Manager said that looking at the Church, it was a simple building with nothing special which it makes it more attractive. He said that the graveyard at the front enhances the landscape in such architectural merit. He felt that there was no need for this to be a listed building.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that listening to the Planning Manager he felt that there was an opportunity to object to this consultation and enquired if this was the sentiments of the Planning Manager.

The Planning Manager advised the Condition Survey Report needed to be taken into account and the views of the congregation and the Council. He felt that the committee could take the view that this building should not be listed although no significant weight should be given to the economic argument that it should demolish the Church, but this is up to the HED to make that statutory decision.

The Chair, felt that the views of the Committee should be known and that objection be made to having the Church classed as a listed building.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved:** To object to Department for Communities proposal of classing Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Church as a listed building.

*Meeting recessed at 10.10 pm and recommenced at 10.30 pm.*

**P093/17      Consultation response to Department for Infrastructure on planning application LA09/2017/0301/F – sand and gravel extraction at Lough Neagh**

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement presented previously circulated report to provide members with an overview and a draft reply to the consultation from the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) on planning application LA03/2017/0310/F for extraction, transportation and working of sand gravel from Lough Neagh and also to a consultation from the PAC on an updated and amended Environmental Statement submitted for planning appeals for the alleged unauthorised working of materials – Land at Lough Neagh, Co. Antrim, Co. Armagh, Co. Down, Co. Tyrone and Co. Derry.

Councillor Bateson said that it should be noted that the environmental statement invested into this venture. He said that two groups were directly affected by this, the Lough Neagh Fishermen and the Sand Extractors and that the committee should reflect that the report commissioned by the body which has a vested interest should be approached with caution.

The Planning Manager said that there was always a risk with kind of statement and that is why there is a long process of auditing the report by the various statutory consultees. Drainage assessments, environment and design statements are required to identify problems arising and to consider if mitigation can overcome these. He said that planners have been non-committal because they would like to see sand extraction and fishing and there would be an onus on the planning department to see there is not harm to wildlife or fish.

Councillor Bateson advised that Lough Neagh Fishermen had been in the area for over 50 years.

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement advised that her report is a summary of the non-technical summary of the ES and that there was more detail on each on each of the points in report within the ES.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That it be approved that:

- 1) Members to note the contents of the report and that a response be issued to the PAC to thank the PAC for their consultation and to await the outcome of the planning appeal.
- 2) A response be issued to DFI to state that we have no comment to make on the planning application consultation since the application is being decided by DFI and to note that the responsibility for checking the probity of the ES documents rests with them.

## **Matters for Information**

### **P094/17 Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2017**

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

### **P095/17 The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (NI) 2017**

The Head of Development Plan and Enforcement advised that the purpose of the report was to provide members with an overview of the new Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, made by the Department of Infrastructure (DfI) on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017. These new regulations, known as The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 cover the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and revoke the 2015 regulations.

### **P096/17 Consultations Received**

- i) Consultation on Derry & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan, Preferred Options Paper (consultation period closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017)
- ii) Consultation on Mid & Antrim Borough Council Local Development Plan, Preferred Options Paper (consultation closes on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017)

Members noted the previously circulated information.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney 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 P097/17 to P101/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

P097/17 Receive Enforcement Case

### **Matters for Information**

P098/17 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2017

P099/17 Enforcement Live Caseload

P100/17 Enforcement Cases Opened

P101/17 Enforcement Cases Closed

### **P102/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 10.55 pm.

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

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| <b>Members Present</b>        | Councillor Wilson, Chair<br><br>Councillors Burton (7.05 pm), Clarke (7.02 pm), Cuddy, Doris, Elattar (7.43 pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Molloy, Monteith (7.10 pm), J Shiels  |
| <b>Officers in Attendance</b> | Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation<br>Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities<br>Mr Clarke, Community Development Manager<br>Mr Hill, Head of Parks<br>Ms Linney, Head of Community Development<br>Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts<br>Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development<br>Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer |
| <b>Others in Attendance</b>   | <b>Agenda Item 4 - Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster</b><br>Messrs Catherwood and Paisley and Ms Smith  |

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**D138/17      Apologies**

Councillors Forde, Milne and G Shiels.

**D139/17      Declaration of Interests**

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

*Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Cookstown Fr Rock's GFC listed under Paper C – Sports Capital Development Grants.*

*Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Square Wheels CC listed under Paper C – Sports Capital Development Grants.*

*Councillor Clarke entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.*

**D140/17      Chair's Business**

The Director of Business and Communities proposed a briefing meeting in relation to Ann Street to be held on Monday 10 July at 6.30 pm in Dungannon Offices.

Councillor McNamee advised of Dual Language meeting taking place at 6 pm on Monday 10 July in Cookstown.

The Director of Business and Communities stated he was aware of the clash with Dual Language meeting and proposed that this meeting be reorganised to accommodate important briefing in relation to Ann Street.

*Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.05 pm and Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.06 pm during discussion of the above.*

**Resolved** That briefing meeting in relation to Ann Street be held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 6.30 pm in Dungannon Offices. Dual Language meeting to be rescheduled.

Councillor McNamee commended those involved with the organisation of the festival and parade in Cookstown on Friday past particularly Carol Doey and The Hub. The Councillor stated that there was representation from all areas of the community and that the event should be held annually. Councillor McNamee proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms Doey from the Chair of Committee.

The Chair advised he was in receipt of correspondence from Ms Doey in which she thanked staff for their assistance with the event. The Chair advised he would forward this correspondence to Councillors and agreed to send a letter from Council in return.

*Councillor Monteith entered the meeting 7.10 pm.*

Councillor Cuddy referred to judging taking place in Castlecaulfield on Monday and stated that the village was a credit to Council and the community who had worked together so well to make the village look amazing.

#### **D141/17      Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster (CAMU)**

The Chair welcomed representatives from Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) made presentation on the work of Citizens Advice Mid Ulster, the access routes for advice, their achievements for 2016-17 and challenges since the move to commissioning. It was requested that due to unforeseen demand they would like Council to consider either additional resources to meet demand or allow for greater flexibility of provision across the District to meet the demand hotspots.

In response to questions from the members; the Chair, Cllr Burton, Cllr Shiels, Cllr McNamee, McEldowney, Cllr Doris, Cllr McAleer, Cllr McFlynn, Cllr Monteith; regarding -

- (I) Level of flexibility needed and what would be reasonable within the contract in light of procurement.
- (II) How the demand levels were set at the start and could demand have been foreseen?
- (III) Would resources allow for additional staff to be employed?
- (IV) Confirmation of activity in areas where targets which had not been fully achieved i.e. In Carntogher and Torrent.

- (V) How the outreach offices were identified and was there any level of flexibility?
- (VI) Noted the level of need is higher in Maghera than Swatragh and need to allocate resources accordingly.
- (VII) In an area such as Coalisland where the political party office is so busy it struggles with demand was there potential for CAB to work with political parties?

CAB advised that greater contract flexibility would assist with better management of resources to meet demand. They advised that there are outreach locations that may require review and secondary locations that are not high in demand where resources could be more effectively used elsewhere.

CAB advised that demand was growing at such an alarming rate that more funding would be of benefit to meet demand and contextualised that the legacy Council amount of £270,000 would be more in line to deliver the service need. CAB clarified that they had met targets and exceeded these but that the extra funding was being requested to meet the demand that had not been anticipated. The need for additional and flexible resources was not necessarily required for more staff but for a better allocation of resources to meet demand levels in locations of need.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that within any contract there is room for review to meet need but advised that this had to be within procurement, legal advice and guidelines, and no change could be made outside of this. He also advised that Council had no additional budget available this financial year.

The Chair noted that there was growing demand for the CAB services due to current environment that the level would have been hard to anticipate.

It was noted that this meeting may not be the appropriate forum for some of the specific detail of questions being asked.

CAB advised that representatives had met with Council officers every quarter and updated them regarding the Torrent area; in which demand for the service is low and could be attributed to the number of other service providers within the area. It was advised that the overall targets had been exceeded.

In relation to how office and outreach areas were chosen initially CAB advised that there had been some flexibility in this and that it was based on proposed demand.

CAB advised that CAMU have established links with political parties but it was an area that they were keen to take further.

The Chair felt that services needed to be demand led and that to ensure meeting need some flexibility required to do this.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that demand had clearly exceeded targets however Council did not have any extra budget available. The Director advised that Council officers could meet with representatives to discuss issues and bring report back to committee for Members consideration.

*Representatives from Citizens Advice Mid Ulster and Mr Clarke left the meeting at 7.42 pm.*

Confirmation was sought from officers on how the targets were set.

The Head of Community Development advised that targets were set in conjunction with Williamson Consulting using population, deprivation and previous supply and demand. The officer advised that if there needed to be changes made to office/outreach locations in order to meet demand and in line with the overall contract conditions this could be accommodated.

*Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.43 pm.*

Councillor Monteith felt that targets set were too reliant on old figures and that there needed to be a better rationale for future targets.

The Chair requested that officers bring report back to committee as soon as practical.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Council officers meet with Citizens Advice Mid Ulster to discuss issues and that a report be brought back to Development Committee for consideration.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D142/17 Community Development Report**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations. The report also provided an update on CCTV Phase I and sought approval to move to Phase II for CCTV Mid Ulster. An update on Community Development matters was also provided.

Councillor Monteith recorded his opposition to Council money being spent in relation to CCTV where it has no statutory responsibility to do so.

Councillor Cuddy asked for a translation of organisation listed under Good Relations Grants.

The Head of Community Development advised that it was the actual organisation name, but a line stating the work of the group could be provided.

Councillor Cuddy advised that this would be useful for people who did not speak/read Irish as the name of the organisation could mean anything, even "ISIS".

Councillor Monteith stated that he totally rejected the remarks of Councillor Cuddy in that a group using an Irish name could be compared to ISIS.

Councillor Elattar concurred with Councillor Monteith.

Councillor Cuddy apologised for his comments.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To approve grant award recommendations under Community Festivals and Good Relations programmes as per appendix to report.
  - (II) To move to Phase II of CCTV alignment for Mid Ulster.
  - (III) To note community development update.

#### **D143/17 Community Festive Lights Grant**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the future provision of festive lights funding across the District.

Councillor Burton stated that Ballynakelly was not included on the list and had been in the past and asked why it was not included this time.

The Head of Community Development advised that if the group had applied for a grant within the last two years then they should have been included on the list and advised she would check on this.

*Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Ballygawley Community Group.*

Councillor Monteith felt that communities should not be penalised because they don't have a community group in place and that this situation needed consideration by Council.

Councillor McAleer advised she would consider this a role for Councillors.

The Chair referred to difficulties in getting a community group together in some areas and felt that encouragement should be given where there are no groups in place.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the provision of festival lights funding as set out in appendix 1 and ensure support and/or provision for those areas that do not have community or development groups.

#### **D144/17 Sports Grant Funding**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which set out proposed community grant allocations for the range of:

- Sports Capital Grants
- Strategic Sports Development
- Sports Development Grant
- Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club.*

*Councillors McEldowney, McNamee and Monteith declared an interest in Tyrone GAA.*

*Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Knockmany Running club.*

*The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Hockey Club.*

In response to Councillor McNamee's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that officers were progressing matters in relation to acquisition of lands for expansion at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve sports grant allocations as set out in appendix to report.

*The Chair, Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 7.58 pm. Councillor Doris took the Chair at this point of the meeting.*

## **D145/17 Economic Development Report**

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

- **Strategic Review of Economic Development Services to Business**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note progress and approve the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to strategically review the economic development section's interface with businesses and provide specific recommendations, actions and costings upon how more of these services can be moved online from 2018/19. Project costs estimated at up to £27,000.

- **SGN Gas to the West**

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question as to whether Council facilities would be able link up to gas supply the Director of Business and Communities advised it would depend on the route of the pipeline and advised of upcoming meeting in relation to the project.

*Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Caledon Regeneration and LAG.  
Councillor Burton declared an interest in Caledon Regeneration.*

- **Change to processing locations for Income Support**

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council write to Department for Communities expressing concern at movement of services from Dungannon Jobs and Benefits Office and subsequent loss of jobs in the area. The Councillor also stated that officials from Department should be invited to meet with Council.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with the comments made stating it was important to lobby that services remain in Dungannon.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to write to Department for Communities expressing concern at movement of services from Dungannon and inviting officials to meet with Council.

- **Village Renewal Project**

In response to Councillor J Shiels question the Director of Business and Communities advised he did not anticipate any excess monies for transfer.

- **Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note progress and approve the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the assignment to provide a 'brand refresh' for the Cookstown and Magherafelt town brands, with costs of up to £20,000.

Councillor McNamee referred to discussion at Environment Committee in which it had been agreed that there would be a 12 week consultation period regarding car park charging. Councillor McNamee expressed the concern of the community in relation to these proposals and the misuse of residential parking spaces throughout the town and stated it would be important for officers to reassure residents/businesses in relation to the proposals. Councillor McNamee also referred to car park at Union Place, Cookstown which was given to Council on the basis that there would never be a charge for its use.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that officers were aware of issues related to car parking and these were raised at the last Environment Committee and are planned to be raised at the Town Centre Forum Meeting in Cookstown this forthcoming Friday. The Director of Business and Communities advised that he will ensure that the concerns of Members and wider stakeholders regarding car parking charges are brought to the attention of the Director of Environment and Property.



- **Cookstown Continental Market Evaluation Report 2017**
- **Dungannon Regeneration Partnership**

*Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in this item.*

- **Coalisland Economic Appraisal**

Proposed by Councillor Doris

Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to appoint a suitably qualified organisation to conduct an economic appraisal for Coalisland for a fee of up to £25,000, in preparation for a future public realm scheme in the town.

- **Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme**

Councillor McNamee felt it was important for Council to continue to fund such schemes and added that in future he would like to see this opportunity extended to town centres.

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council move towards making a grant available for renovation/repair of business/retail units anywhere within the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Clarke referred to Dunnamore which was not included on list of villages but would have a bigger population than some of the “villages” listed and asked if it could be included in the scheme.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the villages were selected using the same methodology as set out in the Area Plan’s Settlement Evaluation Position Paper, with the only addition being Moygashel as it is not recognised by the Department for Communities as a town, nor is it recognised as a rural settlement by the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and as such neither benefits from urban or rural regeneration support.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that sizeable populations outside of the list could be considered for a future scheme, or if there was insufficient demand experienced for the current scheme.

Councillor Molloy stated he was opposed to money going to wealthy landlords to improve empty properties and when works are complete, the properties still are not ‘let’ to prospective businesses. Councillor Molloy stated that the property seeking a grant should house an operational business.

In response to Councillor Cuddy’s question the Head of Economic Development advised that Council funded the largest percentage of monies towards the recently completed Shop Improvement Schemes delivered across Mid Ulster’s five town centres but added that the Department for Communities had also provided some funding towards the Shop Improvement Scheme.

Following Councillor Molloy's comments, Councillor Burton stated she would prefer if vacant premises could be included that had a history of being a business and could become a business again within a short period of time, as it did not take long for empty buildings to become dilapidated and that improvements to shop frontages can assist with encouraging trade back to an area.

Councillor Molloy stated that he took on board Councillor Burton's comments but felt it was wrong for wealthy landlords to use Council as a means of improving the frontage of empty premises.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To allocate a sum of up to £150,000 during the 2017/18 financial year from Council's economic development budget to facilitate Council to match fund and deliver a pilot Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme. Additionally, it was recommended that a further scheme be worked up for next year for Members consideration. It was agreed that vacant premises would not be eligible for inclusion in the scheme, unless they had a history of being a business and could become a business again within a short period of time.
  - (II) That a separate budget of £20,000 from Council's economic development budget be set aside to procure an independent chartered architect to oversee the scheme for 2017/18.
  - (III) That the Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme be rolled out in the following villages in Mid Ulster during 2017/18; Ardboe, Ballinderry, Ballylifford, Ballyronan, Churchtown, Coagh, Drummullan, Moneymore, Moortown, Orritor, Pomeroy, Sandholes, Stewartstown, The Loup, The Rock, Aghaginduff/Cabragh, Annaghmore, Augher, Aughnacloy, Benburb, Brockagh/Mountjoy, Caledon, Castlecaulfield, Clogher, Donaghmore, Edendork, Eglish, Fivemiletown, Galbally, Granville, Killyman, Moy, Moygashel, Newmills, Tamnamore, The Bush, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Clady, Desertmartin, Draperstown, Gulladuff, Swatragh, Tobermore and Upperlands. That consideration be given to widen the eligible area to include other sizeable populations within Mid Ulster during 2017/18 financial year should there be insufficient demand arising from the villages identified above.

Councillor Monteith requested that Cappagh also be included on list of villages if funding became available to widen the scheme to include other rural areas.

- **Business Improvement District's Feasibility Study**

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the procurement of a suitable organisation to undertake a Feasibility Study costing in the region of £20,000 to identify the potential of developing BID's in Mid Ulster.

- **Business Events 2017-18**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the procurement of consultants to deliver a series of Digital Seminars at a cost of up to £8,000 (including expenses and excluding vat), and a further budget be made available to procure the necessary expertise to deliver a Brexit Event and Empowering Women Events.

- **Business Programmes – Proposals to EU Growth and Jobs Fund**

Councillor Clarke referred to the good track record of these programmes and proposed the officers recommendation.

Councillor Molloy asked what the implications were of Council not meeting the stipulated job creation target.

The Head of Economic Development advised that there was nothing in writing to say exactly what the implications would be but that Council should make 'best endeavours' to meet the job targets which were negotiated by the former Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on behalf of local government (ie, to create 1 job for every £1,000 in ERDF/Invest NI funding awarded to projects). The officer stated that it is likely that EU auditors will look initially at Northern Ireland as a whole, however, past experience has shown that individual Councils will be selected for audit and if jobs targets are not met, then this may trigger financial implications for local Councils.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Clarke's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the development of the following three applications to the EU Growth and Jobs Programme to be delivered from 2017/18 to 2020/21 with estimated costs to Council as follows;

- Tender Programme £52,240
- Fast Growth / Digital Programme £108,180
- Engineering Support Package £80,000

If the programmes are approved by Invest NI, Council's investment of £240,420, will leverage further funding circ. £961,680 from ERDF/Invest NI.

- **ICBAN Funding Request 2017-18**

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that ICBAN did offer value for money and as Mid Ulster was a border Council it was important to be part of a cross border body.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To approve the provision of up to £10,000 funding for ICBAN from Council's Economic Development Budget 2017/18, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).
  - (II) To approve the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (outlined above). Progress updates from ICBAN will be provided to future Development Committee meetings.

- **Caledon Regeneration Partnership**

Councillor Burton asked what support was available to Caledon Regeneration Partnership and if a dedicated council officer could not be provided.

The Head of Economic Development advised that council officers are supportive of the project and can provide guidance and information to groups such as Caledon.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that there were hundreds of groups across the District and that Council did not have the resources to provide a dedicated person on the ground for one particular group over others. The Director stated that council officers can provide advice and that this is done on an equal basis.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that groups in both Caledon and Draperstown were treated equally by Council officers.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Caledon Regeneration Partnership be advised that Council will informally support their group to develop a Regeneration Project via the Heritage Lottery Fund by way of officer attendance at their meetings, however, it is not recommended that a dedicated staff member provide direct support to the Group, as this would set a precedent and Council simply do not have sufficient staff resources to meet requests of this nature. The correspondence also alluded to requesting financial support from

Council towards their regeneration project, but no specific value was attributed.

- **Foreign Direct Investment app (FDI APP) Upgrade**

Councillor J Shiels asked how many times the app had been downloaded and when it had been created.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the app was created in 2015 and was mainly used by InvestNI as an information portal and that the information held for Mid Ulster District Council required updating. The officer advised that she could seek some information from InvestNI as to the usage of the app.

Councillor J Shiels asked what Council contributed at the time of the app creation.

The Head of Economic Development advised that Council contributed £2000 at that time.

Councillor Shiels expressed some concern at additional monies being required two years after app creation and the fear that more monies would be requested in the future.

*Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 8.36 pm.*

The Director of Business and Communities advised that the Chief Executive and he had met with representatives from InvestNI recently and that they had advised Council to provide them with the most up to date information in order to remain competitive.

Councillor J Shiels stated he would like to know the usage of the app and expressed concern at the ongoing cost to maintain it.

Councillor Cuddy referred to there being no Invest NI office in Mid Ulster area where the main industry in the west of Northern Ireland is located and asked when this situation will be remedied. The Councillor also stated that SMEs in Mid Ulster don't get a fair chance and that Council should focus on this area as it could not depend on InvestNI to make SMEs in Mid Ulster a priority.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to procure a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the upgrade work on the existing FDI App, estimated to cost £10,000.

- **Sponsorship Request from DIGG for Charity Event in Dungannon**

Councillor Monteith stated that whilst he accepted that Council could not directly fund a business the idea of the event was fantastic and should not be dismissed as this was a niche market. Councillor Monteith proposed that officers seek mechanism to support event.

Councillor Cuddy agreed that new ideas were needed to promote business and that Council should try to support the event in some way.

Councillor Molloy stated a mechanism was needed to support the event.

The Director of Business and Communities stated he took on board the comments of Members in their desire to see the event taking place.

The Head of Economic Development suggested that Council liaise with DIGG to explain that Council cannot fund individual traders, and request that they work with Dungannon Traders Association to deliver the proposed event.

Councillor Burton reminded Members of Council's recycling targets and felt that a further element to this event would be to incorporate stalls for those who wish to sell second hand baby and toddler items. The Councillor also felt that the event should be held at a family friendly time ie. Friday night or Saturday.

Councillor Elattar agreed with the comments of Councillor Burton in respect of having second hand stalls at the event.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that if DIGG works in partnership with Dungannon Traders Association to deliver the proposed Baby and Toddler event, then the funding request for £2,000 be met.

- **ESF Funding – NOW Group**

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the correspondence from the NOW Group until such times as officers have the opportunity to review and determine the future intentions of the groups Council is presently financially supporting through ESF Round 1.

Councillor Burton referred to officer employed within South West College that may be a point of contact for Council in relation to this matter.

**D146/17 Mid Ulster District Council Response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Mid Ulster District Council response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015.

#### **D147/17      Railway Park Project**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which provided update on progress of draft development proposals for Railway Park, Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith congratulated officers and staff, particularly the two wardens working at Railway Park for the vast improvement to the Park and hoped this would be kept up in the future.

Councillor Monteith, whilst supportive of the proposals for Railway Park, expressed some concern that the project would be starting from scratch when a lot of work had already been done.

The Head of Parks advised that there was no intention to start from scratch but to bring the project forward as a whole with the opportunity to refresh and update plans.

Councillor Monteith expressed the need for a timescale for this project and getting in budget in place for same. The Councillor hoped this was the start of a new era for Railway Park.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was a desire to move forward quickly with the project but that there was also a need to ensure that internal governance processes were followed regarding the Council's capital programme and that investment in the project would stand up to scrutiny.

Councillor Molloy stated there was a need for regular update meetings in relation to the project.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with the comments made and stated the Railway Park was looking well and being well used. The Councillor also referred to sections on either side of Railway Park which should not be forgotten about.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed with DEA engagement and community meetings to further develop the conceptual process and progression of business case for Railway Park project. All Members of Council to be invited to attend meetings on this project.

#### **D148/17      Ballysaggart Lough Development Proposal**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which provided update on progress of draft development proposals for Ballysaggart Lough.

Councillor Monteith spoke in relation to linkages between Ballysaggart Lough and Railway Park but felt that the project should not become so big it is unmanageable.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed with DEA engagement and community meetings to further develop the conceptual process and progression of business case for Ballysaggart Lough project. All Members of Council to be invited to attend meetings on this project.

#### **D149/17 Coalisland Town Centre – Town Centre Civic Event**

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which sought approval to deliver an additional town centre civic event in Coalisland in the autumn.

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that officers work with Coalisland traders to develop a late summer/early autumn town centre event with a total budget of £7,000.

#### **D150/17 Lower Bann Corridor Identification Study – Summary Report**

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which provided the Recreational, Tourism and Commercial Product Identification study for the Lower Bann.

In response to question from Councillor J Shiels in relation to Glenone walkway the Director of Business and Communities confirmed the walkway would be included in future development.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the vision and action plan of the study and continue with officer participation on the steering group.

#### **Matters for Information**

#### **D151/17 Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017**

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017.



**D152/17      Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided minutes of recent meetings of Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group.

**D153/17      Summer Events**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on Summer strategic events across the District.

**D154/17      Knockmany Forest Licence Agreement**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the progress in relation to proposed Licence Agreement and Lease associated to Knockmany Forest development.

**D155/17      Altmore and Cappagh Reservoirs Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to Altmore and Cappagh Reservoirs and the proposal from NI Water to dispose of the amenities.

**D156/17      Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to current programme of Council Public Right of Way investigations.

**D157/17      Parks Service Progress Report**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to current programme of Council Public Right of Way investigations.

**D158/17      Leisure Services Quarterly Progress Report**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and to highlight events that will be occurring in the future.

**D159/17      Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
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 D160/17 and D161/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

D160/17 Guided tour pricing structure at Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House, Dungannon

### **Matters for Information**

D161/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017

### **D162/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.15 pm.

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**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 July 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present** Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris (7.02 pm) Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McPeake, M Quinn and Totten

**Officers in Attendance** Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Ms Kerr, Head of Finance  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance:** Councillors T Quinn and Wilson

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**PR127/17 Apologies**

None.

**PR128/17 Declaration of Interest**

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

**PR129/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair thanked Councillor Buchanan for Chairing the last meeting and to his own party for the nomination to Chair this committee.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR130/17 Request to lease a soccer pitch on the Moneymore Recreation Centre site by Henry Joy McCracken, GAC, Moneymore**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the request by Henry Joy McCracken, GAC, Moneymore (Moneymore GAC) to lease a grass soccer pitch at Moneymore Recreation Centre and to seek direction on how to progress this request.

*Councillor Doris entered the committee at 7.02 pm.*

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to Officers carrying out investigatory work as outlined and report to full Council.

**PR131/17 Expressions of Interest to lease soccer pitches and a Pavilion at Beechway, Cookstown**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the outcome of the Expression of Interest exercise for Sports Clubs to lease Beechway Football pitches and Pavilion.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that agreement be given to Cookstown Youth FC (CYFC) being offered the opportunity to lease Beechway football pitches and pavilion and that officers proceed to negotiate a suitable Lease before returning the agreement to Council for ratification.

**PR132/17 Rainey Street Public Toilet Replacement**

The Director of Environment and Property drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for funding from Council's Capital Programme for the replacement of the Public Toilets at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

Councillor McLean enquired if the people entering the toilets were screened from the public.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the public would still be walking into the toilets from the street but could put up a vanity wall if required.

Councillor Bateson said that a screen would be a simple thing to install and wouldn't prove expensive.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query regarding the running costs, the Head of Property Services advised that there would be no additional running costs, as these would be the same as what they are now.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to closing the existing facility and secure the funding as detailed under the Capital Programme to progress a replacement toilet for Magherafelt Town Centre.

## **Matters for Information**

### **PR133/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 June 2017**

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 June 2017.

### **PR134/17 Rural Needs (NI) Act 2016 & Definition of Rural**

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on requirements resulting from introduction of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 and how Council Departments will practically implement the associated rural impact assessments.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about the population of the five main towns within Mid Ulster.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt all exceed 5,000 as does Coalisland so these would be classed as urban and Maghera's population would be under 5,000 so would be classed as rural.

Policy & Resources Committee June 2017, (Minute Ref: PR109 refers) resolved that:

*'it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the implementation of the suggested rural proofing mechanism as it relates to Mid Ulster District Council. It is further recommended that the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs definition of rural (settlements of less than 5,000 residents) be noted and adopted by this Council as a definition for rural settlements in undertaking rural proofing, subject to the definition used by Mid Ulster Local Action Group being checked and cross referenced'.*

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to adopt the default definition for 'Rural' as set out within Department for Environment, Agriculture & Rural Affairs guidance relating to the Rural Needs Act, as being settlements of less than 5,000 residents. Consideration will however continue to be given to the funding and investment scenarios when implementing the required rural proofing arrangements.

### **PR135/17 Rate Support Grant**

Members noted the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update in relation to the quantum of Rate Support Grant (RSG) to be received in 2017/18 from the Department for Communities (DfC) formerly Department of Environment (DoE).

Councillor Ashton said it would be beneficial to request a meeting with Officials who make the decisions.

The Director of Finance advised that he would take this on board.

## **PR136/17 Member Services**

No issues.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR137/17 to PR152/17.

### **Matters for Decision**

- PR137/17 Lands at Lime Kiln Lane, Cookstown
- PR138/17 Lands at Railway Yard, Cookstown
- PR139/17 Engineering Centre of Excellence
- PR140/17 Greenvale Leisure Centre Management Information System
- PR141/17 Capital Programme – Resource Allocation
- PR142/17 Earls Project – Lease of land at Railway Park, Dungannon - STEP Building
- PR143/17 Employers Liability Claim
- PR144/17 Rate Support Grant Judicial Review Update
- PR145/17 Collective NI District Council Leisure Services VAT Claim Update
- PR146/17 Grievance Procedure for Mid Ulster District Council
- PR147/17 Staffing Matters

### **Matters for Information**

- PR148/17 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 7 June 2017
- PR149/17 Sickness Absence Update for the period 1 April 2017 – 31 May 2017
- PR150/17 Staffing Matters
- PR151/17 Contracts and DAC
- PR152/17 Financial Update

## **PR153/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.25 pm.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Report on</b>         | Conferences & Seminar – July 2017      |
| <b>Reporting Officer</b> | P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |
| <b>Contact Officer</b>   | E Forde, Member Support Officer        |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report</b>  |
| 1.1        | Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.                       |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Background</b>   |
| 2.1        | Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.   |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>  |
|            | The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.   |
| 3.1        | <b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members</b>  |
| 3.1.1      | <b>Annual NI Economic Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 25 October 2017 at Armagh City Hotel, Armagh</li> <li>Cost £165 plus Vat, travel and subsistence</li> </ul> |
|            | <b><u>Officer Approvals</u></b>   |
| 3.2        | There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.        |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Other Considerations</b>   |
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| 4.1        | <b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b><br><br>Financial:<br><br>Human:  |
| 4.2        | <b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  |

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| <b>4.3</b> | <b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Recommendation(s)</b>  |
| 5.1        | Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required. |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>  |
| <b>6.1</b> | Appendix A      Conferences & Seminar Details<br>Appendix B      Officer Approvals                |

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## Northern Ireland's economic summit

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference, now in its 22nd year, is Northern Ireland's premier economic analysis event and is unique in being the only forum which takes a high level look at the performance of, and prospects for the local economy. It is firmly established as the annual autumn 'summit' for Northern Ireland's economic community, including policy makers and business leaders. Taking place at a time of unprecedented political chaos, this is a not-to-be-missed event for all the latest information on the local economy as well as an excellent opportunity for networking and discussion with key players in the economy, across all sectors.

### Meeting the challenge of a slowing economy

In the twenty-two years since the first Northern Ireland Economic Conference there has not been a greater challenge facing the local economy than now. The local economy has flatlined (in real terms) since the economic crisis in 2008 and has seen no growth in real terms as it faces what many see as its biggest challenge for decades in Brexit.

As Article 50 negotiations progress there is much uncertainty about the final outcome of Brexit, the economic consequences could last for up to 20 years. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, Danske Bank forecast growth of 0.8 per cent this year and 1.0 per cent in 2018. The modest growth forecast is due to a number of "downside risks" which include political instability and a larger than expected negative impact on confidence as a result of Brexit.

The DUP/Tory deal will see an extra 4 per cent increase in public expenditure for the next two years. However, the deal sees no reduction in corporation tax or the VAT rate

#### Why should I attend?

- ✓ Expert local and visiting speakers
- ✓ Major economic summit
- ✓ Economic outlook and forecast
- ✓ Unique information presented
- ✓ Not-to-be-missed annual conference
- ✓ Unrivalled networking opportunity
- ✓ All sectors represented – government, business, third sector

for the tourism sector as had been widely predicted. The extra money whilst welcome by all the political parties will not rebalance the local economy, it will only further reinforce Northern Ireland's reliance on the public sector. It will make a modest contribution to GDP over the next two years but does nothing to help rebalance the local economy in the face of its biggest economic challenge ever.







## Brexit, Brexit, Brexit...

This year there will be a round table discussion on the possible impacts of Brexit on the

Northern Ireland economy. The discussion will be informed by a number of expert presentations that run throughout the programme. Martin Wolf, chief economics commentator with the Financial Times will set the scene in the opening plenary session. Neil Gibson will look at the shape of the local economy in detail. Later in the day, David Gavaghan will look at how local businesses are facing the issue and Professor John FitzGerald will look at the impact of Brexit on cross-border trade. Visiting speaker Professor Raquel Ortega-Argilés will examine how Brexit will affect smaller regions of the United Kingdom.

### Key issues to be addressed at the conference will include:

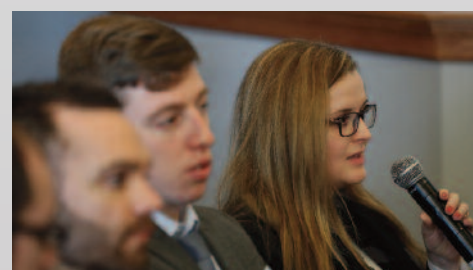
- The economic impact of **Brexit**
- **Economic priorities** for Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland **regional economic forecast**
- Value of **skills** to the economy
- Enhancing **cross-border trade** and investment
- Building a strong **entrepreneurial region**
- **Technology** as an economic driver
- **Innovation and R&D** for high value jobs
- **PANEL DISCUSSION:** Brexit: Northern Ireland's Future?

### Hear speakers from:



## Economic drivers

Whilst Brexit has and will continue to dominate the debate on the economy there are still a number of key economic drivers that should be addressed irrespective of Northern Ireland's future status within the European Union. There is an argument that post-Brexit Northern Ireland will have to focus even more on issues such as: innovation, manufacturing, technology, skills, the future of the third level education sector and how to manage talent. With this year's conference being hosted by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council there is a focus on growing indigenous companies. The area is home to some of Northern Ireland's most successful private sector companies, who are players on the global stage.



# conference programme

09.00

## The Northern Ireland economic outlook: A time of uncertainty



**Chairman's introduction:** John Campbell, Economics & Business Editor, **BBC Northern Ireland**

### WELCOME

Alderman Gareth Wilson, Mayor of **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

### ECONOMIC PRIORITIES

*Priorities for the future of Northern Ireland's economy*

Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary, **Department for the Economy** (invited)

### ECONOMIC FORECAST

*The Northern Ireland economic outlook*

Professor Neil Gibson, Director, Economic Policy Centre, **Ulster University**



### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*The impact of Brexit on the economy: What lies ahead?*

Martin Wolf, Chief Economics Commentator, **Financial Times**

### LOCAL ECONOMY

*Developing a strong entrepreneurial region*

Roger Wilson, Chief Executive, **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

10.45

Morning coffee / networking opportunity

11.15

## What will drive future growth?

### TECHNOLOGY

*Technology as a key driver for growth*

Aongus Hegarty, President, EMEA, **Dell EMC**

### AGRI-FOOD

*The impact of Brexit on the Agri-Food sector*

Janet McCollum, Chief Executive Officer, **Moy Park** (invited)

### HIGHER EDUCATION

*Higher Education as a driver for the economy*

Professor Deirdre Heenan, Director, **Ulster University**

### MANUFACTURING

*Innovation in 21st century manufacturing*

Jim Downey, Plant Manager, **Hyster-Yale**

### SKILLS

*Winning the war for talent*

Áine Brolly, Chief Executive Officer, **Cpl Northern Ireland**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

13.00

Conference lunch / networking break



# conference programme

14.00

## Brexit: Impact on the Northern Ireland economy

BUSINESS

*What will Brexit mean for business in Northern Ireland?*

David Gavaghan, Chair, **CBI Northern Ireland**

BOARDROOM

*The challenge of Brexit for the boardroom*

Guy Lougher, Partner, **Pinsent Masons**

CROSS-BORDER

*Examining the impact of Brexit on cross-border trade*

Professor John FitzGerald, Research Affiliate, **Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)**

REGIONS

*The economic impacts of Brexit on the UK, its regions, its cities and its sectors*

Professor Raquel Ortega-Argilés, Chair, Regional Economic Development, **University of Birmingham**

Questions and answers / Panel discussion

## BREXIT: NORTHERN IRELAND'S FUTURE

1. What will be the main impact of Brexit on the Northern Ireland economy from your perspective?

2. What sectors will be impacted most? How will businesses and other organisations cope with the loss of EU subsidies?

3. What can be done to mitigate any downside for businesses?

4. What are the opportunities in leaving the Single Market or the Customs Union for the Northern Ireland economy?

5. What contingency plans should be put in place for the WTO scenario?

6. Looking to the future, what one thing should senior managers and policy makers focus on?



**Declan Billington**  
Chief Executive  
**Thompsons** and Chair,  
Northern Ireland  
Food and Drink  
Association (NIFDA)



**Martina Lawless**  
Associate Research  
Professor, **Economic**  
and Social Research  
Institute (ESRI)



**John McGrillen**  
Chief Executive  
**Tourism NI**



**David Phinnemore**  
Professor of  
European Politics  
**Queen's**  
**University Belfast**



**Dr Joanne Stuart**  
Director of  
Development  
**Catalyst Inc**

16.30

Conference close





# conference speaker panel



**Declan Billington** is Chair at the Northern Ireland Food and Drink Association and is also CEO of leading animal feed manufacturer, Thompsons. He is a member of the Agri-Food Strategy Board and also represents Northern Ireland on the board of the leading UK based agricultural lobbying body, the Agricultural Industries Confederation. Declan has previously held a number of prominent industry positions including Chair of CBI Northern Ireland, Chair of the Economic Development Forum's Skills sub group, and Chair of the Northern Ireland Grain Trade Association.



**Áine Brolly** is CEO, Cpl Northern Ireland and Founder and Director, Ardlinn. She joined the Cpl executive team last August tasked with aggressively growing market share in NI and with establishing an executive recruitment brand within the Cpl group. In January 2016, she founded Ardlinn, Cpl's International executive recruitment business headquartered in Dublin. She is an expert in supporting organisations with their recruitment, talent and outsourcing needs as well as having a strong track record in helping organisations set up in new jurisdictions. Prior to joining Cpl, Áine spent over 3 years as SVP Business Development with Invest Northern Ireland in San Francisco where she led a team responsible for driving Foreign Direct Investment and International trade and export.



**John Campbell** is Economics and Business Editor for BBC Northern Ireland, a position he has held since September 2013. Prior to that he was a senior BBC producer working across TV, radio and online with special responsibility for business coverage. He began his career on the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo.



**Jim Downey** is Plant Manager at Hyster-Yale Group where he is accountable for the planning, organisation, control and review of all plant manufacturing and functional support activities utilised in the production of quality products. He joined the company in 1988. The forklift factory in Craigavon, now a world-class manufacturing centre, opened in April 1981 and is the largest of the few forklift truck manufacturing plants remaining in the UK today. The plant has been a true success story in Northern Ireland, expanding to over 41,300 m<sup>2</sup> and now employing hundreds of people, many of whom have been working at the factory for decades.



**John FitzGerald** is one of Ireland's leading economists and a Research Affiliate with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and an Adjunct Professor in TCD and UCD. He has been a Research Affiliate at the ESRI since November 2014. Prior to that he was a Research Professor at the ESRI and Programme Coordinator of the Macroeconomics Research Area. He is President of the Association d'Instituts Européens de Conjoncture Économique and a former president of the Irish Economic Association. He is currently a member of the Commission of the Central Bank of Ireland and of the Independent Expert Panel established in 2014 by the Department of Communications Energy and Natural resources. In the past he has served as a member of the National Economic and Social Council and of the board of the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation.



**David Gavaghan** is Chair of CBI Northern Ireland from 2016-2018, having previously been Vice Chair. David has established Aurora Prime Real Estate Limited and is seeking to raise £50 million locally and internationally to invest in Grade A office space in Belfast. Previously he was Executive Director of Quintain Estates and Development plc. He is the former Chief Executive of Titanic Quarter Limited and prior to that was Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board Limited for six years.



**Neil Gibson** is the Director of the Economic Policy Centre at Ulster University, which regularly assesses the state of the local economy as well as informing and critiquing Northern Ireland Executive policies. Neil was formerly the Director of Oxford Economics and before that worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre. Neil is one of Northern Ireland's best known economic commentators.



**Professor Deirdre Heenan** was formerly Provost and Dean of Academic Development at the Magee Campus. A distinguished researcher, author and broadcaster, she is a member of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences and has published widely on healthcare, education policy, social care and devolution. She is a co-founder and former co-director of the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey. In 2001 she was the recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award and this was followed by a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy in 2006. In 2008 she secured an ESRC fellowship and spent nine months as policy adviser in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.



**Aongus Hegarty** serves as President of Dell EMC Commercial Business for Western Europe and the entire Dell EMC business across Central & Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa. Responsible for business and strategy across the region, he leads a team of sales, solutions and services professionals serving customers across 120 countries. Aongus has established a strong and balanced multi-channel go-to-market across the region, including building out a substantial business in the EMEA Emerging Markets. Aongus is Vice Chairman of the Executive Council for the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union and he is a member of the Special Olympics Ireland Council of Patrons.



**Martina Lawless** is an Associate Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). Before joining the ESRI, she received her doctorate from Trinity College Dublin and worked as a research economist at the Central Bank of Ireland. Her current projects at the ESRI relate to taxation, exporting patterns and the effects of Brexit. In addition, she has worked on the design and development of a number of surveys at firm and household level. Her work has been published in a number of leading international journals such as the Journal of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Small Business Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics and Economica.



**Guy Lougher** leads Pinsent Masons' cross-disciplinary Brexit team, advising clients on the implications of Brexit for their businesses and how best to respond to the challenges and opportunities which Brexit raises. Guy is also a Partner in the EU and Competition Team, in which capacity he has worked on competition and market investigations by the European Commission and the UK's competition authorities as well as handling Phase 1 and in-depth merger clearances before the European Commission and before the UK's competition authorities. He also regularly advises on appeals against decisions of EU and UK competition authorities.



**John McGrillen** took up his post as CEO of Tourism NI on 1 July 2015. A former board member of Tourism NI, John was previously Director of Development at Belfast City Council where his responsibilities included urban development, tourism, economic and international development and the management of Belfast Waterfront and the Ulster Hall. Previously he was Chief Executive of Down District Council. During his early career John worked for Short Brothers and the Industrial Development Board, the forerunner to Invest NI, before being appointed Chief Executive of NI-CO, a Belfast based international development consultancy.



**Professor Raquel Ortega-Argilés** currently holds the Chair in Regional Economic Development at the Department of Strategy and International Business and the City-REDI research institute at Birmingham Business School, The University of Birmingham. Her current research work focuses on productivity, innovation, regional development, SMEs, entrepreneurship and industrial dynamics and on regional and European Policy. She is leading a research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) looking at The Economic Impacts of Brexit on the UK, its Regions, its Cities and its Sectors.



**David Phinnemore** is Professor of European Politics in the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and Dean of Education for Queen's University Belfast. David has written extensively on the subject of the EU referendum and the subsequent happenings, including a recent research paper entitled "Northern Ireland and Brexit: struggling and divided over 'what next'". He has also worked as Senior Lecturer in European Integration in Queens Belfast, which was preceded by an 11-year period at the University of Kent.



**Dr Joanne Stuart**, OBE is Director of Development at Catalyst Inc, Northern Ireland's next generation science park. She is responsible for the development of strategic relationships to support the growth of the Knowledge Economy in Northern Ireland. Since returning to NI in 2005, she has been active in the area of economic development and championing STEAM subjects amongst the region's younger generation. A former Chairman of IoD NI, Joanne has over 25 years' experience working in the IT industry, including nine years with the Oracle Corporation.



**Roger Wilson** was appointed as Chief Executive of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council on 1 April 2014. Prior to this he was Chief Executive of Coleraine Borough Council, before which he was Strategic Director of Corporate Services with Armagh City and District Council. He was formerly Head of HR and Organisational Development with Craigavon Borough Council and has also worked in the private sector. He is a Chartered Company Secretary, obtained his MBA in Public Administration from the University of Ulster and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

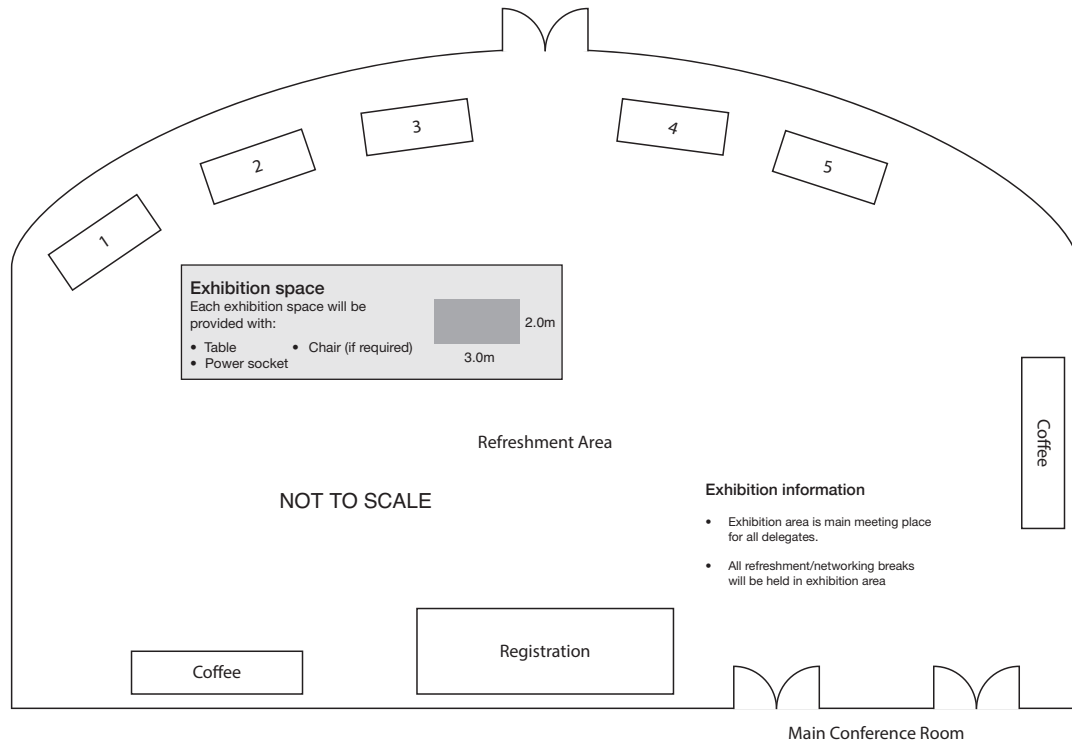


**Martin Wolf** is Chief Economics Commentator at the *Financial Times*, London. He was awarded the CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in 2000 for services to financial journalism. He was a member of the UK government's Independent Commission on Banking between June 2010 and September 2011. He is an honorary fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford and of King's College, London. He is a University Global Fellow of Columbia University, New York, and a Senior Fellow in Global Economic Policy at its School of International Public Affairs. Mr Wolf won the Ludwig Erhard Prize for economic commentary for 2009, the 33rd Ischia International Journalism Prize in 2012 and the Overseas Press Club of America's prize for "best commentary on international news in any medium" for 2013. His most recent books are *Why Globalization Works* (Yale University Press, 2004), *Fixing Global Finance* (Johns Hopkins University Press and Yale University Press, 2008 and 2010) and *The Shifts and The Shocks: What we've learned – and have still to learn – from the financial crisis* (Allen Lane, 2014).



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- Less than 14 days before the conference: 100% fee
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## Appendix B Approval Sought

### July 2017 Council Mtg

| Conference & Seminar                    | Date                                  | No. of Attendees | Location             | Attendance Fee<br>(Yes/ No) |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| European Dark Sky<br>Places Conferences | 20-22 <sup>nd</sup><br>September 2017 | 1                | Dumfries<br>Scotland | Yes                         |
| Principles of Customer<br>Service       | 5-8 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2017   | 2                | Glasgow              | Yes                         |
| CIPFA Annual<br>Conference              | 5-6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2017     | 1                | Belfast              | Yes                         |

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| <b>Report on</b>         | Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – July 2017 |
| <b>Reporting Officer</b> | P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services                      |
| <b>Contact Officer</b>   | E Forde, Member Support Officer                             |

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| <b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>         | Yes |   |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No  | x |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report</b>  |
| 1.1        | To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Background</b>   |
| 2.1        | The Receptions Policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at the December 2016 council meeting. All requests for civic recognition are to be now forwarded to Democratic Services to appear on a report for presentation to council for consideration and approval.                        |
| 2.2        | The policy confirms 3 categories of reception offered by the Council:<br><br>(1) Civic Receptions<br>(2) Chair and Deputy Chair Reception<br>(3) Civic Awards   |
| 2.3        | Appendix A to this report details those request(s) received for notification to and approval by council. The request(s) have been categorised in line with established conditions/ criteria required to be met to receive a Civic Reception, Chair & Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Award. |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>  |
| 3.1        | Implementation of the Receptions Policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.  |
| 3.2        | Civic 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.  |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Other Considerations</b>   |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b><br><br>Financial: Not Applicable<br><br>Human: Not Applicable  |

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| 4.2 | <b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>                     |
| 4.3 | <b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>                                 |
| 5.0 | <b>Recommendation(s)</b>   |
| 5.1 | That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition. |
| 6.0 | <b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>                                 |
| 6.1 | Appendix A    Submitted Requests   |

## July 2017 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

### Category: Civic Reception

| Proposed Recipient                | Achievement  | Submitted by     | Condition/Criteria Met   | Recipient Previously Acknowledged       |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|--|---|
| Specialist Joinery Group          | Mixology Awards - Manufacturer of the Year 2017                                  | Cllr McPeake     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at an United Kingdom level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Laura McCloskey                   | Pearson Teaching Award Silver –The Award for Outstanding New Teacher of the Year | Cllr McPeake     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at an United Kingdom level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Border Communities Against Brexit | European Parliament - EU Citizen of the Year Award                               | Cllr McPeake     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won an award at a European Level</li> </ul>             | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Kyle McKinstry                    | Red Dragon Six Nations Individual Darts Cup & Player of the Tournament           | Cllr Cuthbertson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at United Kingdom level</li> </ul>    | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |

### Category: Civic Award

| Proposed Recipient            | Achievement                                     | Submitted by    | Condition/Criteria Met  | Recipient Previously Acknowledged   |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|
| Derry GAA Minors              | Ulster GAA - Ulster Minor Football Championship | Cllr McPeake    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at Provincial level</li> </ul>                             | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A   |
| Slaughtneil Under 14 hurlers  | All Ireland Féile NA Ngael Shield               | Cllr McEldowney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Team has brought distinction to the community in their sport</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> Football & hurling teams honoured<br><br><b>Date:</b> 25 April 2017 |
| Eoghan Ruadh Under 14 Hurlers | All Ireland Féile – Division 4 Shield Winners   | Cllr Molloy     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Team has brought distinction to the community in their sport</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> Under 14 achievements in 2015/16<br><br><b>Date:</b> 18 May 2016    |

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| Oisin McGurk   | Skysports – Sport Student of the year for NI  | ClIr McPeake                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual who has brought distinction to himself, sport and MUDC area</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Tyrone Senior Gaelic Football Team   | Ulster GAA - 2017 Ulster Senior Football Championship   | ClIr Mallaghan<br>ClIr J O'Neill | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at Provincial level</li> </ul>                                  | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Eva Jane Muldoon (Quinn School)  | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017<br>Under 10 Girls – 1st in World<br>Under 10 Girls – 1st in All Ireland                                     | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Hannah Kelly (Quinn School)  | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017 -<br>Under 10 Girls - 2 <sup>nd</sup> in World<br>Under 10 girls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> in All Ireland           | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Orla McCracken (Quinn School)  | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017<br>Girls under 16 championship – First place All Ireland  | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Conan Gilligan (Quinn School)  | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017 –<br>Boys under 10 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in World<br>Boys under 10 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in All Ireland | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Caoimhe Quinn (Quinn School)   | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in World  | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Eva Jane Muldoon<br>Hannah Kelly<br>Conan Gilligan<br>Peter Joe Quinn (Quinn School) | An Comhdhail All Ireland Championships 2017<br><br>4 Hand Reel Under 10 (Mixed) - First Place   | ClIr McGinley                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland level</li> </ul>                   | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><b>Date:</b> N/A |



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| Ultan Mallon<br>(Millar School of Dancing)     | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017 –<br>Boys Under 12 – 1 <sup>st</sup> place World<br>Boys Under 12 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place All Ireland | Cllr McGinley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Caoimhe Scullion<br>(Millar School of Dancing) | An Comhdhail All Ireland & International Championships 2017 –<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place in Worlds  | Cllr McGinley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won a competition at a festival at All Ireland and International Level</li> </ul> | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |

### Category: Chair & Deputy Chair Reception

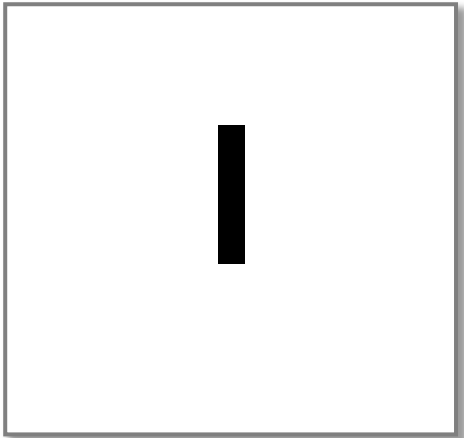
| Proposed Recipient        | Achievement  | Submitted by  | Condition/Criteria Met   | Recipient Previously Acknowledged       |
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| Quinns School of Dancing  | The entire school efforts and achievements in recent World and All Ireland Irish Dancing Competition | Cllr McGinley | Organisation/Individuals who have received Runners Up titles at All Ireland & Worlds competition level | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| O'Hagan School of Dancing | The entire school efforts and achievements in recent World and All Ireland Irish Dancing Competition | Cllr McGinley | Organisation/Individuals who have received Runners Up titles at All Ireland & Worlds competition level | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> N/A |
| Millar School of Dancing  | The entire school efforts and achievements in recent World and All Ireland Irish Dancing Competition | Cllr McGinley | Organisation/Individuals who have received Runners Up titles at All Ireland & Worlds competition level | <b>For:</b> N/A<br><br><b>Date:</b> 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            |
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| Derrytresk GAA Minors | <i>County Tyrone League – Grade 4</i><br><i>County Tyrone Championship- Grade 4</i> | Cllrs Doris and M Quinn |
| Mr Richard Knox       | Lidl Community Champion for County Tyrone   | Cllr Burton             |
| Georgia McCrory       | Appearance on The Voice on ITV  | Cllr Mallaghan          |

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| <b>Report on</b>         | Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council |
| <b>Reporting Officer</b> | Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services           |
| <b>Contact Officer</b>   | Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer    |



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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report</b>   |
| 1.1        | To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Background</b>  |
| 2.1        | Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District. |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>   |
| 3.1        | Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.   |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Other Considerations</b>  |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b><br><br>Financial: N/A<br><br>Human: N/A   |
| <b>4.2</b> | <b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b><br><br>Not Applicable   |
| <b>4.3</b> | <b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b><br><br>Not Applicable   |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Recommendation(s)</b>   |
| 5.1        | Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.   |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>   |

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|  | Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations |
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## Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

| Organisation                               | Consultation Title  | Issue  | Closing Date   | Response Currently Being Developed |
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| <b>Health and Social Care Trust</b>        | Re-Shaping Stroke Services: A Pre-Consultation  | A public consultation is being held on proposals to develop sustainable stroke services and further improve the standard of treatment and care provided to stroke patients.  | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017   |                                    |
|  | Link to Consultation  | <a href="http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/stroke">www.hscboard.hscni.net/stroke</a>   |  |                                    |
| Organisation                               | Consultation Title  | Issue  | Closing Date   | Response Currently Being Developed |
| <b>Planning Appeals Commission</b>         | The alleged unauthorised working of minerals – Land at Lough Neagh, County Antrim, County Armagh, County Down, County Tyrone and County Derry | In 2015, the then environment minister, Mark H Durkan, issued an enforcement notice requiring work to stop on sand dredging within 24 hours. The sand companies appealed the Enforcement Notice to the Planning Appeals Commission.  | An extension has been granted from the original submission date of 16/6/2017 | Yes- By the Planning Department    |
|  | Link to Consultation  | <br>UNST Non Tech Summary April...  |  |                                    |
| Organisation                               | Consultation Title  | Issue  | Closing Date   | Response Currently Being Developed |
| <b>Mid and East Antrim Borough Council</b> | Consultation on Mid and East Antrim Borough Councils Local Development Plan, Preferred Options Paper.   | The POP is a consultation paper intended to promote debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within Mid and East Antrim. It sets out the Council's preferred options in relation to a number of key issues, and will be used, in conjunction with feedback received, to inform the making of | 6th September 2017   | Yes- By the Planning Department    |

|                            |  | the Mid and East Antrim Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030.  |                              |                                    |
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|                            | Link to Consultation   | <a href="http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/business/planning/local-development-plan/preferred-options-paper/">www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/business/planning/local-development-plan/preferred-options-paper/</a>  |                              |                                    |
| Organisation               | Consultation Title   | Issue   | Closing Date                 | Response Currently Being Developed |
| Department for the Economy | Mineral Prospecting Licence application DG4 (Dalradian Gold Limited)                 | Consideration is at present being given to the issue of 1 licence over across 3 council areas (including Mid Ulster) for a period of 6 years in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within Mid Ulster Council's jurisdiction. These areas include Lower Glenshane, Feeny and Draperstown | 11 August 2017               | Yes- By the Planning Department    |
|                            | Link to Consultation   |  <br>Dalradian Company Brief.doc      DG4 Consultation map.pdf<br>Hard copies of the attached have been made available to view by the Department in our Dungannon Council Offices.                |                              |                                    |
| Organisation               | Consultation Title   | Issue   | Closing Date                 | Response Currently Being Developed |
| Department of Health       | Continuing Healthcare in Northern Ireland: Introducing a Transparent and Fair System | The Department of Health has launched a public consultation on the future of the continuing healthcare policy in Northern Ireland. Continuing healthcare, which is for adults, is the term used for the practice of the health service meeting the cost of any social care need which is driven primarily by a health need.   | 5pm on Friday 15th Sept 2017 |                                    |
|                            | Link to Consultation   | <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-elderly-and-community-care-unit/continuing-healthcare-in-northern-ireland/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-elderly-and-community-care-unit/continuing-healthcare-in-northern-ireland/</a>   |                              |                                    |
| Organisation               | Consultation Title   | Issue   | Closing Date                 | Response Currently Being Developed |
| Department of Agriculture, | Consultation on controls on emissions from   | This consultation seeks views on draft plans to implement the Medium Combustion Plant   | 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 |                                    |

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| <b>Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland</b>                            | medium combustion plant and electricity generators                             | Directive ("MCPD") and emission controls on generators in order to improve air quality.  |                              |   |
|  | Link to Consultation   | <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>  |                              |   |
| <b>Organisation</b>  | <b>Consultation Title</b>  | <b>Issue</b>   | <b>Closing Date</b>          | <b>Response Currently Being Developed</b> |
| <b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland</b> | Consultation on Proposed Consolidated Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations | This consultation seeks views in relation to the proposal to introduce a Consolidated Water Supply in respect of the public drinking water supply.               | 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 |   |
|  | Link to Consultation   | <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>  |                              |   |
| <b>Organisation</b>  | <b>Consultation Title</b>  | <b>Issue</b>   | <b>Closing Date</b>          | <b>Response Currently Being Developed</b> |
| <b>Royal Courts of Justice</b>   | Review of the Listing of Business in the Magistrates Courts                    | This consultation seeks views on the proposal to change the listing of court business. This includes changes in Dungannon and Magherafelt services and sittings. | 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 |   |
|  | Link to Consultation   | <a href="https://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Public_Consultation">https://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Public_Consultation</a>              |                              |   |



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| <b>Report on</b>         | Correspondence to Council – July 2017  |
| <b>Reporting Officer</b> | P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |
| <b>Contact Officer</b>   | P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |

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| <b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>         | Yes |   |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No  | x |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report</b>   |
| 1.1        | Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Background</b>  |
| 2.1        | This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.   |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>   |
| 3.1        | <b>Correspondence from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>  |
| 3.1.1      | The Marine & Fisheries Division within the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has corresponded with the Council to give notification of the inclusion of the North Channel as a Special Area of Conservation in the Register of European Sites. Correspondence is attached as Appendix A.<br><br>The Marine and Fisheries Division requested that it be brought to the attention of council. |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Other Considerations</b>  |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b><br><br>Financial: Not applicable<br><br>Human: Not applicable   |
| <b>4.2</b> | <b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b><br><br>Not applicable   |
| <b>4.3</b> | <b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b><br><br>Not applicable   |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Recommendation(s)</b>   |

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| 5.1        | That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.            |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>   |
|            | Appendix A Letter from Dept of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (26 June 2017) |

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Email: [Marine.InfoRequests@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Marine.InfoRequests@daera-ni.gov.uk)

Date: 26 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**INCLUSION OF NORTH CHANNEL AS A SPECIAL AREA OF  
CONSERVATION IN THE REGISTER OF EUROPEAN SITES**

You may be aware of the Department's proposal to designate the North Channel as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) under EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora.

In accordance with Regulation 11(1) of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, notice is hereby given that the Department has included the North Channel Special Area of Conservation in the Register of European Sites. I have enclosed a copy of the relevant Register entry for your information, in accordance with Regulation 11(2).

The register is compiled and maintained under Regulation 10 of the same Regulations. A copy of the Register is available in this office for inspection by the public during normal working hours, free of charge.

As this site includes waters beyond the jurisdiction of the Department the site was also entered into the the European Register held by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) in accordance with regulation 16 of The Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

Further information about this site is available on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee's website via the following links:

- North Channel cSAC: <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-7242>

If you require any further information please contact Marine Conservation and Reporting as detailed above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Armstrong', is positioned over a light blue rectangular background.

**Colin Armstrong**  
**MARINE CONSERVATION AND REPORTING**  
**MARINE & FISHERIES DIVISION**

**Register Entry UK 0030399 under Regulation 10 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended).**

This is the register entry for the European site known as North Channel Site of Community Importance. The site will be designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to Article 4(4) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats of Wild Fauna and Flora as a Special Area of Conservation.

The register reference number for this European site is UK/0030399 and a folder, kept under this reference as part of the register, contains a map of the European site and a citation giving the reasons for the designation of the site as a candidate Special Area of Conservation. The map and citation are identified by the register reference number and signed on the date of registration.

Other details of the European site are as follows:

**Date submitted to the European Commission:** 30 January 2017

**Site centre location**<sup>1</sup>:

Longitude: 05 17 37 W

Latitude: 54 27 20 N

**Area:** 160,367 hectares

**Priority status**<sup>2</sup>: No

**Date of Registration:** 28 February 2017

**The Official Seal of the  
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs  
hereunto affixed is authenticated  
by:**

Colin Armstrong  
On behalf of the Department of  
Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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1. This indicates the approximate centre of the site. Where the European site consists of several distinct areas, the co-ordinates of the most important sub-area are entered.

2. Indicates if the site has been identified under Article 4.2 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora as hosting one or more priority natural habitat or priority species.

## Reasons for recommendation as a Site of Community Importance

**Area Name:** North Channel

**Administrative Area:** Antrim/Down/Offshore

**Component ASSI:** N/A

This area has been recommended as a Site of Community Importance (SCI) because it contains habitat types and/or species which are rare or threatened within a European context. The habitats and/or species for which the area has been recommended as an SCI are listed below.

### Site Description:

The North Channel cSAC is located in the Celtic and Irish Sea Management Unit<sup>3</sup> and has been recognised as an area with predicted persistent high densities of harbour porpoise. The site stretches along part of the east coast of Northern Ireland from Island Magee in the north to south of Cloughey. It extends across the northern part of the Irish Sea, with its southern edge bordering Isle of Man waters and the eastern edge following the Northern Ireland Adjacent Waters Boundary. Harbour porpoise occur within the site year round but during the winter, persistently higher densities of harbour porpoise are present here compared to other parts of the Management Unit. The site comprises an area of 1,604km<sup>2</sup> and habitats include coarse or sandy sediments, with patches of rock and mud. Water depths within the site reach a maximum of 150m along the eastern boundary, but much of the site lies between 10m and 40m. The site covers important winter habitat for harbour porpoise.

### Qualifying Interest(s) submitted to the European Commission:

#### 1. 1351: Harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*)

- for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

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<sup>3</sup> JNCC Report No: 547 Management Units for cetaceans in UK waters (January 2015)  
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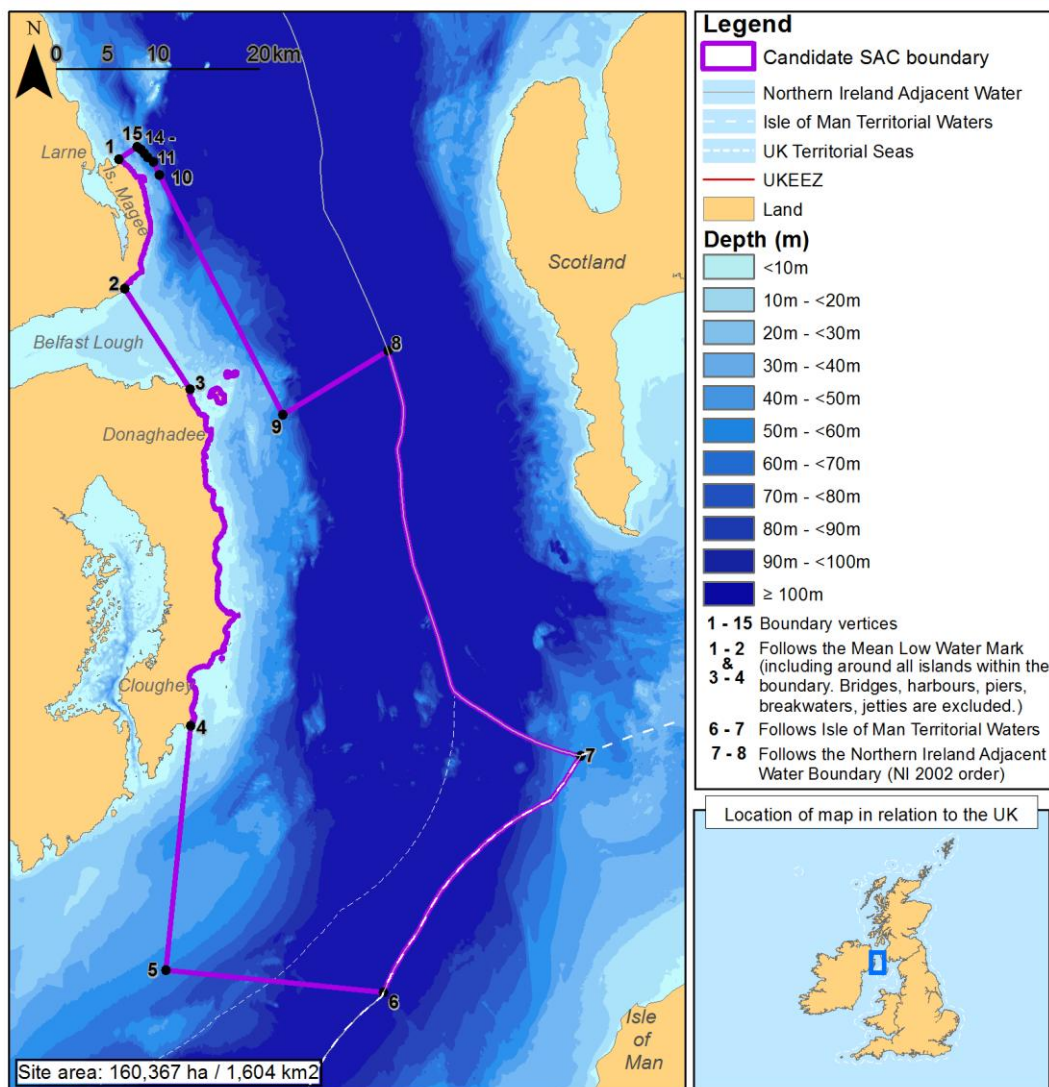
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| ID | Latitude        | Longitude      | ID | Latitude        | Longitude      | ID | Latitude        | Longitude      |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----|-----------------|----------------|----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1  | 54° 51' 34.7" N | 5° 45' 46.6" W | 6  | 54° 11' 30.7" N | 5° 5' 8.3" W   | 11 | 54° 51' 50.6" N | 5° 42' 33.9" W |
| 2  | 54° 44' 55.9" N | 5° 42' 33.0" W | 7  | 54° 25' 59.8" N | 4° 52' 7.7" W  | 12 | 54° 52' 1.0" N  | 5° 43' 14.3" W |
| 3  | 54° 40' 30.7" N | 5° 34' 37.0" W | 8  | 54° 44' 48.0" N | 5° 17' 30.8" W | 13 | 54° 52' 11.2" N | 5° 43' 35.8" W |
| 4  | 54° 23' 6.4" N  | 5° 27' 40.7" W | 9  | 54° 40' 16.0" N | 5° 25' 43.8" W | 14 | 54° 52' 19.8" N | 5° 43' 59.1" W |
| 5  | 54° 10' 8.4" N  | 5° 25' 0.3" W  | 10 | 54° 51' 14.4" N | 5° 41' 45.0" W | 15 | 54° 52' 25.8" N | 5° 44' 21.3" W |

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