

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Quinn, Chair Councillors Brown, F Burton, J Burton, Cahoon, Corry, Gildernew, S McPeake, N McAleer, Molloy and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Finance (SD: CS&F) Ms Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR) Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E) Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy & Performance (AD: ODSP) Mr O'Hagan, Head of IT (HoIT) Mrs Forde, Committee and Member Services Manager

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

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

PR137/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

PR138/24 Apologies

Councillors Johnston, McConnell, McLean, McLernon and Totten

Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)

PR139/24 Declarations of Interest

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

PR140/24 Chairs Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR141/24 Annual Progress Return to the Equality Commission for 2023/2024

The Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E) presented previously circulated report which considered Mid Ulster District Council's Annual Progress Report for the period 2023-24 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations duties as detailed within Section 75(1) and 75(2) of the N Ireland Act 1998.

Councillor Cahoon drew attention to the 'Changing Places' facilities detailed in the report and sought confirmation as to locations.

In response the HoSSE advised he would provide the Member with a list of same.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Annual Progress Report (2023-24) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties.

PR142/24 Request(s) to Illuminate Council Property

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval to illuminate and light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness for the following:

- Air Ambulance NI: Air Ambulance Week 9th September 2024 – Colour: Red
- Versus Arthritis - Arthritis World Awareness Day - 12 October – Colour: Blue
- Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) Awareness Day 25 October 2023 – Colour: Purple

Councillor Wilson proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Brown seconding the recommendation further proposed that the Air Ambulance NI be invited to make presentation to council.

Councillor J Burton seconded the proposal and said the Air Ambulance NI carried out a great work in the district and he would be interested in learning more about it.

Councillor Corry supported the proposal and shared that they had attended an accident in which her cousin had lost his life and how they had attended to him in what was the last moments of his life.

Councillor Gildernew concurred with the proposal and shared that her niece had been airlifted to hospital by Air Ambulance NI.

The Chair, Councillor Quinn concurred with the proposal and said that the three charities listed were fantastic, that former councillor, Kim Ashton had been a great supporter of the Air Ambulance NI and said he could identify personally with arthritis sufferers.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor J Burton

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Air Ambulance NI be invited to make a presentation to Council.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to illuminate the three designated Council properties as follows –

- Air Ambulance NI: Air Ambulance Week 9th September 2024 – Colour: Red
- Versus Arthritis - Arthritis World Awareness Day - 12 October – Colour: Blue
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Councillor F Burton requested that Ulster Farmers Union and Young Farmers Club be invited to make presentation to Council as they carry out great work in rural communities.

Members concurred.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Ulster Farmers Union; and The Young Farmers Club be invited to make presentation to Council.

PR143/24 Elected Member Development Working Group Report

The Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E) presented previously circulated report which considered the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on 30 May 2024.

Proposed by Councillor F Burton
Seconded by Councillor J Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the report and recommendations of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting, and actions contained, held on 30 May 2024 to include:

- Local Democracy Events;
- Issue of Personal Development Plans to Members;
- Training required be programmed within budget throughout the term of the Council 2023-2027.

PR144/24 Corporate Plan 2024-2028: Draft Corporate Plan Objectives and Measures

The Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP) presented previously circulated report which considered the 2024-2028 draft corporate objectives and associated measures for inclusion within the Council's

Corporate Plan to assist and inform the final development of the 2024-2028 plan within its new format.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the draft Corporate Plan objectives, as detailed within appendix 1 of the report, for inclusion in the 2024-2028 corporate plan for production in print, online, digital and video formats.

PR145/24 Member Services

No issues.

Matters for Information

PR146/24 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 6 June 2024

Members noted Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee held on 6 June 2024.

Live broadcast ended at 7.10 pm

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Burton
Seconded by Councillor Brown 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 PR147/24 to PR153/24.

Matters for Decision

PR147/24 Staffing Matters for Decision
PR148/24 Staff Updates – Organisational Restructure
PR149/24 Update in relation to Discussion System and associated works relating to Dungannon and Magherafelt Chamber Upgrades

Matters for Information

PR150/24 Confidential Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee held on 6 June 2024
PR151/24 Treasury Management – Update
PR152/24 Contracts and DAC
PR153/24 Staff Matters for Information

P154/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.40 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Cookstown/Dungannon/Magherafelt].

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast as aforesaid, will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I will let you know before this happens.

I would remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted.

Thank you and we will now move to the agenda.