

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Cuddy, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McLean, D McPeake, S McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn, Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Mrs McNally, Council Solicitor
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

PR001/19 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan, Doris, and Elattar.

PR002/19 Declaration of Interest

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

PR003/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McKinney welcomed Councillor Donal McPeake to his first Policy and Resources meeting tonight.

Matters for Decision

PR004/19 Elected Member Development Working Group

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on Wednesday 28 November 2018.

Councillor Gildernew said that he wanted to thank the Chair of the Working Group and Officers for persisting with the attainment of the Charter, as it was a great achievement.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

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

- i) The report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2018.
- ii) Noting that Council has now received Level 1 Charter Status in relation to Elected Member Development from North West Employers
- iii) Considering further the recommendation from the Elected Member Development Steering Group to furnish Members with personalised headed paper in the incoming Council term.

PR005/19 Draft Accessible Communications Policy

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval from the Committee for the Draft Accessible Communications Policy.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Draft Accessible Communications Policy.

PR006/19 Marketing & Communications Strategy 2018-2020

The Head of Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to outline the aims, objectives and key actions of a proposed new strategic approach to marketing and communications.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query regarding the requirement of extra resources, the Head of Communications advised that currently there are 5.5 members of staff and it is anticipated that no extra resources would be required.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Marketing & Communications Strategy.

Matters for Information

PR007/19 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 December 2018

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 December 2018.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR008/19 to PR021/19.

Matters for Decision

- PR008/19 Seamus Heaney HomePlace Trails Project and Davagh Forest Outdoor Experience (Phase II) DAERA Funding Applications
- PR009/19 Proposal from Dungannon Enterprise Centre to Exchange Lands with the Council at Drumcoo, Carland Road, Dungannon
- PR010/19 Village Renewal Scheme: Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 – Lands situated at Upperlands and Pathway at St Lurach's, Maghera
- PR011/19 Tender for the Provision of External Legal Services
- PR012/19 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR013/19 Redundancy on Grounds of Business Efficiency
- PR014/19 Purchase of Land at Market Square/Feeney's Lane, Dungannon
- PR015/19 Capital Programme 2019/20 – Resource Allocation

Matters for Information

- PR016/19 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 December 2018
- PR017/19 Managing Attendance
- PR018/19 Staffing Matters for Information
- PR019/19 Financial Report for 8 Months ended 30 November 2018
- PR020/19 Contracts and DAC
- PR021/19 2019/20 Rate Estimates Update

PR022/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.36 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____