

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 October 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor S McAleer, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Elattar*, Forde*, Gildernew*, Kearney, S McGuigan*, McKinney, McLean, S McPeake*, Molloy, Quinn, Totten*

Officers in Attendance

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env)
Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)
Mrs Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR)**
Ms Linney, Assistant Director of Development (AD: Dev)**
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services (HoTS)**
Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E)
Ms McNally, Assistant Director of Finance, Legal, Governance and Transformation (AD: FLG&T)**
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP)
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT (HoICT)**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS)**
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance (SD: CSF)
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillors Kerr***, N McAleer***

* Denotes members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

PR182/22 Notice of Recording

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

PR183/22 Apologies

Councillor Doris.

PR184/22 Declarations of Interest

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

PR185/22 Chairs Business

Councillor Molloy advised that he had been approached by a number of businesses in Dungannon Town Centre who he stated are bemused as to what is happening regarding public realm in the town. Councillor Molloy stated that the public realm scheme completed approximately three years ago however Department for Infrastructure have still not adopted some of the works. The Councillor stated there are a number of snagging lists and also referred to a fall which had happened in the town last weekend and that the person had sustained injuries. Councillor Molloy asked for an update in relation to the finishing off of the public realm scheme and the adoption of the works by Department for Infrastructure.

The Chief Executive advised that a report will come before the Environment Committee next week which will provide update in relation to snagging lists and completion of the public realm scheme in Dungannon.

The Chair, Councillor S McAleer advised that agenda item 6 – Gortgonis Health and Wellbeing Hub would be taken in confidential business.

Matters for Decision

PR186/22 Capital Discretionary Grant

The Assistant Director of Development (AD: Dev) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for use of reserve capital funding.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to release £100,000 from reserve capital funding for use as part of the Capital Discretionary Grant.

PR187/22 Requests to Illuminate Council Property

The Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP) presented previously circulated report which considered requests to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;

- Dyslexia Awareness (NI)
- Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)
- Diabetes UK (Northern Ireland)

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

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

- Saturday 8 October 2022, International Dyslexia Day: Turquoise
- Tuesday 25 October 2022, POTS Awareness Day: Purple
- Monday 14 November 2022, World Diabetes Day: Blue

PR188/22 Member Services

None.

Matters for Information

PR189/22 Minutes of adjourned Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 September 2022

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PR190/22 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022

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PR191/22 IT Service Plan Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current system and service plan for ICT services.

Live broadcast ended at 7.06 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
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 PR192/22 to PR202/22.

Matters for Decision

- PR192/22 Gortgonis Health and Wellbeing Hub
- PR193/22 Council Organisational Structure: Proposal
- PR194/22 Land and Property Update
- PR195/22 ICT Fees Management Update – RDP and VEP Programmes
- PR196/22 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR197/22 Procurement of Valuation Services

Matters for Information

- PR198/22 Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 20 September 2022
- PR199/22 Staffing Matters for Information
- PR200/22 Financial Report for 5 months ending 31 August 2022
- PR201/22 Contracts and DAC Update
- PR202/22 FFNI Project Update

PR203/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.57 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, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

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

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I 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 first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.