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Report on	Request to lease a soccer pitch on the Moneymore Recreation Centre site by Henry Joy McCracken, GAC, Moneymore
Reporting Officer	Anne-Marie Campbell
Contact Officer	Liam Glavin

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To 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.
2.0	Background
2.1	Moneymore GAC have expressed an interest in leasing on a long term lease the grass soccer at Moneymore Recreation Centre to be used and developed as a second training and playing facility. They have cited that they believe that other organisations in the MUDC area have had similar lease arrangements agreed.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At present there are few matches played on this pitch in a year. However should Council propose to explore the possibility of leasing the site consultation would need to be carried out with the local community including other Football and Sports clubs. Consideration would also need to be given to the loss of the pitch to Council users.
3.2	Similar to the situation at the Beechway Pitches, officers would also need to get a Land and Property Services valuation, take legal advice and should Council decide to progress open the possible lease of the pitch to other interested partners by way of an Expression of Interest exercise.
3.3	Leisure Services along with the Peace and Good Relations team are working up a potential project for greater use of the outside facilities at Moneymore Recreation Centre particularly for evening use with possible floodlighting of the outside 5 aside, tennis and basketball area and development of a path for walking/running around the Moneymore Recreation Centre site as part of Peace IV. This is dependent on agreement with the funder SEUPB. The area was identified as one of 6 villages for Peace IV shared space and the proposed developments were identified as part of village planning consultation with the community.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Income from the lease of the pitch could generate extra income.</p> <p><u>Human resources</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members agree that officers carry out investigatory work as outlined and report further to Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Proposed site map

Potential Lease of Lands at Moneymore Recreation Centre



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Report on	Expressions of Interest to lease soccer pitches and a Pavilion at Beechway, Cookstown
Reporting Officer	Anne-Marie Campbell
Contact Officer	Liam Glavin

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the outcome of the Expression of Interest exercise for Sports Clubs to lease Beechway Football pitches and Pavilion.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members agreed to a public call being made to ascertain interest from Sports Clubs in leasing Beechway pitches and pavilion for sporting purposes.
2.2	The Call was advertised in all local papers to be returned by the closing date of Friday 16 th June 2017.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Two submissions were received by the closing date: Cookstown Royal British Legion F.C. (CRBLFC) and Cookstown Youth F.C. (CYFC).
3.2	Assessments of the two submissions were made by officers on Monday 19 th June 2017.
3.3	CRBLFC scored: 47 CYFC scored: 71
3.4	Based on this scoring it is proposed that CYFC are offered the opportunity to lease Beechway Football pitches and Pavilion following preparation of a suitable lease and terms contained therein. Further details on the lease will be brought back to Council for agreement.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Further details on the CYFC's financial status will be required before Council can make a decision on the financial terms of the lease.</p> <p><u>Human resources</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Legal</u></p> <p>Council's legal team to prepare a suitable Lease for agreement by Council.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That members agree that CYFC are 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.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>None.</p>

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Report on	Rainey Street Public Toilet Replacement
Reporting Officer	Andrew Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Services
Contact Officer	Terry Scullion, Head of Property Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for funding from Council's Capital Programme for the replacement of the Public Toilets at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.
2.0	Background
2.1	At the May 2017 the Policy and Resources Committee it was recommended that the public toilet at Rainey Street, Magherafelt be closed subject to securing the funding through Council's Capital Programme to progress a replacement public toilet for Magherafelt Town Centre. It was based on a sketch of a proposed basic replacement masonry toilet block at an estimated cost of £54,000 including design and fees.
2.2	The recommendation was not resolved and the Committee requested a revised design proposal to better reflect recent public realm improvements in the town centre.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Having considered similar public toilet provision in Dungannon and Cookstown, a larger and more modern scheme than previously proposed is detailed in Appendix 1. The design itself is very similar to the public toilets in Burn Road, Cookstown, however slightly larger at 26m ² , and enhanced toilet provision. The design meets and exceeds compliance with current building control regulations.
3.2	<p>The design is not 'Changing Places' compliant, however it creates significant disabled user provision which is not currently available. To be compliant the toilets should provide enough room for disabled people, their carers, and the right equipment including a high adjustable changing bench and a hoist. The proposal does accommodate many aspects, not all of the recommendations and guidelines are achievable for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum size of a changing places toilet is 4 x 3 metres or 12m². The size of the existing site limits the overall scale of the building which can be accommodated, being mindful of access. The size of the disabled toilet as drawn is 9.36m². • As the existing toilets have a history of vandalism, the provision of a public toilet with electric hoists, benches and sinks and free standing furniture could potentially be the subject of further vandalism and associated with expensive repairs.

3.3	The cost of the proposed design is detailed in Appendix 2. The removal of the existing toilet, the erection of the new toilet block and associated streetscape enhancements to integrate the toilet block is estimated to cost £101,630.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial & Human Resources Implications</p> <p>Financial: There is currently no capital investment plans for new or replacement public toilet provision across the Council area. Approximately £101,630 is required to replace the toilet block at Rainey Street. Similar to other recently installed toilet provision in the district a small fee in line for use of the toilet could be put in place to contribute to maintenance and help manage access.</p> <p>Human: Officers time preparing and managing any toilet enhancement or replacement scheme.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Potential equality issues regarding the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Replacing the current facilities will reduce the risk of injury to members of the public given the poor condition of the facility.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members agree to close the existing facility and secure the funding as detailed under the Capital Programme to progress a replacement toilet for Magherafelt Town Centre.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1- Rainey Street, Magherafelt Toilet Location</p> <p>Appendix 2- Proposed Detailed Sketch for Toilet replacement at Rainey Street, Magherafelt</p> <p>Appendix 3- Estimated Costs for demolition and Toilet replacement</p>



Appendix 1

Street Public Toilets, Magherafelt 6A Rainey Street, BT45 5AG

Information

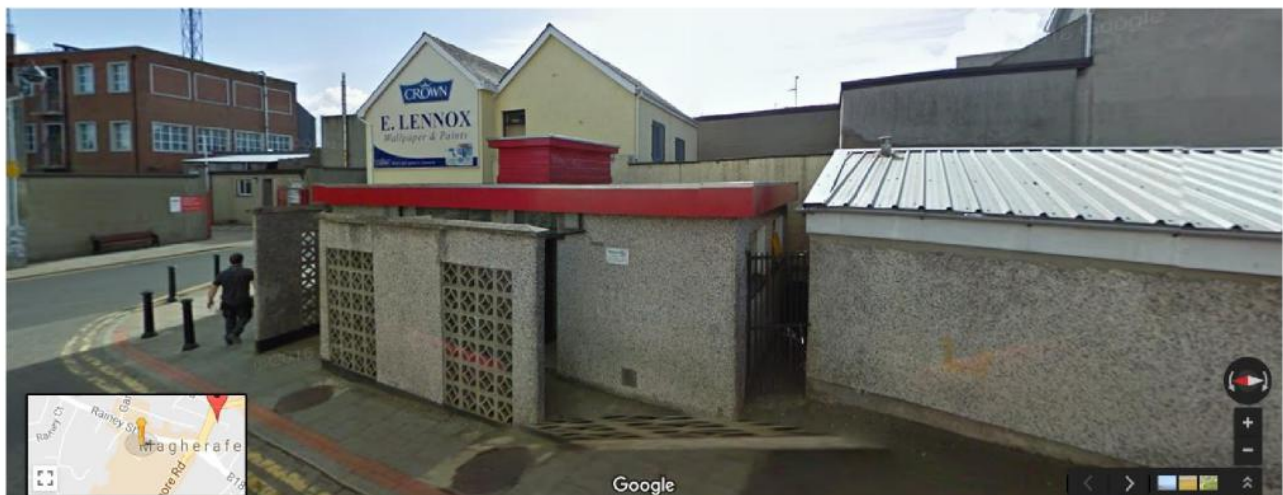
Opening times

0730 – Dusk

Charge: No



Male & Female



FOUNDATIONS:

General:
All concrete foundations to be taken down to firm bearing strata and to be agreed with Building Control/Architect. Min. depth from ground level to bottom of concrete foundation to be 750mm. The contractor shall verify for himself the nature of the sub-soil.

Strip foundations:
For 300mm cavity block walls :- 600x300mm concrete.
For 100mm block walls :- 450x300mm concrete.

Extreme care to be taken not to damage any existing underground services or adjacent property & all wayleaves, approvals & agreements required to be obtained prior to the execution of the works.

FLOOR CONSTRUCTION:

150mm concrete screed on 100mm site concrete
Sub floor on 1200 gauge vapour barrier on 150mm polystyrene floor insulation on 1200 gauge dpm on 25mm blinding and 300mm hardcore.
When it becomes necessary to use more hardcore, it should be well compacted in layers not exceed 225mm. Provide 15mm fall across floor screeds from entrance wall to service bay wall/drainage channels.

SERVICE BAY FLOOR CONSTRUCTION:

Service bay floor finish to be as above, excluding 100mm screed & addition, 180mm galvanised steel walkway to service bay by M&E subcontractor on; 100mm brushed finish concrete set 180mm below FFL by main contractor.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

300mm wide cavity walls:
100mm outer leaf (blockwork)
100mm cavity-60mm polystyrene retaining;
40mm cavity
100mm inner leaf(blockwork)

WALL TIES:

To be 750mm centres horizontally and 450mm centres vertically to max. 100mm wide cavity provide additional ties, spaced at 300mm max. centres vertically at all openings.

DAMP PROOF COURSES:

Vertical dpc's to all new external openings.
Horizontal dpc's to all aluminium cills and lintels. Dpc in external walls to be 150mm (min.) above finished ground level. Dpm in solid floor to be continuous with dpc in inner leaf of cavity.

LINTEL SCHEDULE:

Reinforced Concrete:
Multiple lintels to be used to full width of wall. All reinforcing bars to have hooked ends and shall comply to BS785. Mix to be 1:2:4 for all lintels.

For openings:
0-1200mm (inc. 150mm bearing)
use 150x100mm - 1 No. 16mm dia. reinforcing bar in bottom
1200-2100mm (inc. 200mm bearing):
bars in bottom.
use 215x100mm - 2 No. 16mm dia. reinforcing bar in bottom
2100-3000mm (inc. 200mm bearing)
use 215x100mm - 2 No. 16mm dia. reinforcing in top.
bars in bottom and 1 No. 16mm reinforcing bar

EXISTING KERBS:

Main contractor to powerwash & clean down all existing kerbs & repoint. All kerbs damaged during the works are to be replaced. All works to be in accordance with DfE Roads Service requirements.

CILLS:

Provide extruded aluminium cills on DPC to all areas of glass blocks. Provide 25mm polystyrene insulation to all cills, jambs & lintels. Cills to exactly match Burnavon in size, form, profile & colour.

FLOOR FINISH:

Floor finish to throughout to be non-slip ceramic tiles to floor & skirting. Tiles to be laid to a fall 1:20 towards drainage channels & finish flush with drainage channel edge. Tile samples to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

SERVICE BAY FLOOR:

Service bay floor finish to be galvanised steel walkway to service bay by specialist M&E subcontractor on 100mm brushed finish concrete by main contractor.

GLASS BLOCK

Main contractor to provide 2No. course glass blocks: Type Vue (clear), 197x197mm on extruded aluminium cills on DPC to all areas of glass blocks. Provide 2No. 197x146mm Hedron (Decora) corner glass blocks. Provide 25mm polystyrene insulation to all cills, jambs & lintels. Cills to exactly match Burnavon in size, form, profile & colour. Glass blocks to be supplied by QTECH ARCHITECTURAL SYSTEMS LTD. & all works to be in accordance with suppliers instructions.

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

Provide 1.5mm Tracal Roofing Sheet Type S, colour: Grey, on Protective Fleece Polyester Type P, 300g/sqm, on 12mm exterior grade plywood on barrel roof 'stud wall' formwork @ 800mm cts with 100x50mm runners @ 22mm exterior grade plywood roof deck. 100x50mm wallplate bolt fixed to @ 400mmcts. Bolts to be staggered.
Provide all necessary border, perimeter & valley profiles to be Tracal Laminated Metal Sheet. All roofing materials, metal profiles & fixings to be supplied by Tracal & to be in accordance with manufacturers details & instructions.

SECTION AA:

Provide 100x38mm s.w. 'stud wall' form work with 12mm exterior grade plywood on each face & 100x38mm runners between to form barrel roof structure on 22mm exterior grade plywood roof deck on 125x38mm roof joists @ 400mm cts., on 100x50mm wall plate fixed @ 400mm cts. with 125x75mm perimeter joist/toscia board. Gutter to be formed by 30x90mm(125mm) s.w. fillet piece perimeter surround.
All structural timbers to be strength class C16 & stamped accordingly. All timbers also to be kiln dried & stamped accordingly.

PLASTERWORK:

Walls:
Wall finish to all wc areas to be rendered using sand cement at a ratio of 3:1. Provide galvanised steel angle beads (fixed) as required.

Ceilings:

Ceilings to have 6mm plywood & 12.5mm fall-backed plasterboard, to provide a vapour check, and skim throughout with 60mm high density insulation over.

WALL FINISH:

Wall finish to all wc areas to be non-slip ceramic tile. Tile samples/design to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering.
Wall finish to service area to be fair faced blockwork neatly pointed & 3No. coats pointed.
Colour: Signal White BS Ref: 9003.

AIR INFILTRATION

To reduce the infiltration of cold air, gaps between frames and openings and draughtproofing the openable elements of windows, doors, rooflights, hatches to/unheated space, with catch to compress draught seal, and at service penetrations at floor and ceiling junctions where services are not boxed in. Where joists are built into the external walls, the gaps at joists ends to be sealed with mortar.

PLUMBING

All pipes carrying heated fluids in unheated spaces to have expanded PVC/Nitrile rubber thermal insulation with a thermal conductivity of not more than 0.045 W/mK and of thickness equal to the level & out through rear wall to a height 300mm above eaves line & to terminate in a wire cage.

SOIL VENT PIPE:

New 100mm dia. soil vent pipe connected to rhs 100mm foul drain rise from pit & taken up to ceiling level & out through rear wall to a height 300mm above eaves line & to terminate in a wire cage.

EXTERNAL DRAINAGE PIPES:

100mm diameter PVC drainage pipes to BS 4660: 1973 and to be laid in pea gravel to manufacturer's instructions. Where a flexible pipe has less than 300mm cover under an area other than a vehicular area, it shall have concrete paving slabs laid as bridging on min. 75mm pea gravel fill above the top of the pipe to be surrounded in min. 150mm pea gravel. Where pipes pass through the walls, provide arched or lintelled opening to give min. 50mm space around pipe. Min. fall of 1:40 - inspection chambers to be standard size with galvanised metal air tight covers; heavy duty in areas of vehicular access.

MANHOLES:

215mm blockwork walls, plastered internally on 150mm mass concrete base on 75mm blinding layer. In garden ground and footpaths not adjacent to roadways, 112mm thick walls may be used where infiltration will not occur and where depth is less than 1.0m.
All external manhole covers to paved pedestrian areas to be recessed type to accommodate new paving insets.

SERVICE PIT:

Manhole P1 in service area to be an open pit set at a depth of 200mm below service bay floor; 380mm below FFL. Pit to have a trapped gulley & 2No. 100mm soil drain rise connections set 30mm off the cubicle back wall/service bay wall side as shown on plan.

INTERNAL DRAINAGE PIPES:

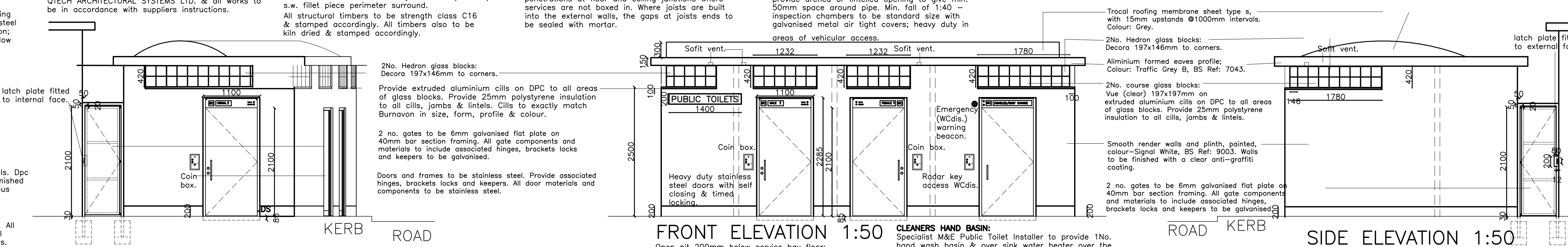
Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide internal foul drainage pipes from wcs, urinals & wash hand stations to be taken through the wall. All foul drainage to be above ground & wall surfaced with access & ridding eyes at all changes in direction.
Foul drainage pipes laid to a min. fall 1:60.

INTERNAL FLOOR DRAINAGE CHANNELS:

Main contractor to provide 135mm deep recess from FFL in floor construction to rear walls of each cubicle to accommodate 135mm deep vandal proof stainless steel floor drainage channels & gratings. Drainage channels to be full length of walls measured on site as shown on plan, supplied by Interpublic & bolt fixed to rear wall by contractor. Drainage flow indicated by arrows & outlets located at centre of channel in WCF, WCM & WC Dis. Urinal outlet located on left hand side. Provide all necessary lintels where drainage channel/pipe passes through walls.

EXTERNAL GATES:

Main contractor to provide 2No. galvanised external gates to be formed by 3mm galvanised plate on galvanised 40mm SHS perimeter framing with 2No. horizontal bracings. Main frame to be galvanised 50mm SHS. With 1No. leg bolt fixed to rear wall of toilets & 2No. legs to have base plates set in 300x300mmx450mm deep concrete pad foundations. 1No. gate to Rainey street to have lock & latch plate fitted to external face & 1No. gate to carpark to have lock & latch plate fitted to internal face. Contractor to provide 2No. external padlocks & keys.
All associated hinges, brackets, keepers & fixings to be galvanised.



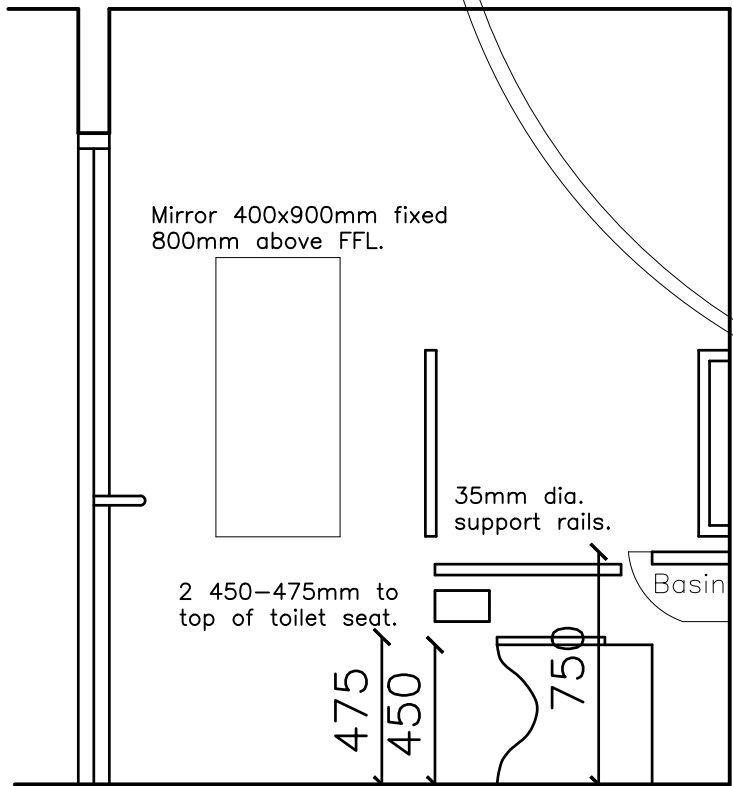
SIDE ELEVATION 1:50

Existing Shop

FRONT ELEVATION 1:50

SIDE ELEVATION 1:50

SITE PLAN 1:50



HEIGHTS

PLAN

NEW TREE PLANTING:

Main contractor to provide 1No. new tree, species - size, shape, form & colour TBC. Tree to be rootballed, planted in good quality top soil with tree-grow mix & adequate drainage.

NEW PAVING:

Provide new external paving to area shown hatched to exactly match public Realm paving in town centre in size, shape, form & colour.

TREE GRID, FRAMING & GUARD:

Main contractor to provide new tree grid, paving/tree grid support frame and tree guard-size, shape, form & colour TBC. Provide fine gravel infill to tree grid & frame.

Provide level approach to threshold at doors, with a firm/even surface, and having a slope not exceeding 1 in 20.

NEW BITMAC:

Main contractor to provide new bitmac with markings as required to all areas & surfaces disturbed during the execution of the works.

SITE SAFETY:

Main contractor to adhere to all CDM Health & Safety Regulations throughout the works. Site to be secured at all times with appropriate hoarding/fencing & all necessary site warning notices, during execution of the works. Construction Phase Health & Safety Plan to be submitted to architect/client & Health & Safety File to be continually updated throughout the works & handed to the client upon completion of the works.

Carefully take up & remove of site all bitmac, paving slabs, redundant pipes & all unwanted materials. Extreme care to be taken not to damage any existing underground services or adjacent property & all wayleaves, approvals & agreements required to be obtained prior to the execution of the works.

Tracal roofing membrane sheet type s, with 15mm upstands @1000mm intervals. Colour: Grey.

Aluminium formed eaves profile; Colour: Traffic Grey B, BS Ref: 7043.

2No. course glass blocks: Vue (clear) 190x190mm

Extruded aluminium cills on DPC to all areas of glass blocks.

Galvanised steel walkway to service bay by specialist M&E subcontractor on 100mm brushed finish concrete.

135mm concrete screed on 100mm site concrete sub floor

1200 gauge vapour barrier on 50mm polystyrene insulation on

1200 gauge dpm

25mm blinding on 300mm hardcore.

REAR ELEVATION 1:50

SECTION 1:50

NIE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY:

Main contractor to provide all ducting for electrical single phase supply from existing to position shown.

MAINS WATER SUPPLY:

Main contractor to provide all ducting for new 25mm mains water supply from existing NI Water meter position.

SPECIALIST M&E CONTRACT WORKS

EXTERNAL DOORS:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide all external doors & frames to be heavy duty, self closing & timed locking, stainless steel vandal proof type. Each door to include coin box & radar key opening mechanism system & incorporate appropriate identification (WC Male, WC Female, WC Urinal, WC Disabled/Baby Change & vacant/engaged) & emergency illuminated symbols & icons. All doors to be linked to adjustable electronic time clock access controller with winter/summer switch. Door sample, coin/radar key box & all symbol/icon positions to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

EXTERNAL LIGHTING:

Provide 5No. new external lights to positions shown by symbol, to be OLODUM MAXI A5 Asymetrical Light fittings by CEA Satellite Lighting, Unit 10 Tamar Business Centre, Carew St. Belfast, Tel: 028 9046 9099. All external lighting to be linked to adjustable electronic time clock controller with summer/winter switch. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

INTERNAL LIGHTING:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide automatic operation recessed fluorescent light fittings to give 150LUX at floor level with vandal proof mesh guards. Lights to be linked to sensors & located as indicated by symbol. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

EXTRACT FANS:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide automatic sensor operated extract fans to be through-the-wall/ceiling type, accessed from service area for all servicing & maintenance, with secure vandal proof mesh guards to positions shown by symbol. Extract fans to terminate at external wall surface to rear. Extract fans to provide air extraction in excess of 15 litres/second & have min. 15 minutes over-run. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

EMERGENCY SIREN & BEACON:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide 1No. emergency siren & beacon to disabled wc to be operated by pressing panic button located in disabled wc as shown by symbol. Emergency siren & beacon to be linked to MUDC building to alert staff upon panic button being operated.

WASTE DISPOSAL CHUTES:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide 3No. waste disposal chutes to be recessed stainless steel vandal proof & fire safe through-the-wall type, accessed from service area for all servicing/maintenance, located as shown by symbol. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

SANITARY FITTINGS:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide all sanitary fittings to include wcs, urinals, grab rails, recessed/projecting hand wash stations, waste chutes, toilet roll dispensers & baby changing trays to be stainless steel vandal proof through-the-wall type, accessed from service area for all servicing/maintenance. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC WCS:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide 3No. WCs & 1No. urinal to be semi-automatic flush mechanism operation with manual operation operated by user & automatic detection operation linked to sensor operation upon user leaving facility & manual operation not having been operated. Wcs to be stainless steel vandal proof through-the-wall type, accessed from service area for all servicing/maintenance. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

HAND WASH STATIONS:

Specialist M&E Public Toilet Installer to provide 3No. fully recessed & 1No. projecting (wc Dis.) hand wash stations to include automatic water, soap & air dispensers, to be stainless steel vandal proof through-the-wall type, accessed from service area for all servicing/maintenance. Automatic soap, water & air dispensers to be electronically controlled & activated by non-contact proximity sensors. Sample fittings to be approved by architect/client prior to ordering & fitting on site.

SCHEDULE OF FINISHES:

ROOF:

Tracal roofing membrane sheet type s, with 15mm upstands @1000mm intervals. Colour - Grey.

EAVES:

Aluminium formed eaves profile; Colour: Traffic Grey B, BS Ref: 7043.

EXTERNAL WALLS:

Smooth render walls painted, colour-Signal White, BS Ref: 9003. Walls to be finished with a clear anti-graffiti coating.

WINDOWS:

2No. course glass blocks: Vue (clear) 197x197mm on extruded aluminium cills on DPC to all areas of glass blocks. Provide 25mm polystyrene insulation to all cills, jambs & lintels. Cills to exactly match Burnavon in size, form, profile & colour: Traffic Grey B, BS Ref: 7043.

DOORS:

Doors and frames to be stainless steel. Provide associated hinges, brackets locks and keepers to be stainless steel. Provide integral illuminated identification/occupancy symbols.

RAINWATER GOODS:

Downpipes to be cast aluminium: Colour, BS Ref: Traffic Black 9017.

SIGNAGE:

All external signage and symbols to be stainless steel.

GATES:

2 no. gates to be 3mm galvanised flat plate on 40mm bar section framing. All gate components and materials to include associated hinges, brackets locks and keepers to be galvanised.

All colours by Trinite Paints.

NOTE:

MAIN CONTRACTOR TO ADHERE TO ALL CDM HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS ON SITE & PROVIDE HEALTH & SAFETY FILE TO CLIENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS.

NOTE:

SAMPLES & POSITIONS OF ALL FITTINGS/ FIXTURES TO BE APPROVED BY ARCHITECT/ CLIENT PRIOR TO ORDERING & FITTING ON SITE.

NOTE:

SPECIALIST M&E INSTALLER TO PROVIDE SCHEMATIC SERVICES LAYOUT DRAWINGS TO BE AGREED BY ARCHITECT/CLIENT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF WORKS ON SITE & AS-BUILT DRAWINGS UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS.

NOTE:

ALL STRUCTURAL OPENING REQUIREMENTS TO BE AGREED BY CONTRACTOR & SPECIALIST M&E INSTALLER PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF WORKS ON SITE.

NOTE:

ALL VARIATIONS TO THE WORKS TO BE AGREED BY CONTRACTOR, SPECIALIST M&E INSTALLER & ARCHITECT/CLIENT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF WORKS ON SITE.

Amendments to Drawings No.			
REV.	AMENDMENT	DATE	BY
TITLE: PROPOSED NEW TOILET LAYOUT			
SCALE: 1:50 @ A1	DATE: JUNE 2017	DRAWN BY: CMG	DWG NO: 01
CONTRACTOR FIRMS OR ANY PERSONS WORKING OFF THESE DRAWINGS SHOULD BE ADVISED AND SHOULD ONLY BE EMPLOYED IF THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY & COMPLY FULLY WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CDM REGULATIONS. FURTHERMORE TRACKING OF ELECTRICAL & OTHER STATUTORY SERVICES ON SITE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY COMPETENT TRAINED STAFF USING RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT BY THE RELEVANT STATUTORY BODIES.			
DIMENSIONED TO BE FOLLOWED IN PREFERENCE TO THE DIMENSIONS SCALED FROM THE DRAWING. ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE CHECKED ON SITE BY CONTRACTOR AND SUCH DIMENSIONS TO BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY. DRAWING ERRORS AND OMISSIONS TO BE REPORTED TO ARCHITECT. WORK SHOULD NOT COMMENCE ON SITE UNTIL ALL STATUTORY APPROVALS HAVE BEEN GRANTED AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS ISSUED THE ARCHITECT WITH ALL THE RELEVANT INSURANCES.			
PROPERTY SERVICES, DUNGANNON OFFICE, BT71 4BA TEL: 03000 132 132			
PROJECT: PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC TOILET LAYOUT FOR RAINEY STREET IN MAGHERAFELT			
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Appendix 3 – Rainey Street, Magherafelt Public Toilet Cost Proposal

Approximate Area within External Walls: 26m²

Element	Element Cost £ (NET)
1. Demolition including asbestos removal	6,000
2. Substructure	6,100
3. Superstructure	26,170
4. Internal Finishes	9,720
5. Fittings & Fixtures	6,440
6. Services	10,000
7. Site works/drainage/streetscape enhancement	20,000
8. Statutory Fees	1,000
9. CDM/DDA Regulations/Decontamination Recommendations	3,000
10. Professional fees	4,000
11. Design Detailing/Contingency (10%)	9,200
TOTAL	101,630

Good ground conditions have been assumed. The foregoing costs are budget and are subject to tender. Costs are without reference to a Structural Engineer's or Mechanical and Electrical Consultant's reports.

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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 7 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.01 pm), Cuddy (7.02 pm), Elattar (7.01 pm), Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan (7.01 pm), McKinney, McLean, McPeake (7.01 pm), M Quinn and Totten (7.01 pm)

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Services
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Ms Kerr, Head of Finance
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Molloy, the Vice Chair, Councillor Buchanan took the seat.

PR101/17 Apologies

Councillors Milne and Molloy.

PR102/17 Declaration of Interest

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

PR103/17 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR104/17 Unbudgeted Funding Request

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise Members on correspondence received from Lough Neagh Rescue and to agree a suitable way forward.

Councillor McKinney enquired if all the neighbouring Councils were donating the same amount of funding.

The Director of Finance advised that he couldn't comment as he didn't know the answer, but that the intended funding would be to provide a shortfall for this financial year.

Councillor M Quinn advised that he had been approached by representatives of Lough Neagh Rescue regarding potential funding and stated that Mid Ulster Council was the only Council not providing any support to this invaluable service, which was operated on a voluntary basis. He said that the organisation had not received any funding since the amalgamation and felt that as this Council had the largest share that a commitment of £6k funding should be allocated.

Councillor McLean agreed that the organisation provided an invaluable service, but that in the legacy Magherafelt Council there was a question asked regarding the funding amount relative to the areas covered. He felt that going forward that an accurate amount of funding should be negotiated and scrutinised, but would like to see how the group are getting the opportunity for other funding opportunities. He said that he would be happy to agree to the £6k proposed but that there was a need to be careful due to Service Level Agreements.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed to allocate the £6k funding to Lough Neagh Rescue.

Councillor Cuddy advised that the organisation provided a vital service to the whole of the Lough Neagh area, but felt that there was a need to be cautious as other organisations submit invoices before funding was allocated. He said there needs to be a system put in place going forward to protect the Council from such eventualities in the future.

The Director of Finance advised that it the decision of Members on the best way to proceed, but if other Councils were making a contribution, then this Council must be seen to be considering the same. He said that in the future that he had no problem sitting down with Officers and representatives from Lough Neagh Rescue to discuss a way forward.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

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

- a) Council providing funding of £6k for 17/18 from its 16/17 surplus
- b) Council working with LNR and the other Lough Neagh Councils to develop an SLA outlining future service level requirements and associated funding.

PR105/17 Conflicts of Interest Policy

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to receive and consider for approval a Conflicts of Interest Policy on the management of actual, perceived and potential conflicts of interest.

Councillor McPeake agreed that conflicts of interest should be encouraged but this can be sometimes overdone. He said Members sometimes can be approached by Officers encouraging them to declare an interest in certain issues and this can put Members in a very difficult position ie. if a situation arises where Welfare Reform is raised, does this mean a Member can't bring it to Council if someone in their family was in receipt of welfare benefit. He felt that this area was a minefield and as Members were elected to lobby such issues and leaves us in a very difficult position. He felt that this was all new to Members and that Local Government can sometimes be too stringent. He advised that although this was all generalised, such issues could be problematic in the future.

Councillor Cuddy said that Members want to make good sound decisions and this could result in them being reluctant to do so.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan said that it would be the case of Members using their common sense.

The Head of Democratic Services said that there was nothing new in the Policy only issues within the Code of Conduct and arrangements, which were put in place.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about screening and asked about the accuracy of numbers relating to minority languages within Mid Ulster and how they were identified.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that the numbers were from NISRA website, but would check to validate their accuracy.

PR106/17 Annual Progress Report on Equality & Good Relations Statutory Duties

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask Members to consider Mid Ulster District Council's Annual Progress Report for the period 2016-17 on meeting the statutory equality and good relations duties as detailed within Section 75 (1) and 75 (2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Annual Progress Report (2016-17) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties.

PR107/17 Draft Equality Action Plan & Revised Disability Action Plan

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek member's approval for Council's reviewed Disability Action Plan and draft Equality

Action Plan to be issued for public consultation. If approval is granted the plans will be opened for public consultation on 23 June 2017 for a 12 week period.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve that draft Equality Action Plan and reviewed Disability Action Plan for public consultation for commencement on Friday 23 June 2017.

PR108/17 Performance Improvement Objectives 2017-18 & 2018-19

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- a) Update the committee on the findings and outcome of the consultation undertaken on the Council's proposed performance objectives 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- b) Consider for approval Performance Improvement Objectives for the period 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Councillor Cuddy enquired how many responses were received and felt that a larger catchment area should have been sourced.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that 41 responses were received over the 10 week period, with five internal responses. He stated that whilst it should not be used as benchmark, neighbouring Councils had indicated that they had received no responses.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the objectives for 2017-2018 and 2018-19 period as:

- a) To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district
- b) To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill
- c) To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online
- d) To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing the usage of Council recreational facilities

PR109/17 Implementation of Rural Needs Act 2016 and Impact Assessments

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of statutory requirements resulting from the introduction of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

Councillor Cuddy enquired what this meant and if there was a need to look at the spend to see if residents have access to it i.e. Moy village beside Armagh City.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that the undertaking of rural assessments should have no additional cost on Council, other than Officer time.

The Chief Executive entered the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Councillor McPeake enquired as to how the rural definition compared with that used by Mid Ulster Rural Development Local Action Group.

Councillor McLean advised that he would be happy to propose to agree to the recommendation on the basis that concerns raised would be investigated.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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.

PR110/17 Elected Member Development Steering Group: Update

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Councillor McPeake referred to rural proofing and advised that the principle was good but felt that it would be worthwhile giving consideration to providing training to members. He suggested that this could be something the group could take back to the meeting.

In response to Councillor McGuigan's query about training costs coming out of the personal budget of £750, the Head of Democratic Services advised that fees for mandatory training wouldn't be taken out of any personal budgets. He said if mandatory training was provided for all members that this would be taken out of the central budget.

Councillor McKinney referred to training costs and felt that it would be more worthwhile for the Council to consider providing an inhouse training facility as this would keep costs to a minimum.

The Chief Executive advised that this may not always be possible as Officers would always investigate most cost effective way forward for Councillors and Officers training.

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

- (i) Report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2017.
- (ii) Recommendation of the Elected Member Development Steering Group to extend the Conference & Seminar Attendance Policy annual allocations for members to attend training courses relevant to their role.
- (iii) Elected Member Learning and Development Policy.
- (iv) Briefing on the out-workings of the Rural Needs Act 2016 be considered as part of future Councillor Training.

PR111/17 Fleet Fuel – Legacy Fuel Variance Write Off

The Director of Environment and Property Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to ‘write-off’ up to 3,541 litres of fuel used for the Council’s fleet due to historic variances between the gauge and book stock as at 24th May 2017.

Councillor Ashton enquired if there would be spot checks being carried out going forward.

The Director of Environment and Property Services advised that there would be monthly stock-taking measures taken to prohibit such instances happening again.

Councillor Gildernew enquired how this happened in the first instance and why it was never discovered until recently.

The Head of Environment and Property Services advised that it was never discovered because there was a problem with the calibration of the tanks and over time this just continued to build.

Councillor McGuigan enquired what measures were taken when this first was identified.

The Director of Environment & Property Services advised that measures were taken by bringing the matter to the attention of the Internal Auditor and that everything is now above board.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to ‘write-off’ up to 3,541 litres of fuel used for the Council’s fleet due to historic variances between the gauge and book stock as at 24th May 2017.

PR112/17 Rainey Street Public Toilet Replacement

The Director of Environment and Property Services 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 Gildernew advised in the legacy Dungannon Council Members agreed to an automatic toilet in Market Square on the recommendation of Officers and over time with maintenance and insurance etc, it has proven to be costly.

The Director of Environment and Property Services advised when costs were collated for the year, it came in the region of £30k to maintain and staffing and with that consideration it was felt that a masonry building would be more sustainable.

Councillor McLean raised concern about the proposed replacement toilets and said that they didn't look very big and if toilets were not pleasing to the eye then people would not use them. He enquired if this was the best option that was available. He said that the design of the toilets were very unappealing as the three doors open up onto the street as in the past there was a wall shielding the doors.

Councillor McPeake said that by looking at the sketch of the replacement toilets they looked a whole lot smaller than the original toilet block.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the automatic toilet in Dungannon Market Square and said although it wasn't cost effective it was still good to have toilet facilities in the town centre.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the committee agree in principle to replace the existing toilet facility at Rainey Street and that Officers bring back cost estimates to this committee for consideration.

PR113/17 Brand Visual: Roundel

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for a re-design of the Council's brand mark for limited use in a roundel.

McLean recording his Parties disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the roundel design, the use of which is to be approved in advance and restricted to those rare circumstances when the Council's agreed logo format is not suitable.

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 8 pm.

PR114/17 Leisure Identity System

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise of the introduction of a new identity system for the Council's leisure and recreational facilities.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the high percentage of other nationalities in the area and enquired if it was possible to incorporate other languages onto the large tall signage the same as the PSNI have done.

Councillor McPeake proposed that Members stick to the issue of dual language displayed tonight and possibly investigate this issue further in the future.

Councillor Elattar said that she would be happy to second Councillor McPeake's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy said that he had no issue with agreeing to what was recommended tonight but would like to see minority languages being implemented on Council signage in the future.

Councillor McKinney said that he would be happy to second Councillor Cuddy's proposal.

Councillor Bateson felt that other languages couldn't be incorporated into the Dual Language Policy and if this was the case a new policy would have to be created.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Elattar

To make a decision only on the issue of Dual Languages displayed tonight.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

To investigate adding minority languages to signage in the future.

Councillor McPeake's proposal was put to the vote:

For	10
Against	4

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

For	2
Against	12

Resolved: To make a decision only on the issue of Dual Languages displayed tonight.

Proposed by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the introduction of the identity system for leisure ensuring that:

- The facility name and graphic device are always presented as part of the Council's branding framework on promotional material.

- Leisure publications appropriate for presentation in dual language in their entirety are identified and agreed via the Regional and Minority Language Working Group.
- The external signage brand implementation programme includes the presentation of facility names in dual language.

Matters for Information

PR115/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017.

PR116/17 Member Services

No issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Elattar 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 PR117/17 to PR125/17.

Matters for Decision

- PR117/17 Loup and Pomeroy Re-Imaging Projects
- PR118/17 Lands at Railway Park, Ballysaggart
- PR119/17 Staffing Matters
- PR120/17 Multi-Function Device (MDF) Tender Report

Matters for Information

- PR121/17 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017
- PR122/17 Contracts and DAC
- PR123/17 Financial Update (Month 12, 2016/17)
- PR124/17 Sickness Absence Update for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017
- PR125/17 Staffing Matters

PR126/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.35 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Report on	Rural Needs (NI) Act 2016 & Definition of Rural
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on requirements resulting from introduction of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 and how Council Departments will practically implement the associated rural impact assessments.
1.2	Policy & Resources Committee June 2017, (Minute Ref: PR/109 refers) resolved that, <i>'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'.</i>
2.0	Background
2.1	The Rural Needs Act requires councils to put rural proofing in place from June 2017. The Act has set a requirement for the following to be rural proofed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new policies or strategies • reviewed policies • the consequent service delivery of new and revised policies
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Key elements of The Rural Needs Act are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing rural proofing as a statutory obligation • establishing a duty on public authorities to have "<i>due regard to rural needs</i>" when "<i>developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies, and plans</i>" and "<i>designing and delivering public services</i>"
3.2	The following is a key information point emanating from the Act and the Department guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural settlements are considered by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DEARA) to be settlements of less than 5,000 residents. Within that

	<p>context the majority of the Mid Ulster District Council area, excluding the four settlements of Cookstown, Coalisland, Dungannon and Magherafelt, would be considered as a rural area.</p> <p>3.3 Planning Section and Mid Ulster Local Action Group (LAG) have confirmed/ and inputted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Ulster LAG For the purposes of the DEARA funded/Council implemented NI Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) rural areas are defined as areas identified outside the statutory development limits of towns and settlements with a population in excess of 5,000 inhabitants. However when considering increasing economic activity and employment rates in the wider rural economy (through the Rural Business Investment scheme only) it is within the gift of the LAG to extend the population boundary up to 10,000 where the benefits of the investment go to rural area. Any increase above 5,000 must be clearly supported by a strong rationale within the Strategy. • Planning The Planning Department notes that the '<i>Guide to the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 for Public Authorities</i>' allows a flexible approach to be taken. DEARA guidance states that users should consider defining urban and rural areas in ways which are appropriate for different projects and programmes. It states that if a modified version of the definition of rural is applied it would be helpful to clearly set out the rationale for doing so. In the context of Mid Ulster there are currently four settlements with a population of more than 5,000 residents and they would not be classified as rural. <p>3.4 Conclusion From the default definition set out above at 3.2 of this report along with feedback from Planning and the Mid Ulster Local Action Group it is clear that there is a consensus around the figure of 5,000 residents as marking a population indicator of when an area is classed as urban rather than rural.</p> <p>However, it is also evident that in relation to planning and funding/investment there is departmental guidance in place in order to create an element of flexibility with respect for different projects and programmes.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)

5.1	It is recommended that the council adopts 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.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

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Report on	Rate Support Grant
Reporting Officer	Director of Finance
Contact Officer	Director of Finance

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To 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).
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will recall that, due to the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive at the time of Rate setting in February 2017, Council faced uncertainty in relation to the amount of RSG that it should include in its Rate estimates for 2017/18.
2.2	At the time of striking the Rate, Council decided to assume that the total RSG to be allocated between eligible councils would not be reduced from the 2016/17 level of £18.3 million.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	On 12 May 2017 Council received correspondence from the DfC which indicated that, in the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive, the Department of Finance (DoF) had implemented some protections in relation to the DfC's 2017/18 Resource Budget which effectively reduced the budget by 4%.
3.2	The correspondence indicated that, as a consequence of this cut, the DfC had decided to effect a 4% cut in the RSG budget. This effectively reduced the total amount for distribution between eligible councils from £18.3 million to £17,568,000.
3.3	The financial effect of this cut is that, if implemented, Council will receive 15.8% of £17,568,000 instead of 15.8% of £18,000,000. This would amount to a £115,656 reduction in funding available to Council in 2017/18.
	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Potential £115,656 reduction in RSG allocation to Council for 2017/18 Human: N/a

4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Committee notes the above
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Correspondence dated 12 May 2017 from the DfC notifying the 4% cut in RSG

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12 May 2017

Dear Chief Executive/Finance Officer

RATES SUPPORT GRANT 2017/2018

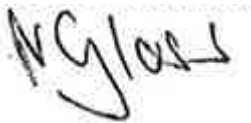
Further to my previous letter of 30 March 2017, I'm now in a position to provide councils with final Rates Support Grant allocations for the present financial year (2017-18). On Monday 24th April the Secretary of State provided a Written Statement to Parliament that provided high level indicative budgets for all Departments for the current financial year. This provides a basis for the Department for Communities to firm up its spending plans for this year and provides the basis for Permanent Secretaries to take action to ensure that their Departments operate within their current spending limits.

In the case of Department for Communities, our Resource Budget indicative allocation incorporates decisions taken by the Department of Finance to provide protection to a number of spending areas including additional allocations to meet the costs of the welfare mitigation measures agreed in the Fresh Start agreement, as well as for the continued operation of our benefit systems during the implementation of Welfare Reform. When these protected areas are deducted our indicative Resource Budget requires the Department for Communities to deliver a reduction in spending in 2017-18 of approximately £21million (4%). In addition the Department for Communities is facing a number of additional unfunded financial pressures that we must deal with by finding

savings elsewhere in our programmes. This effectively doubles the reduction in spending that we are now seeking to manage into the new financial year.

In order to manage this challenging position the Department for Communities must now reduce the Rates Support Grant budget for this financial year by 4% from £18,300,000 in 2016/17 to £17,568,000 in 2017/18. The final allocations of Rates Support Grant for 2017/18 are attached in the annex and information on the payment instalments will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Glass', is positioned above the printed name.

JEFF GLASS
Local Government Policy Division

RATES SUPPORT GRANT 2017/18

District Council	RSG Allocation £
Antrim and Newtownabbey	0
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	3,803,354
Belfast	0
Causeway Coast and Glens	2,358,436
Derry and Strabane	3,607,114
Fermanagh and Omagh	1,485,235
Lisburn and Castlereagh	0
Mid and East Antrim	1,085,869
Mid Ulster	2,789,881
Newry, Mourne and Down	2,438,110
Ards and North Down	0
N.I. Totals	17,568,000