

**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 December 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McLean (7.03 pm), S McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn, Totten

**Officers in Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mrs Kerr, Head of Finance  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

**PR243/18 Apologies**

None.

**PR244/18 Declaration of Interest**

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

Councillor Ashton declared an interest in Aughnacloy College.

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Brantry Forest.

**PR245/18 Chair's Business**

None.

*Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.03 pm.*

**Matters for Decision**

**PR246/18 Magherafelt Office Heating System Upgrade**

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to upgrade and fund the replacement of the heating boilers, fuel tank and

introduce a building management system for the efficient operation of the heating system in the Magherafelt Office.

In response to Councillor McLean's question the Head of Property Services advised that the costs itemised in appendix to report were estimated and that best value would have to be obtained through a tendering process for the works.

Councillor McLean felt that the costs listed seemed high but agreed that the works were necessary. Councillor McLean stated that on the basis of Council getting best value, he would propose the report recommendation.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McLean's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked what the yearly running costs will be for the new system compared to current costs and what savings can be achieved. Councillor McKinney also asked how the new system will be controlled.

The Head of Property Services advised that he could come back with costs/savings but highlighted that, on average, a plumber has had to be called with regard to heating at Magherafelt offices every six weeks since 2016 and a new system would automatically negate the need for that type of expense. The officer advised that the new system would be more energy efficient which would bring savings and that the new system could be controlled by zoning or on a room by room basis in order that room(s) which did not require heating on a particular day did not have to be heated, thereby savings can also be achieved.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked that Members be provided with comparison of running costs and savings to be made from installation of new heating system.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the release of £110,700 plus a 10% contingency (£122,400) from the Council Capital Program to undertake the heating system replacement and upgrade works as outlined in report at the Council's Magherafelt office.

#### **PR247/18      Aughnacloy Changing Room Relocation**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which outlined proposal to uplift the existing changing block at Aughnacloy grass pitch to Aughnacloy College's 3G soccer pitch.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to progress the uplift of the existing changing block at Aughnacloy Grass Pitch to Aughnacloy College's 3G soccer pitch at a cost to Council of approximately £45,000.

## **PR248/18    Castledawson Play Park**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval to accept the valuation of £1,000 and progress transfer of land and equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked if the entrance to the play park had been amended in that current access was via Riverside House.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated she would have to check this but was of the belief that if Council is to acquire the play park a new entrance would be required.

Councillor Forde asked when the play park would be handed over and open.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that if the valuation is accepted tonight officers can then move ahead with finalising the legal agreement with NIHE. The Director advised the play park would be open in the New Year when the legal agreements were complete.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved**    That it be recommended to Council to accept the valuation of £1,000 and agree to the transfer of land and play equipment from Northern Ireland Housing Executive to Council ownership subject to agreement.

## **Matters for Information**

### **PR249/18    Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018.

### **PR250/18    Marketing & Communications Activity Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

### **PR251/18    Performance Improvement Six Month Progress Update (Objectives, Improvement projects and Indicators)**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided monitoring information on the review of Council performance against its seven statutory and three corporate performance improvement indicators and standards. The report also provided a performance progress summary against the Council's four corporate improvement objectives and their associated project plans, along with an overview of the Corporate Health Indicators for the first six months of 2018/19.

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

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
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 PR252/18 to PR264/18.

### **Matters for Decision**

PR252/18 Staffing Matters for Decision  
PR253/18 Award of Integrated HR/Payroll Software Contract  
PR254/18 Off Street Car Park Pay on Foot Pilot Scheme  
PR255/18 Dungannon Market Square  
PR256/18 Brantry Award Contract  
PR257/18 2019/20 Insurances Update  
PR258/18 Council's Financial Management Information System

### **Matters for Information**

PR259/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 November 2018  
PR260/18 Staffing Matters for Information  
PR261/18 Update on Recalculation of holiday pay for staff  
PR262/18 Contracts and DAC  
PR263/18 Financial Report for 7 months ended 31 October 2018  
PR264/18 2019/20 Rates Estimates Update

### **PR265/18 Christmas Greetings**

The Chair, Councillor McKinney wished Members and Officers a Happy Christmas.

### **PR266/18 Duration of Meeting**

The commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.50 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_