



27 January 2022

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in  
The Chamber, Dungannon and by virtual means Council Offices, Circular Road,  
Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 27 January 2022 at 19:00 to transact the  
business noted below.

A link to join the meeting through the Council's remote meeting platform will follow.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh  
Chief Executive

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- 14 Councillor Cuthbertson to move -  
"This year, 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. To mark this remarkable achievement, Mid Ulster District Council will write a letter of congratulations and best wishes to Her Majesty and also organise a programme of meaningful and respectful events to commemorate this significant occasion."

**Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.**

Matters for Decision

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19. Development Confidential Committee minutes of meeting held on 13 January 2022

Matters for Information

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 December 2021 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by virtual means**

**Chair** Councillor McLean

**Members Present** Councillors Ashton, Black, Brown\*, Buchanan\*, Burton\*, Clarke, Colvin\*, Corry\*, Cuddy, Cuthbertson\*, Doris\*, Elattar\*, Forde\*, Gildernew\*, Glasgow\*, Hughes\*, Kearney\*, Kerr\*, Mallaghan, S McAleer\*, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan\*, McKinney\*, McNamee\*, D McPeake, S McPeake\*, Milne\*, Molloy, Monteith\*, Mullen\*, Oneill\*, Quinn, Robinson\*, Totten\* and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance** Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive  
Ms Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisational Development Strategy & Performance (SDODSP)\*\*  
Ms Campbell, Deputy Chief Executive & Strategic Director of Environment (SDE)\*\*  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure (DPHI)\*\*  
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisational Development, Strategy & Performance (ADODSP)  
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service & Finance (SDCSF)  
Ms Ursula Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications\*\*  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Ms O'Neill, Community Planning  
Ms Totten, Community Planning

**Others** **Northern Health & Social Care Trust**  
Ms Jennifer Welsh, Chief Executive\*\*\*  
Mr Owen Harkin, Director of Finance/Deputy Chief Executive\*\*\*  
Ms Wendy Magowan, Director of Operations\*\*\*  
Mr Neil Martin, Director of Strategic Development and Business Services\*\*\*  
Mr Roy Hamill, Director of Community Care\*\*\*  
  
**Southern Health & Social Care Trust**  
Mrs Aldrina Magwood, Director of Planning & Reform\*\*\*  
Mr Brian Beattie, Interim Director of Older People's Service\*\*\*

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

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

## **C254/21      Apologies**

The Chair, Councillor McLean extended condolences to Councillor Bell on the death of his grandfather.

Councillors Bell, Graham and N McAleer

## **C255/21      Declarations of Interest**

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

## **C256/21      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor McLean highlighted events and achievements over the past month including Council's Tourism taking the top spot in 'Best Digital Initiative' category at the recent Mid Ulster Business Awards for a business engagement programme. He also highlighted that Council was one of two in Northern Ireland to see an increase in its household recycling rate in the last year, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair further advised that a number of Council facilities have recently been awarded the ISO 45001 Health and Safety Management standard which recognises a high health and safety standard.

The Chair, Councillor McLean advised that he had considered it a privilege to host breakfasts across the district for those working at the coalface delivering services on the ground and how he had visited staff at many of the leisure facilities.

The Chair, Councillor McLean paid tribute to two people in the district who had achieved major awards, Helen Shivers who has been recognised with a major accolade from the All-Ireland Business Foundation in being named as Northern Ireland Business Person of the Year in recognition of her contribution to Northern Irish business. The second was David Henderson, the managing director of Tobermore in Magherafelt, who triumphed in the industry category of the all-island EY Entrepreneur of the Year.

Councillor Monteith paid tribute to Naomh Treasa Camogie Club, Dungannon who had won the All-Ireland Junior Club Semi-Final yesterday and will play in the All-Ireland Final at the weekend and extended best wishes to them for the game.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure requested that Members note that along with facilitating the roll out of vaccines across the district at leisure centres a request from the Northern Trust to use the Meadowbank facility had also been accommodated.

## ***Declaration of Interest***

*Councillor Colvin declared an interest in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust as a member of the Southern Trust Commissioning Group.*

## **C257/21      Deputation Northern & Southern Health & Social Services Trusts**

The Chair, Councillor McLean welcomed representatives from both the Northern and Southern Health and Social Care Trust to the meeting and referred to the paper Council had previously submitted to them which highlighted areas of concern.

Representatives from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust delivered presentation at appendix A which highlighted response to the areas of concern expressed by Council.

*Councillor Quinn left the meeting at 7.26pm returning at 7.30pm*

Ms Magwood thanked her colleagues in the Northern Trust for the presentation which addresses similar issues in the Southern Trust area apart from a number of nuances such as COVID occupancy in the Southern area was slightly higher and reinforced the booster programme which was essential in the fight against COVID. She appealed to Members to encourage people to avail of the booster. She referred to a number of the questions in relation to primary care and advised she had forwarded a paper immediately prior to the meeting which would be shared with Members in due course. Ms Magwood advised many primary care issues were within the remit of the Health and Social Care Board and moving forward it may be beneficial to bring community partners to such meetings.

The Chair, Councillor McLean thanked both Trusts for their contribution and advised Members that the approach taken by Council in submitting areas of concern had been beneficial cognisance of which should be taken moving forward. He invited questions.

Councillor Corry thanked the Trusts for the informative presentation and their work in difficult times. She requested that the graphics regarding vaccine clinics be forwarded to Council to promote them. She requested an update on the response to the recruitment drive and asked had there been much uptake in the Northern Trust area.

In response, Mr Harkin said that once the graphics were completed regarding vaccine clinics they would be shared with Council and requested that Members encourage people to book vaccine slots which made the roll out easier.

Mr Hamill said he did not have the up to date figures regarding recruitment drive but that he could advise that in Cookstown there were 18 vacancies for homecare services and 12 in Magherafelt. He said they hoped to fill these posts from the recent recruitment drive and also to compile waiting lists to ensure a ready flow of staff in the future. He indicated that as the waiting list depleted further recruitment exercises would take place.

The Chair, Councillor McLean asked that Council be kept informed of the issues

Councillor Burton shared that many low risk mums had expressed disappointment in the removal of the birthing pool at the Craigavon Hospital site and sought clarity as to whether the pool had been moved to storage. She requested a timeline for its reinstallation saying that other hospital sites were providing the facility and concluded it would be her hope that 2022-23 would be a less stressful time than the past year.

Ms Magwood said there was plans to replace the birthing pool but there continued to be provision for water births as she herself had availed of same. She advised there are single rooms with large bath tubs as en-suites but it was hoped to reinstate the birthing pool as soon as possible.

Councillor McAleer highlighted the Firs Care Home in Ballygawley an 8 bedded unit with 7 day care places which is marked for closure due to retirement of the owners. She said this is a terrible blow to domiciliary care services and asked was there any discussions regarding a takeover. She said she lived in the same cul-de- sac and it was heart breaking for all concerned.

Ms Magwood said she was aware of the issue, that discussions were underway and said she would provide a written response in relation to the matter.

Mr Beattie clarified that the Trust did not run nursing homes but concurred that they would endeavour to provide further detail.

Councillor Kerr referred to the Mental Health Strategy and asked what services would be delivered in Mid Ulster stating that current services were under severe pressure which was ever increasing.

Councillor Kerr in relation to poverty asked what practical steps was being taken in relation to waiting lists which was known toacerbate poverty.

Ms Magwood said poverty and dealing with health inequalities was more than just a health issue with many compounding factors contributing not least the impact Covid. She said they were working through an integrated planning framework at HSC level which was based on a population model to further target approach to commissioning services.

In relation to questions regarding mental health she said that if specifics were provided she would be happy to follow up if it was within the Southern Trust area.

The Chair, Councillor McLean said Councillor Kerr would follow up with specifics.

Councillor Monteith referred to the new build scheme for Dungannon Medical Hub and also Oakridge. He acknowledged that it was reported as a priority capital project and asked where it was now and when would it be known if the money for its provision would be allocated in the incoming year.

Ms Magwood advised that Oakridge was a Southern Trust Priority one project alongside Craigavon's redevelopment. Dungannon Community Care programme is

a priority although Newry is currently the top priority scheme and once completed Dungannon will then move to number one. In terms of when the finance would be forthcoming she said she could not provide clarity as Members would be aware from the media that the capital environment is constrained within the Executive. She concluded that business cases were submitted but the answers in relation to finance would have to be asked of the Department of Health.

Councillor Wilson stated that Council should do all it can to promote vaccines and the booster.

Councillor Wilson raised the issue of the Cookstown Health Hub as part of the Mid South West Growth Deal and thanked the Trusts for their work to date. He said there was an absolute need for adult day care facilities and said there was an opportunity for Mid Ulster to lead the way in how this can be provided in rural communities and requested that Ms Welsh take this on board. Councillor Wilson said that Mid Ulster lacked supported living facilities for adults with learning difficulties and many were suffering the consequences of the deficit. He stated that the Bengoa Report had highlighted the provision of modern supported living as a priority and stated that both Trusts should strategically progress the issue. He sought clarification as to whether there had been movement and where such projects were at.

Mr Martin explained that the Trust had a new ICT equipment and microphones were currently problematic at this point in the meeting, inhibiting the Northern Trust Chief Executive from responding.

In response Councillor Wilson said he would accept a written response.

Councillor Ashton sought clarity from both Trusts in relation to the Mental Health Strategy, detailing that within the briefing papers the Southern Trust had been brief whilst the Northern Trust had been more comprehensive. She said that the Southern Trust had highlighted that the strategy was driven by the Public Health Agency whilst the Northern Trust had indicated they had taken the lead on the programme. Councillor Ashton said she had been impressed by the programmes presented by the Northern Trust and asked if said programmes would be rolled out across the Southern area also. She acknowledged the input by the voluntary sector and the reliance upon same which was well known by Council also. Councillor Ashton stated greater investment was needed and sought clarity as to what Council should lobby for. Councillor Ashton asked how many GPs were offering counselling services across both Trust areas and the time frame of delivery. She reiterated earlier comments that Covid was intensifying the mental health crisis.

Councillor Ashton stated she would be happy to receive written responses and emphasised that mental health must be at the top of the agenda.

The Chair Councillor McLean requested written responses to the questions.

Ms Magwood said that the provision of counselling services from GP surgeries was not managed by the Trust but by the Health Care Board. She referred to the correspondence forwarded to Council earlier in the evening but acknowledged it did

not provide clarity on the questions asked but said that whilst she would not have the detail she would endeavour to seek clarity.

Councillor Ashton said she appreciated the efforts but stressed that the mental Health strategy currently was not a one stop shop and people who need signposting don't know where to go.

Ms Magwood said there was a full consultation on the issue and efforts were being made to move to a one stop shop. In relation to boundaries she said there was a move to provide one mental health service and more detail was provided on the website.

Councillor McKinney thanked all involved in the health service for the work they do acknowledging that they are more often criticised than thanked. He spoke in relation to out of hours services moving to larger sites and the apprehension this brings as people feel they will be in a worse position.

He reiterated the comments of Councillor Wilson in promotion of vaccinations and proposed that Council through its media platforms including press release should encourage staff and the public to get vaccinated.

The Chair, Councillor McLean said that the proposal was not necessary as Council already had the matter on hand but he did appreciate the Members comments.

Ms Magowan referred to the urgent care satellite centres and said whilst they don't provide them she was aware Antrim and Ballymena had consolidated out of hours provision. She said that this was a symptom of Covid as it was difficult to get GP out of hours shifts covered. Ms Magowan said they worked closely with the service and it was felt that consolidating the services ensured better provision than numerous smaller sites but reiterated that they did not provide the out of hours service.

Councillor S McGuigan spoke of the chronic shortage of GPs in Mid Ulster in Dungannon and Clogher Valley in particular. He said he was aware that in recent years effort was being made to address the problem but training takes time. He asked if they were any closer in addressing the problem and if any incentives were put in place to attract GPs to the area.

Ms Magwood said there are currently 25 GP practises in the area and there were many challenges. She said that part of the aim moving forward was to provide multi-disciplinary teams such as mental health and physiotherapists together. She said some practices were providing training support and it was encouraging that there were 15 places currently in the area. She said there may be more data in relation to this in the submission provided by the Health Care Board.

The Chair, Councillor McLean ended the question session and reiterated appreciation to both the Northern and Southern Trusts. He said this was not a blame game all acknowledged that there was major challenges and that Council wished to work alongside the Trusts and its doors were always open.

He concluded wishing the Trust teams a Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.



## **Matters for Decision**

### **C258 /21      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council Meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2021**

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Hughes and

Councillor S McAleer requested that an apology be recorded for her at the November meeting. Councillor Hughes requested an amendment to Amendment to minute page 9 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph Councillor Kearney to read Councillor Hughes.

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 25 November 2021 (C225/21 – C240/21 and C251/21) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

### **C259/21      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2021**

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 2 December 2021 (PR225/21 – PR237/21 and P246/21) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted

### **C260/21      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2021**

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on 6 December 2021 (E287/21 – E309/21 and E320/21) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

### **C261/21      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2021**

Councillor McKinney drew attention to the response from DEARA regarding planning applications in relation to agriculture and proposed that Council write to the Minister to speed up the process. He said there was applications in double figures awaiting response.

Councillor Glasgow seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he thought Members had received notification of a scheduled meeting with the Minister which was in the near future.

Councillor Mallaghan said that a meeting was scheduled for 25 January 2022 and he felt it would be better to have the discussion in person with the Minister as opposed to sending a letter.

The Chair, Councillor McLean suggested sending a letter in advance of the meeting to say Council would like to discuss the matter.

Councillor Mallaghan said the point was already an item on the agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021 (P161/21 – P168/21 and P176/21) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C262/21 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2021**

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Development Committee held on 8 December 2021 (D211/21 – D230/21 and D232/21) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C263/21 Conferences, Seminars & Training**

The AD: ODSP sought approval for the previously circulated report on conferences, training and seminars.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That approval be given to submitted requests for conferences, seminars and training as outlined in the appendix to the report.

**C264/21 Civic Recognition Nominations**

The AD: ODSP sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated Council Policy, and as detailed within the report at appendix A.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

#### **C265/21 Standing Order Amendments**

The Chief Executive presented the previously circulated report to consider an amendment to the Standing Orders on the regulation of meetings in light of Council being made aware of a judgement made following a Judicial Review formally published on 2nd November 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That Standing Orders be amended as outlined in the report.

#### **Matters for Information**

#### **C266/21 Correspondence to Council**

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council.

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to the letter received from the Veterans Commissioner and proposed that the group be invited to make a presentation.

The Chief Executive said such a presentation would be made to the relevant committee.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner be invited to make presentation to relevant committee of Council.

#### **C267/21 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members considered previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.

Councillor Quinn drew attention to the Department for Infrastructure's Strategic Rail Review Consultation and said that as Council would like to see the network extended it should submit a response.

The AD: ODSP stated that an extension would have to be sought as the closing date to the consultation was 21 January prior to Council meeting or alternatively delegated authority to the Development Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That Council submit a response to DfI Strategic Rail Review Consultation. Given the closing date Council seek an extension which if not provided delegated authority be issued to Development Committee to agree submission

Councillor McFlynn drew attention to the NI Ambulance Service: Consultation on Principle of Introducing Body Worn Video for the Purposes of Violence Prevention & Reduction Against Staff. Councillor McFlynn said Members had already heard about attacks on health care workers and proposed that Council support this consultation.

**Resolved** That Council submit a response to the NI Ambulance Service: Consultation in support of the Principle of Introducing Body Worn Video for the purposes of violence prevention and reduction against staff

## **C268/21 Notice of Motion**

Councillor Clarke speaking on the motion drew attention to the fact that £40m had been wiped out of the road surfacing budget and the loss was not good for Mid Ulster. He said many roads were already in an unacceptable condition and this loss would exacerbate the matter further. Councillor Clarke highlighted that Mid Ulster was a largely rural population with a large road network, the state of the roads was causing damage to vehicles and whilst the local DfI depots were doing their best to deliver services and maintain the network they had inadequate resources to do so.

Councillor Clarke proposed the motion

*‘That this Council acknowledges the unacceptable condition of our road network; notes that the allocations from the Finance Minister allowed for the structural maintenance budget to be £120 million this year; regrets that resurfacing contracts have now been delayed until next year in this Council area due to a legal challenge; is frustrated that badly needed investment for our roads is now delayed until next year and that this area has missed out on a year of proper investment in resurfacing; and calls for badly needed investment to be forthcoming for our roads as a matter of urgency and as soon as possible.’*

Councillor B McGuigan said he was happy to second the motion given the dangerous state of rural road network. He said that DfI Roads receive £120m and that the £40m allocated to resurfacing would be lost given that there was only three months left in the current financial year and projects might not even commence. He said that many roads across all District Electoral Areas had been impacted and roads were now not fit for purpose which was impacting service delivery for rural businesses and tourism.

Councillor Wilson proposed the undernoted amendment:

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*structural maintenance budget to be £120 million this year; regrets that resurfacing contracts have now been delayed until next year in this Council area due to a legal challenge; is frustrated that badly needed investment for our roads is now delayed until next year and that this area has missed out on a year of proper investment in resurfacing; calls for badly needed investment to be forthcoming for our roads as a matter of urgency and as soon as possible; and calls on the Minister to make good the lost expenditure when contracts were not in place so that the state of roads in the region would not fall behind other regions.*

A copy of the amendment was distributed and displayed.

Councillor Cuddy seconded the amendment.

Councillor Wilson said the amendment served to strengthen the motion. He further said the losses was in the capital budget which deals with resurfacing, bridges and new roads. He concurred with Councillor Clarke in saying given the court case there would be no resurfacing in the current year. He said that it was imperative that Council does not sit back and watch the roads disintegrate.

The Chair, Councillor McLean asked if Councillor Clarke accepted the amendment.

Councillor Clarke said he was happy to accept it as it added to the motion.

Councillor Cuthbertson reflected on DfI comments at the recent Environment Committee in that they had indicated if work had commenced the money would carry over but with no resurfacing at the moment he would fear the matter would carry into the new financial year. He said that once legal issues were resolved the contractors would be in high demand and the bigger jobs would take priority. He said he was happy that council write to the Minister.

Councillor Quinn said he would like to outline background on the circumstance and said, the legal challenge outlined in the motion is in relation to the Surface Maintenance Contract Award Process in 2015. It doesn't stop all the work on the roads of course, but this was granted in 2015 when I think Danny Kennedy was the Minister. If we go back to this timeframe, and the awarding of these contracts, which the court of appeal found in April 2021 that there had been major errors, and I would ask councillors to read the Northstone judgement, because it outlines how appalling the process was. Decisions made in procurement that have been ruled, by the courts, to be in favour of one of the companies involved at the expense of all the other companies tendering. The scoring for and awarding of the contract were not in accordance with EU legal rules and were not permitted by competition rules. Councillor Quinn said 2015 seen the NI Executive in crisis. Danny Kennedy resigned as Minister for Regional Development, Mike Nesbitt as UUP leader refused to re-nominate a replacement within the 7-day deadline and the ministerial seat moved to the DUP under D'Hondt where Peter Robinson played musical chairs by nominating Michelle McIlveen, only for her to resign her seat and re-nominate within the 7 day deadline to retain their ministries following which it was left to Civil Servants to run the department.

So with all that going on, decisions were being taken, what were these decisions. We don't know why because these meetings do not have minute records. The culture of poor governance is not solely demonstrated by the RHI debacle. It's clearly on display here! But that's the ruling from the court, we may not like it, we may regret it but we cannot ignore it, and the Northstone judgement is absolutely damning and we have to find a way around it, but it does put a pause on these contracts. It sadly does stop large scale resurfacing contracts but it doesn't stop any of the other work going on our roads. The Minister brought this issue to Stormont in June, She has been open and transparent to all our MLAs, said that she had launched a full independent investigation into this and what had happened since 2015 onwards, and that she would work with the Department for Finance and Minister Murphy to work an interim policy for procurement, a policy we know has been finalised. We know that it has been broken into 6 different areas, 4 different lots and that this work starts in early 2022. This is not a situation that we want but those are the facts and that's where we find ourselves. We can chose to complain about it or we can try and find ways around it and it is clear that Minister Mallon has worked to find ways around it.

The motion talks about the unacceptable condition of our roads network, and that can't be denied, it's something I have spoken about in this council before, numerous times in fact, but as I have said before and I will say it again, we do not properly resource our infrastructure or roads network in Northern Ireland. The Barton report was published in 2017, when Chris Hazzard was the Minister just before things collapsed, at the time our MLAs where talking about how its findings needed to be implemented, but over the course of Stormont collapsing, Covid and everything else, we have managed to implement zero.

The report states that we needed £143 million a year just to maintain our roads network. We can talk about £120 million additional, but that is simply a drop in the ocean of what is needed. In 2017 we were already £311 million behind where we should be, and that is building every year, the deficit we had in 2017 was £1.2 Billion. The only way we are going to address these issues is if we work on a cross party, cross departmental basis, stop making one year budgets, and I know we are discussing that at the minute for the next incoming executive but those are the decisions we are going to have to make. There is no point in us waiting for the next Infrastructure Minister, and starting this whole argument again, pointing out every pothole in the road and blaming every other political party who happens to hold the ministry.

The simple fact is there will be more potholes, there will be more defects because the department is underfunded, as confirmed by the Barton report, which calls the investment in infrastructure appalling. Look at the monitoring round in June and October, DfI was the lowest awarded department. Even the Executive Office received more money than DfI, and I won't argue with the latest round that has seen money going to health because that is what is needed.

So I agree with the sentiments of the motion but we cannot simply complain that we are frustrated with the process, we need to go further. We cannot challenge the legal rite of the court, the tender process had to be correct, it was far from it, there was favouritism shown, court of appeal have made that ruling. What we can do is call for proper investment, be it from Department of Finance coming to the department or

going to the treasury with cap in hand, we must politically support that in the North so that we can properly resource our infrastructure network. I do support the sentiment of the motion but as I said we need to do more, something should come out of the motion. We can let the world know that we are all frustrated, we can acknowledge that money from DoF, which as I said is a drop in the ocean, we can acknowledge that the Minister has put in place interim measures, but I would like to add an amendment, 'That we acknowledge the work undertaken by the Minister for infrastructure to develop an interim procurement policy and we write to the Minister to clarify the timeline for delivery of these schemes through this new policy.' That's the question we will be asked by constituents on the ground, that's the information they want to know. If that's accepted then we are happy to support the motion."

The Chair, Councillor McLean said that he may not be popular but he would like Council to be Council and not to try to be a Northern Ireland Assembly. He said he had listened to many debates in recent months reading out notes from what appeared to be ministerial special advisers' notes again and again. He said that Councillor McKinney had asked that Council write to the DEARA Minister which was in the ministerial portfolio of the DUP but he had not objected because although it may be a DUP Minister people in Mid Ulster deserved to be represented. He said Members needed to stop playing politics but as local Councillors lever what effort they could into delivering change. He asked Members to take cognisance of this going forward, he said everyone was mature he said there was nothing in the motion other than the facts on the ground that could not be denied.

The Chair, Councillor McLean invited Councillor Glasgow to speak asking that he be gracious.

Councillor Glasgow said he agreed with the motion and that the people of Mid Ulster were fed up with no investment. He said Council needed to push for the delivery of services for the people and as he had said back in April whatever money comes 'grab it with both hands'. He said forget the politics and try to get roads people won't get their cars wrecked on and spoke of the need to improve current policies.

Councillor Kerr said he had no statement from a special advisor but he would fully support the motion for as a rural councillor he saw what the red tape in delaying contracts was doing on the ground. He concurred with Councillor Glasgow's remark on policy and highlighted that street lights are not even inspected and much needs to be improved.

Councillor McKinney said tar was needed on the roads not waffle and he would support Councillor Wilson's amendment.

Councillor Quinn said he took exception to the comments of the Chair, Councillor McLean and indicated he had taken time off work to research the matter and compile his speech and he did not appreciate the 'crack taken at him.'

The Chair, Councillor McLean said it was imperative that he listen as what he had said was 'over the months.'

The Chair, Councillor McLean said that he felt everyone was in favour of the sentiment of the motion and that as outlined below it was carried unanimously.

*“That this Council acknowledges the unacceptable condition of our road network; notes that the allocations from the Finance Minister allowed for the structural maintenance budget to be £120 million this year; regrets that resurfacing contracts have now been delayed until next year in this Council area due to a legal challenge; is frustrated that badly needed investment for our roads is now delayed until next year and that this area has missed out on a year of proper investment in resurfacing; calls for badly needed investment to be forthcoming for our roads as a matter of urgency and as soon as possible; and calls on the Minister to make good the lost expenditure when contracts were not in place so that the state of roads in the region would not fall behind other regions”.*

**Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.**

The live broadcast concluded at 8.00 pm

Proposed by Councillor Molloy

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That items C269/21 to C280/21 be taken as confidential business.

#### **Matters for Decision**

- (i) Audit Committee minutes of meeting held on 23 November 2021
- (ii) Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 25 November 2021
- (iii) Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 2 December 2021
- (iv) Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2021
- (v) Planning Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 December 2021
- (vi) Development Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 8 December 2021
- (vii) Iniscarn Forest
- (viii) Davagh Mountain Bike Trail Project
- (ix) Coalisland - Towns shared Space / Revitalisation Project
- (x) Document for Sealing: Release of Council Charge Folio No 20682
- (xi) Document for Sealing: Draft Contract MUDC and Eurofins: Public Analyst Contract



## **C281/21    Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.55 pm

In closing the meeting the Chair, Councillor Paul McLean extended sympathy to the family of the recent death of the late Councillor Desmond Thompson who had served on the former Magherafelt Council from 1977 to 1982

The Chair Councillor McLean thanked everyone for their help and respect in making the role of Chair as easy as possible wished fellow Members and staff a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Annex A - Introductory Remarks from Chairperson**

Good evening and welcome to our meeting of Mid Ulster District Council in the Chamber, Dungannon whether you have joined us remotely or in the Chamber.

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 a roll call of members in attendance.

**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by virtual means**

**Members Present**

Councillor S McPeake, Chair

Councillors Black\*, Bell\*, Brown, Clarke\*, Colvin\*, Corry\*, Cuthbertson, Glasgow\*, Mallaghan, McFlynn, McKinney, D McPeake, Quinn\*, Robinson

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer\*\*, Service Director of Planning  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Donnelly\*\*, Council Solicitor  
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Stewart, Planning Officer  
S McGinley, ICT Support  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

LA09/2019/1482/F - Hayley Wilson/Shane Carr  
LA09/2020/1286/F - Christopher Quinn  
LA09/2021/1106/O - Oonagh Given  
LA09/2021/1178/F - Trevor Hutton  
LA09/2021/1361/O - Ryan Dougan  
LA09/2021/1442/RM - Aidan O'Hagan

\* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Black at tonight's meeting, the Vice-Chair, Councillor S McPeake took the Chair. The Chair advised that Councillor Black would be in attendance by remote means.

**P001/22 Apologies**

Cllr Martin.

**P002/22 Declarations of Interest**

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

**P003/22 Chair's Business**

The Chair also referred to addendum which had been circulated earlier in the day and asked if those joining remotely had seen this document and had time to read it.

Members joining remotely confirmed that they had seen the addendum and had time to read it.

The Strategic Director of Planning advised that he would be raising an issue under Chair's Business in confidential business.

The Head of Development Management referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination and sought approval to have the following applications deferred/withdrawn from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting –

LA09/2018/1702/F – Housing development (3 pairs of semi-detached and one detached dwelling) at Junction Shore Road/Ballynagrove Road, Ballyronan for Bridge Developments.

LA09/2019/1482/F – Retention of workshop of approx. 70m W of Unit 10 Station Road Industrial Estate, Station Road, Magherafelt for Four Dee (NI) Ltd

LA09/2020/0122/F – Housing development (34 dwellings) foul water treatment works and associated site works at lands located between Killymeal Grange & Dunlea Vale (former Oaks Park Stadium) for Landmark Homes (NI) Ltd

LA09/2021/0952/F – Extension to existing curtilage & domestic storage shed at 45m S of 211a Washingbay Road, Coalisland for Tony McCuskey

LA09/2021/1038/F – Change of use from domestic garage & store to living accommodation to the rear of 155 Moore Street, Aughnacloy for Bernie Corley

LA09/2021/1106/O – Single storey dwelling & garage at approx. 60m NW of 45 Lisnastraine Road, Coalisland for Niall O'Neill

LA09/2021/1272/F – Dwelling and single detached garage and surrounding landscaping S of 101a Cavankeeran Road, Pomeroy for Arlene Phelan

LA09/2021/1324/F – Class B2 Industrial Building adjacent to W of 21 Tobermesson Road, Dungannon for Syerla Enterprises Ltd

LA09/2021/1384/O – Site for 2 dwellings and garages at vacant lands adjacent to and W of 191 Battery Road, Moortown for Mr Maurice Devlin

LA09/2020/0804/O – Two storey dwelling & domestic garage at lands 350m S of 293 Pomeroy Road, Lurganeden, Pomeroy for Ben Sinnamon (withdrawn)

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting/held for further information/withdrawn from agenda as outlined.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **P004/22 Planning Applications for Determination**

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination.

#### **M/2010/0830/F Residential Development (25 dwellings) at lands SE of Church Hill Road, Caledon for Caledon Estates Company**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application M/2010/0830/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application M/2010/0830/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

#### **LA09/2018/1702/F Housing Development (3 pairs of semi-detached and one detached dwelling) at Junction of Shore Road/Ballynagrove Road, Ballyronan for Bridge Developments**

Agreed earlier in the meeting that application be deferred for one month for the submission of additional information.

#### **LA09/2019/1482/F Retention of Workshop at approximately 70m W of Unit 10 Station Road Industrial Estate, Station Road, Magherafelt for Four Dee (NI) Ltd**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

#### **LA09/2020/0010/F Creche Building, Car Parking and all Associated Site Works at lands 75m NE of 100 Coleraine Road, Maghera for Specialist Joinery Group**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/0010/F which had a recommendation for approval.

The Head of Development Management advised that a late objection had been received late this afternoon.

Ms Doyle (SPO) advised members that a late objection had been received from a gentleman who lived in a neighbouring dwelling beside the application site. In his objection it was indicated if the crèche was built beside his bungalow it would block

out a major amount of light and he would be happy for the carpark to be constructed on the other side of the hedge at this property rather than the crèche building. He asked if this could be considered at tonight's planning meeting or be put back for one month for reconsideration. She advised that an objection had been received during the processing of the application which was considered within the report before members tonight and within that letter it raised issues in regards to the raising of ground levels causing flooding to the objector's property, loss of sunlight, health and wellbeing of the privacy of private amenities space, loss of quiet and intimate use of the conservatory and the provision of a boundary screen fence or a hedge will also cause the loss of light. She advised that the case officer had detailed that the land levels did seem to be raised from the original feed levels and although the levels do sit above the adjacent dwelling which had existed for some time and do not appear to be the subject of any previous complaint or subsequent enforcement action. Rivers Agency were consulted and were advised that the drainage assessment was acceptable and no reason to disagree with its conclusions. The objector's dwelling is set at a lower level than the proposed crèche, however the site has been re-sited so the crèche sits 3 metres from the boundary hedge and 7 metres from the objector's dwelling. The boundary hedge consists of a tall conifer hedge which completely screens the dwelling apart from the top part of the gable and roof when viewed from the proposed site. The proposed building is low set with a roof sloping away from the objector's roof dwelling and has an eaves height of 4.3 metres above ground level at the point closest to the dwelling and rises to a ridge height of 5.75 metres at a point which is 17.5 metres from the objector's dwelling. She advised that the case officer didn't think that this would have a detrimental effect on the objector's property and concerns which were raised by Mr Graham this afternoon. She said that concerns have been adequately considered during the processing of the application and within the case officer's report.

The Head of Development Management assured members that this application had been in front of officer's a number of times and one of the key considerations was the relationship between the objector's property and this development. He felt that the building has been designed in a clever way to avoid any direct overlooking at the shared boundary side as the roof angle slopes away from the objector's property towards the body of the site. He said that vegetation could be retained and in considering the objector's request today to have the building moved further away from his dwelling and parking along the boundary hedge, members can see from the relatively restricted size of the site, to introduce parking could be difficult and may give rise to its own issues around amenities with regards to vehicles coming and going to that boundary at various times of the day. He wanted to reassure members that careful consideration was always given to the relationship between No. 151 and the proposed site and officers were satisfied that the two could co-exist quite well.

Councillor Brown said that when all things were raised and although the Mr Graham has raised the objection, did officers go back to the applicant to see if there was any other way or any other means whereby this could be facilitated. He referred to trying to accommodate the space but it was also important not to have a neighbour being totally undermined and enquired if there was possibly any compromise where officers could go back to the applicant to see if there was any way they could move it ever so slightly to try and address the concerns the Mr Graham had raised. He

proposed to defer the meeting for one month to see if a favourable outcome could be reached between the two parties.

The Head of Development Management advised that officers hadn't an opportunity to liaise with the applicant yet as the letter of objection had only been received this afternoon.

Ms Doyle (SPO) confirmed that Mr Graham had stated in his letter that he would be happy to have the carparking on the other side of the hedge at his property, rather than the crèche building. She said that she was aware that the case officer during the process of the application had gone back to the applicant and got the building moved 3 metres away from the hedge based on concerns raised at the time by the objector.

The Head of Development Management said that it was his understanding that the Mr Graham wished to have the carparking between his building and the site which would have catastrophic consequences on the development of the site. He felt the reason why officers should not go back and look at it again was that there was enough mitigation built in on this proposal to ensure that there were no negative impacts on the objector's amenity in its current format.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake to accept the recommendation.

Councillor S McPeake seconded the recommendation.

Councillor McKinney enquired about the legal distance from the applicant's dwelling to the building.

The Head of Development Management stated that he wasn't aware of any legal distance as planning had plenty of guidance on separation distances within housing developments and were not talking about dwelling to dwelling here either, it's a dwelling to a crèche building. He said that by moving the building by 3 metres it has been moved considering the boundary, design of building, level difference and the cross sections which all added up to make him comfortable.

Councillor Black referred to the letter of objection this afternoon and said that the objector did not seem to be adverse to the proposal going ahead in principle and wondered if this was a last attempt to try and strike a balance and to try and get both parties on board. He enquired if there would be any benefit in deferring it for one month to see if there was any further separation that could appropriately be accommodated to try and satisfy both parties. He said that he would be happy to second Councillor Brown's proposal to defer for one month.

The Strategic Director of Planning advised members that the starting point here was to remember that this was industrial land and the land could be developed for industrial purposes. When amenity is being considered, this premises is a crèche and was actually acting as a buffer to the rest of the site which could be further developed for industrial purposes and felt there were actual advantages for the Mr Graham in the proposal as it sits. He said that the building could be moved and carparking relocated which would mean that there would be all of the comings and

goings, with the busiest times being parents dropping of and lifting children and not the case of the carparking being used all day long and literally for just the dropping off and collection and having that next to the objector's house could result in it being more disruptive than the actual building. He said that his own view would be that this was actually a good compromise as it was providing a community facility of benefit to the wider community and will provide employment land in itself and seen no benefit in reverting back.

The Chair said that it was proposed and seconded to accept the recommendation of the case officer to approve the application. He advised that there was an alternative proposal brought forward by Councillors Brown and Black to defer for one month to see if a favourable outcome could be reached between the applicant and objector.

*Councillor McKinney left the meeting at 7.14 pm.*

Councillor Brown said that given the fact the Mr Graham had just submitted the objection today felt that if there was any leeway in going back to the applicant then this should be considered. He advised that other applications in the past had been deferred for one month and asked that the same applies here to see if an agreement can be reached between the applicant and Mr Graham.

*Councillor McKinney returned to the meeting at 7.16 pm.*

The Chair said that after listening to the Strategic Director of Planning's clarifications and given the fact it was industrial land and the building itself was a relatively soft building and not a factory bellying out smoke which could happen, this was a crèche. He said that by reading the report mitigation measures has been taken by the applicant to move it away from the boundary and would see no merit whatsoever in changing the opinion at this stage.

Councillor D McPeake's proposal to accept the office recommendation to approve the application was put to the vote -

For	8
Against	6

Councillor D McPeake's proposal was carried.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2020/0010/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2020/0122/F Housing Development (34 dwellings), Foul Water Treatment Works and Associated Site Works at Lands Located between Killymeal Grange and Dunlea Vale (former Oaks Park Stadium) Dungannon, for Landmark Homes (NI) Ltd**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.



**LA09/2020/1286/F Change of house type from I/2007/0350/F at approx. 36m N of 127 Drum Road, Cookstown for KE Holdings**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/1286/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2020/1286/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2020/1499/F Single Storey Multi-Use Building with a Footprint of approximately 818msq on the Site of the previous Forestry School in Pomeroy Forest. The development will provide a welcome area with casual seating, multi-purpose rooms, a large kitchen, a large double height adaptable multi use space with retractable audience seating for approx. 150 people, a kitchen area and toilet changing facilities which are accessible both internally and externally. Car parking will be created for approx. 38 cars with additional overflow car parking provided by the existing car park located north of the building site at 56 Pomeroy Road, Tandragee Road, Pomeroy, for Mid Ulster District Council**

*All members declared an interest in planning application LA09/2020/1499/F.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/1499/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2020/1499/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2020/1519/F Storage & distribution centre at 23 Ballymacombs Road Portglenone for Mechanical & Electrical Fixings Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/1519/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2020/1519/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0688/F Importing of clay and inert material for storage to facilitate forming of health and safety bunds and banking with gravel**

**pit site at ponds at the site at 58A Knockaleery Road,  
Magheraglass, Cookstown, for Maurice Hamilton**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0688/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/0688/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0748/O Site for dwelling and garage at 70m SW of 55 Drumenny Road, Coagh, for Cliona Hagan**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0748/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/0748/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0856/O Two storey dwelling and garage (approved M/2008/0520/) with an onsite septic tank at Tunnel Lodge, 100m NW of 4 Park Lane, Dungannon for Nigel Fleming**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0856/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/0856/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0952/F Extension to existing curtilage & domestic storage shed at 45m S of 211a Washingbay Road, Coalisland, for Mr Tony McCuskey**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1038/F Change of use from domestic garage & store to living accommodation to the rear of 155 Moore Street Aughnacloy, for Bernie Corley**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1106/O    Single storey dwelling & garage at approx. 60m NW of 45 Lisnastrane Road, Coalisland, for Niall O'Neill**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1144/F    Change of use from part of agricultural shed to farm shop. (farm diversification scheme) at approx. 70m N of No 37 Tobermesson Road, Benburb, for Mr Alfie Shaw**

Chair advised that all members had received an email which he did not read when he realised what it was and felt that this avenue was not appropriate for applicants to engage with members of the committee.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1144/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved**    That planning application LA09/2021/1144/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1178/F    Change of use of 5 bedroom dwelling to 2 two bed apartments (continued unintensified use of Scotch Street (S) car park for the proposed parking) at 11 Victoria Road, Drumcoo, Dungannon for 2 Northland Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1178/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved**    That planning application LA09/2021/1178/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1229/O    Dwelling on a farm at site adjacent to 9 Draperstown Road, Desertmartin for Thomas Johnston**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1229/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved**    That planning application LA09/2021/1229/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1272/F Dwelling with single detached garage and surrounding landscaping S of 101a Cavankeeran Road, Pomeroy, for Mrs Arlene Phelan**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1324/F Class B2 light industrial building adjacent & W of 21 Tobermesson Road Dungannon, for Syerla Enterprise Ltd**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1345/RM Farm dwelling and domestic garage adjacent to 33 Loughbracken Road, Pomeroy, for Eamon and Katrina Canavan**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1345/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1345/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1361/O Dwelling and garage to rear of 8 Ballyheifer Road, Magherafelt for Sean and Emma Hatton**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1361/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1361/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1384/O Site for 2 dwellings and garages at vacant Lands adjacent to and W of 191 Battery Road, Moortown, for Mr Maurice Devlin**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2021/1442/RM Dwelling and domestic garage 40m NW of 19 Tullyheran Road, Maghera, for Diarmaid and Ciara Donnelly**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1442/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1442/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1473/F Single storey rear extension at 6 Carsonville Drive, Upperlands, Maghera, for Mr & Mrs H Porter**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1473/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1473/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1570/F Relocation of previously approved car park under LA09/2021/0749 to a new location at approx 90m from Iniscarn Road leading into the Iniscarn forest. Forest access road widened to 3.5m with construction to 2 number passing bays leading up to the car park. Other works approved under LA09/2021/0749 including upgrade of forest trails, ancillary signage, and construction of play park remain part of the development proposal) at Iniscarn Forest, Iniscarn Road, Iniscarn, Desertmartin, for Mid Ulster District Council**

*All members declared an interest in planning application LA09/2021/1570/F.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1570/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1570/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/1105/O Site for a farm dwelling and double domestic garage at 70 metres (approx.) W of 25a Corrycroar Road, Pomeroy, for Connor Carberry**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/1105/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Mallaghan said that there were a number of members which attended the site visit and that he knows the roads well as it wasn't too far from where he lives. He said that he was convinced when he saw the layout of the land that it would be quite

difficult to try and achieve a dwelling on the farm cluster at this location. He referred to the geography of field 8 as marked out on the drawing would be an engineering feat to try and be able to put a dwelling in there as well as taking an access out of it. Field one which was closest to the road would be right on top of the farm buildings itself. He said that this may not be so much of an issue if this was for a person who would run the farm but this was for a son-in-law and daughter who wished to build a house on a father's land. He felt that this was one which merited the exception that's given within the policy in terms of being able to locate the dwelling off the farm cluster because of the difficulties that this particular location poses. He said that having visited the site and reading through the case officer report that he would make a proposal to accept the application for approval.

The Head of Development Management asked members to bear in mind where there was exceptions to the visual linkages or groupage, that it surrounds two issues; health and safety and verifiable plans to extend the farm which was very clear in the policy.

He said that he did appreciate what Councillor Mallaghan alluded to regarding the road as coming in and out of the site was potentially difficult. He said that he had recalled pointing out a number of the fields during the site visit and in his view the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> field met the policy test to a much more acceptable degree than the site chosen by the applicant along the road. He recalled on that day most of the fields were earmarked in some way for some kind of expansion and wanted to remind members that he did not have any evidence of any verification with any proposed expansion and wanted members to be mindful of that when considering this application for any kind of exception.

The Chair recalled the farmyard being very steep coming up towards the road and then a merging sweeping corner which rises also. He said that historically there had been accidents into the drop in the field at that point and could understand the danger of coming out there. He stated that it didn't lie well with him around the farm groupings. The other preferred site although not perfect, was roadside and very much accessible and could understand the applicant's reasoning opposed to off the road at the other location.

Councillor Clarke advised that he wasn't at the site meeting but enquired how wide field one was and what kind of road frontage was there as they seemed fairly narrow. The second issue he had was if there was a dwelling in that field or part of it back from the road, could it be accessed from the farm lane by whoever was running the farm. If the site was put further back with an entrance to the road and a separate entrance paired with what's there, would there be any way in which to access the farm without crossing a private entrance. He felt that there could be difficulties as an entrance could be put in which wouldn't belong to the farm

The Head of Development Management said that he would concede that field one could not be developed which was the one which had the dangerous access point and agreed that it was very narrow and very steep. He said that there were three or four other fields which he saw no obvious impediment subject to getting a safe access to lands through potentially a parallel laneway without having to use the farm lane to access some of the fields further down off the slope a little bit.

In response to the Chair's query, Ms Doyle (SPO) advised that she wasn't looking at alternative sites on the day of the site visit but would have to investigate if required.

The Service Director of Planning said that he could see members' arguments but suggested an alternative site to integrate with the landscape and also up an existing laneway.

He sought members' approval to defer the application for one month to assess an alternative site.

Councillor Brown said that he took on board Councillor Mallaghan's point and although he wasn't at the site meeting he felt that there was merit in what he was saying but after listening to Dr Boomer would be supportive of deferring the application for one month to allow time for officers to assess an alternative site.

Councillor Mallaghan said that he would be happy to go along with what the Dr Boomer suggested and give officers an opportunity to look at it again. He did say that on the day of the site visit of the proposed application site that under other circumstances it would be deemed a decent site for a house because of the geography and integration amongst other things. He advised that if a person has a suckler herd, they don't necessarily go out to get a contract in order to expand their farming business and tend to add on to existing buildings when wanting to add on an extra 10 to 20 animals onto a herd. He advised that this was not the same for poultry or pig farming where a person seeks a contract with Moy Park etc. and felt that this could be difficult to deal with for beef. In referring to the fields which sit behind where the farm buildings and felt that it would be very difficult to get access and driving through a farmyard as he was someone who lives in a house where he had to drive through a farmyard to get to his house which wasn't ideal particularly if you weren't the person which was farming. He felt that all things considered that this could prove a huge difficulty for all the people involved on the farm and land.

Councillor Robinson advised that he was at the site meeting and was great to see things from a different point of view and would concur with Councillor Mallaghan's comments. He said that to go down the side of where the farmyard was located was very difficult as it was steep all the way down to it. He said that he noticed that there were sheds there which he presumed were there for a very long time as they were constructed in corrugated iron which was totally different from today and a good alternative where the applicant wanted to build. He said that he was confused about statement from DfI about extra vehicles on the road as whether or not a dwelling is built there was going to be vehicles on the roads anyway. He said that he would be supportive of the recommendation as it was a good enough site and only issue was it was away from the farm buildings. He stated that as a farmer himself it would be hard to know what you would be doing two or three years down the road as things can change and a farming system has to change to stay in business.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1105/O be deferred for one month for alternative site to be assessed.

**LA09/2020/0804/O Two storey dwelling & domestic garage at lands 350m S of 293 Pomeroy Road, Lurganeden, Pomeroy for Ben Sinnamon**

Agreed earlier in the meeting that application be withdrawn from tonight's schedule.

**LA09/2020/1051/O Site for dwelling and double domestic garage on a farm at 90m (approx.) SW of 99 Feegarron Road, Cookstown for John and Amy Wilson**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/1051/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2020/1051/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/1498/F Retention of the Gym and Wellbeing Facility (currently under construction) of a portal framed and cladding building of 297sqm in floor space, tarmac car parking surface and associated drainage and septic tank at site adjacent to 99 Ardboe Road, Ardboe, for Mr Ryan Quinn**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1498/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/1498/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0264/O Dwelling and garage at site adjacent to 60 Sixtowns Road, Draperstown for Peter Conway**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0264/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Corry  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/0264/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2021/0635/O Dwelling & domestic garage in a gap site at land immediately N of 43 Tullyglush Road & between 43 & 51a Tullyglush Road, Ballygawley for Gerard Quinn**



Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0635/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2021/0635/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **P005/22 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021**

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021.

#### **P006/22 Receive Report on Planning Performance**

The Service Director of Planning said that it was worth noting that there was a change in Standing Orders from the last council meeting. He advised members that a list of all decisions from tonight's meeting would be circulated to members tomorrow and no decisions would be issued until 5 days had passed.

The Service Director of Planning presented previously circulated report to inform members of Planning performance and progress against National Statistics and in comparison to other Councils.

He commended the Head of Development Management and his team on their excellent performance and staying focused during such very challenging times.

The Chair commended Dr Boomer, the Head of Development Management and their teams on their performance and said that all things considered it was a healthy report.

Councillor Glasgow referred to staff working from home or on a rota and enquired if the infrastructure was still in place to speak to an individual person even though they were working from home. He asked if the mechanism was there to make contact with them through a laptop or by other means as he had a situation of a member of the public receiving no response to an email until the person came back to work in the office as it wasn't a direct line of communication. He said that it was important that staff were able to fulfil their duties working from home.

The Service Director of Planning advised that the infrastructure was technically there with anyone with a laptop having a particular system which can pick up a call on the laptop. He said that everyone's internet connection differ at home so the ability to actually pick that up does vary in the rural areas due to speeds and bandwidths change. He said that people can phone the office and may not get directly speaking to the person they wish to speak to immediately but there was always someone in the office to take a message and pass it on to the named individual, same as if they were in the office as they could be doing other tasks. He assumed that them

member was asking was the ability there and his reply would be yes but sometimes bandwidth interferes with that.

Councillor Glasgow said that he could understand situation but he wasn't actually happy with the response. He said that he had raised this issue before and had been in that situation. The person which contacted him was trying to get urgent attention regarding an enforcement and was told to send an email which he felt was not appropriate. He said if staff were expected to work from home then adequate infrastructure was needed and understands that broadband was an issue, but felt that a report needed to be actually done to see what staff actually need as some staff were struggling to work from home. If people are being asked to work from home without the adequate infrastructure then staff should be at the place of work to carry out their duties as they are not fit to do it from home.

The Service Director of Planning advised that the member had hit the nail on the head when he started the conversation about enforcement. He said that often enforcement was considered very contentious and some people seem to have the view that if they phone in about an enforcement case, then it is assumed that a member of staff would be able to go out automatically tomorrow and it will all be stopped. Officers do not have long conversations with the public about ongoing enforcement cases on the phone and the reason for that is because officers will take on an investigation which will be investigated and once that is done, the person will know the outcome. The Service Director of Planning stated that the person will not get a blow by blow account and very much seemed to him that the member was describing a disgruntled customer as they have expectations which most probably cannot be met for a very good reason. When he referred to bandwidth, then this was a very different situation. He said that no-one should expect to have a full briefing on an enforcement case with an officer as this could potentially be a criminal investigation and protections for the person which was actually complained about in relation to protection of personal data.

The Chair advised that as part of the workshop later on in the month, enforcement was going to be focused on.

The Council Solicitor advised the member that there was an appropriate forum for a complaint as part of the complaints procedure, rather than through these open meetings. If someone has a complaint or wishes to express any concern, they can contact the Council or the Planning Department directly where it would be more appropriately and specifically addressed rather than this forum.

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Councillor Glasgow stated that he had used enforcement as an example and only asking that this matter be investigated. If staff cannot carry out their duties from home then they should be in the office to carry out their duties as the same applies to Councillors, if they have bandwidth issues then they have to go into the Council

Offices to do the meeting in another part of the room. He stated that he wasn't raising a complaint and only a concern and felt that it wasn't unreasonable for a person to get a reply back regardless what the issue was.

The Service Director of Planning felt that Councillor Glasgow's comments were a bit unfair. He said that there was never a situation where a person could phone in and speak to a specific officer, but the ability was there to speak to someone in the office who will take what their complaint was and pass on to an investigating officer who will get back to them, the same as a planning application. Other reasons why a person cannot speak to an individual officer could be that they are out on site and they are requested to send an email and that officer would get back to them. He said that he didn't recognise the comment about an ongoing problem which the member highlighted and from what he could see he just issued a report to show how well the Planning Department had been performing. He said that this wasn't an instruction from Mid Ulster District Council that people should work from home where possible, it was an instruction from the Assembly because we were facing a pandemic. He said that if a Councillor wishes to raise a complaint because someone has approached them in exchange to putting peoples' lives at risk because of it, then he would ask that Councillor to think carefully on what they were actually saying, as he said that if the infrastructure wasn't in place then all members of staff should be required to come into the office during a pandemic which was not an appropriate response. He said that he was confident that was not what the Councillor meant and only said to heighten the argument but felt if there was a specific complaint then this should be brought to his attention. He reassured members that if there were any particular circumstances where a complaint was being raised that himself and the Head of Development Management would intervene if there was an issue.

Councillor Glasgow wished to clarify that he did not say all staff and understood where Dr Boomer was coming from, but this was only a request to see that the mechanisms were there to support our staff to do their work and was not disputing anything. He said that it was important to accommodate people in a safe environment and disputed the word "all staff".

The Chair said that he got where Councillor Glasgow and Dr Boomer were coming from and asked that any issues be taken up outside of this meeting to get clarification.

*Live broadcast ended at 8.15 pm.*

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake and

**Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) Act 2014 that Members of the public be asked

to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items P007/22 to P011/22.

**Matters for Decision**

P007/22 Receive Enforcement Report

**Matters for Information**

P008/22 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021

P009/22 Enforcement Live Case List

P010/22 Enforcement Cases Opened

P011/22 Enforcement Cases Closed

**P012/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson**

Good evening and welcome to the meeting of Mid Ulster District Council's Planning Committee in the Chamber, Magherafelt and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast feed. The Live Broadcast 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.

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- 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 you are for or against the proposal or abstaining from voting
- For members attending remotely, note that by voting on any application, you are confirming that you were in attendance for the duration of, and that you heard and saw all relevant information in connection with the application you vote on
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting. When finished please put your audio to mute
- 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
- An Addendum was emailed to all Committee Members at 5pm today. There is also a hard copy on each desk in the Chamber. Can all members attending remotely please confirm that they received the Addendum and that have had sufficient time to review it?
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to so everyone has a clear understanding
- For members of the public that are exercising a right to speak by remote means, please ensure that you are able to hear and be heard by councillors, officers and any others requesting speaking rights on the particular application. If this isn't the case you must advise the Chair immediately. Please note that once your application has been decided, you will be removed from the meeting. If you wish to view the rest of the meeting, please join the live link.
- Can I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or the use of any other means to enable persons not present to see or hear any

proceedings (whether now or later), or making a contemporaneous oral report of any of the proceedings are all prohibited acts.

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.



## ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

**FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 10 January 2022**

**Additional information has been received on the following items since the agenda was issued.**

### **Chairs Business –**

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.4	Late objection received	Objector has already objected, loss of light co0nsidered in the report, members to note
5.2	Agent has written to withdraw the planning application	Members to note.

### **Confidential business:**

Letter from DfI Strategic Planning Directorate following MUDC Draft Plan Strategy Submission

## Malachy McCrystal

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**From:** Robert Graham <rjg151@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 January 2022 15:05  
**To:** Malachy McCrystal  
**Subject:** Planning

Ref: LA09/2020/0010/F  
Robert Graham  
151 Moneysharvin Road  
Maghera  
BT46 5HZ

Afternoon Malachy,

I am contacting you reference the above application.

As to build this Creche beside my bungalow would block a major amount of light.

I would be happy if the Car Park could be on the other side of the hedge at my property rather than the Creche building.

Can this be considered at tonight's planning meeting Or put application back for a month to consider this please.

Many thanks.

Robert Graham



**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 in Council Offices, Circular Road,  
Dungannon and by virtual means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Brown

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow\*,  
Graham, Kearney, N McAleer, S McAleer\*, B McGuigan,  
S McGuigan\*, McNamee, Milne\*, O'Neill, Totten\*, Wilson\*

**Officers in  
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment  
Mr Currie, Principal Building Control Officer\*\*  
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services\*\*  
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental  
Services\*\*  
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services\*\*  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

**Others in Attendance:** Councillor McFlynn\*

\* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

*The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Brown 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.*

**E001/22      Apologies**

None

**E002/22      Declarations of Interest**

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

**E003/22      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Brown advised that agenda item 27 Coalisland Shared Space Project had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that over the Christmas period there had been a number of issues at Moy Village which had been brought both to his and other Members attention. He outlined a number of examples of anti-social behaviour such as damage to the war memorial, trees uprooted and advised that the PSNI had also appealed for information with regards to a sexual assault. He acknowledged that the night time economy was growing in the area and asked if officers would explore with partners such as PCSP and the private sector the possibility of getting CCTV in the village.

Councillor S McGuigan said he would support the comments.

Councillor S McGuigan requested permission to raise a matter advising that he had contacted the Chair, just prior to the meeting.

The Chair Councillor Brown agreed.

Councillor S McGuigan highlighted the lack of availability of driving and theory tests for young people endeavouring to attain their license. He said that the ability to drive opened up opportunities for young people and was crucial and proposed that Council write to the Minister for Department for Infrastructure

The Chair, Councillor Brown seconded the proposal to write to the Minister to highlight the difficulties as young people did need access to driving tests.

The Chair, Councillor Brown confirmed that Council would also explore CCTV for Moy Village.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Chair, Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Officers explore with other agencies, partners and the private sector the introduction of CCTV in Moy Village;

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to write to the Minister of Department of Infrastructure requesting that they introduce measures to alleviate the difficulties in securing theory and driving tests.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **E004/22 Recycling on the Go**

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to inform members of the implications of introducing Recycling on the Go schemes.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked Officers for the report and said whilst everyone wanted to increase recycling sometimes it was simply not practical.

Councillor McNamee seconded the proposal and said given the contamination reports it would not be a practical step and on the whole Council was doing well in recycling.

Councillor B McGuigan said that given the costs involved and the reports on misuse the money would be better used to educate.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that based on the finding of this report and feedback from other Councils that Recycling on the Go litter bins are not introduced in the Mid Ulster District.

### **E005/22 Town and Village Entries for Award Competitions in 2022**

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to update members on the town and village entries for the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept Awards 2022 and to approve the nomination of Donaghmore for Britain in Bloom 2022.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's query the AD: ES confirmed that Dungannon should be listed and it was an omission on the report.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed the report.

Councillor Burton seconded the report and said all groups do amazing work in promoting their areas and Council should do their utmost to support them but acknowledged that there was a challenge to assist everyone with more groups coming on board. She said that the competitions and the work produces a great feel good factor in the areas and highlighted that many travel to Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore to view the accomplishments.

Councillor S McAleer said she would be delighted to support the proposal saying that her journey from Cookstown goes through the villages and it is great to see the ongoing work.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Burton

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of this report and approve the town and village entries for both the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept competitions in 2022 as well as the nomination for Donaghmore into the "Village Category" of RHS Britain in Bloom 2022. Also include Dungannon

### **E006/22 Eco Schools Programme Support 2022/23**

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to seek approval to continue providing financial support to the Eco-Schools Programme.

Councillor Kearney proposed the recommendation and acknowledged the excellent work and said he was delighted that 74 of the 130 schools in the district was involved and it was great to see the awarded green flag flying from the schools. He said that overall one fifth of the awarded flags were in the district.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the recommendation and said it was a great initiative but expressed concerned about the lapse and asked if it was due to Covid or lack of support. He commented that there was employed officers to promote activities.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to continue providing financial support to KNIB for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme to the amount of £2,975 in 2022/23. (option 2)

#### **E007/22 Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence**

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to seek approval to respond to a Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence under the NI Waste Management Licensing and Permitting Regime.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said he would propose the report but sought clarity as to whether in 3.5 UK should read EU.

The AD: ES confirmed that it should read EU.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to the consultation as outlined within the report.

#### **E008/22 DfI Road Proposal to MUDC regarding Proposed part-time 20MPH Speed Limits – Spires Primary School & St. Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt**

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from DfI Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Totten

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for part-time 20MPH Speed Limits – Spires Primary School & St. Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.

**E009/22 DfI Road Proposal to MUDC – Traffic Calming Measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland**

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Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Totten

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for traffic calming measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland.

**E010/22 DfI Roads Proposal to MUDC – Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown**

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from DfI Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Totten

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for proposed provision of a disabled persons' parking bay at Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown.

**E011/22 NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032 – DAERA Consultation Response**

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report to advise members that Mid Ulster District Council have been asked by DAREA to input into the Strategic Targets set out for the new NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032. The consultation requests are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Appendix 3 is the draft responses covering questions 5(i) – 5(iv) and specified strategic targets 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14 and 15.

Councillor Glasgow proposed the report and commended offices on the compilation of the responses.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the draft responses as fully detailed in Appendix 3 and agree for Officers to respond to DAERA before the deadline of 31st January 2022

## **Matters for Information**

### **E012/22 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2021**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 6 December 2021.

### **E013/22 NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Annual Report for 2020/21**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Annual Report for 2020/21.

### **E014/22 Dual Language Signage Surveys**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

### **E015/22 Entertainment Licensing Applications**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications received in January 2022.

### **E016/22 Building Control Workload**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid-Ulster District Council.

### **E017/22 Bus Shelter Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the current situation regarding bus shelter status.

In response to Councillor N McAleer's query the Head of Technical Services said he would seek an update on the installation date for the bus shelter at Brackaville and the progress on lands at St Colman's in Moortown.

*Live broadcast ended at 7.27 pm.*

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton

**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 E018/22 to E030/22.

**Matters for Decision**

- E018/22 Picnic Area Environmental Improvements - Newbridge & Beagh
- E019/22 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Update
- E020/22 Dredge Footbridge: Condition Survey
- E021/22 Vehicle Hire Tender
- E022/22 Tender: Cleaning Materials
- E023/22 Contract Extension: Lift Maintenance
- E024/22 Request for Installation of Memorial Tree
- E025/22 Review of Charge for the Collection of Additional Brown Bins
- E026/22 Extension to Contracts for Processing of Dry Recyclables

**Matters for Information**

- E027/22 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2021
- E028/22 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E029/22 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E030/22 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

**E031/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.26pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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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.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar\*, Forde\*, Gildernew\*, Kearney, S McAleer\*, S McGuigan, McLean S McPeake, Molloy\*, Quinn\*, Totten\*

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive  
Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Services & Infrastructure  
Ms Mezza\*\*, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance  
Ms McNally\*\*, Assistant Director of Finance, Legal, Governance and Transformation  
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT  
Mr Scullion\*\*, Assistant Director of Property Services  
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Councillor Glasgow

\* Denotes members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

*The Chair, Councillor McKinney welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McKinney 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.*

**PR001/22 Apologies**

Councillors Ashton.

**PR002/22 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **PR003/22 Chair's Business**

None.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **PR004/22 Request to Light Up Buildings**

The AD: ODSP presented previously circulated report which considered requests received to illuminated/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark:

- Chest Heart & Stroke: National Heart Month
- Chartered Communications on behalf of St Vincent de Paul: Highlight the Charity

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to light up the three designated  
Council properties as follows:

- (i) National Heart Month on Tuesday 1 February 2022 – colour Red
- (ii) St Vincent de Paul Charity on Tuesday 27 September 2022 – colour Blue

Councillor Doris advised that she had a meeting with the Samaritans this week where she took part in a useful information session and would be confident that all of members would be aware of the good work that they do. She asked that a request to light up the designated buildings be put on the agenda for 21 December 2022 which was the longest day of the year, the colour green.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to light up the three designated Council properties for Samaritans on Wednesday 21 December 2022 – colour green.

*Councillor Quinn declared an interest in St Vincent de Paul as he was a member.*

## **Matters for Information**

### **PR005/22 Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 December 2021**

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 December 2021.

### **PR006/22 Background: Syringes for Cuba/End the Blockade Campaign**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided background on the Syringes for Cuba/End the Blockade campaign. This campaign was referenced in a letter from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council which came before October Council meeting.

## **PR007/22    Implementation of Motion Carried by Council May 2021 – Constitutional Change**

Members noted previously circulated report which informed on the implementation of the motion carried by the Council in May 2021 in the area of Constitutional Change.

Councillor McLean wanted to record his party's opposition to the matter as in today's climate £16,000 could be better spent.

Councillor Cuddy concurred with Councillor McLean's comments. He stated that a lot of money was lost through Covid by this Council trying to cover all the gaps and trying to provide an adequate service to the ratepayer which was difficult to do. He said that it was inevitable that there would be an increase in the rates this year and didn't want to put an extra burden on the ratepayer as a lot of services were closed and not provided. He advised that his party did not participate in the Good Relations Working Group as it was off no benefit to them and by reading the report it indicates that the Good Relations Group agree whatever they want and totally out of his party's remit and was confused why an issue like this was brought at this time. He enquired if this was going to help the good relations community or would it impact it and nowhere in the report was it stated an officer as saying that it could impact good relations within a community and this was one of the reasons why the Ulster Unionist Party seen no benefit in going along to these meetings. He expressed his disappointment especially when there was so much more going on and this was the direction we had to go as there was always three or four Notice of Motions each month going through and this one has come back with a lot of costings. This was the first Notice of Motion where the Council were really contributing a lot of money and was disappointing to see ratepayer's hard earned money going towards it. He concluded by saying that he had no confidence in the process.

## **PR008/22    Performance Improvement: Local Government Auditor's Audit and Assessment Report 2020-21**

Members noted update which provided information of the key findings of the Local Government Auditor's Audit and Assessment Report 2020-21.

In response to Councillor McLean's query, the SD: CS&F advised that unqualified in an audit report is as good as it gets. He said that regardless of what kind of an audit being presented the objective was to get to the position an issue of an unqualified opinion and after that if there were any issues, then these would be modified.

*Live broadcast ended at 7.10 pm.*

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan 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 Member consider items PR009/22 to PR021/22.

**Matters for Decision**

PR009/22	Staffing Matters for Decision
PR010/22	Ballysaggart Lough Retaining Wall
PR011/22	Department for Communities: Call for Evidence on Remote/Hybrid Meetings for Council
PR012/22	Committee Management System
PR013/22	2022-2023 Rates Estimates Updates
PR014/22	Ann Street Update
PR015/22	Mid-South West Growth Deal
PR016/22	Maghera Public Realm Scheme

**Matters for Information**

PR017/22	Policy and Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 2 December 2021
PR018/22	Financial report for 8 months ended 30 November 2021
PR019/22	Contracts and DAC
PR020/22	Staffing Matters for Information
PR021/22	Update on Appointments to Senior Management Structure

**PR022/22     Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.20 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.



**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Thursday 13 January 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road,  
Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Black\*, Burton, Clarke\*, Corry\*, Cuddy, Doris\*,  
Elattar\*, Kerr\*, McNamee\*, Milne\*, Monteith\*, Quinn\* and  
Wilson

**Officers in  
Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive  
Ms Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment  
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and  
Wellbeing  
Mr McCance, Head of Culture & Arts  
Ms McKeown\*\*, Assistant Director of Economic  
Development, Tourism & Strategic Programmes  
Mr Brown, ICT Support  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

**Others in  
Attendance**

Cllr S McGuigan \*\*\*  
Cllr Brown \*\*\*

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes Others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

*The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Cllr Molloy 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.*

**D001/22      Apologies**

Councillor Ashton

Ms Linney\*\*, Assistant Director of Development, Strategic Community Development

**D002/22      Declarations of Interest**

The Chair, Councillor Molloy reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest drawing particular attention to agenda items, 5, 9 and 16.

*Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Ballinascreen Credit Union*

*Councillors Molloy and Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Credit Union*

*Councillor Kerr declared an interest in Coalisland Credit Union*

*Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Kildress Credit Union*

*Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Ballinascreen Credit Union and Anrathdoo Credit Union*

*Councillor Burton declared an interest in Aughnacloy Credit Union*

*Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Broughderg Community Development Association*

*Councillor Doris declared an interest in Coalsiland Credit Union*

*Councillor Milne declared an interest in Bannvale Credit Union*

*Councillor Corry declared an interest Ballinascreen and Anrathdoo Credit Union*

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Fairhill & District Credit Union*

*Councillor Quinn declared an interest in Coalisland Credit Union*

## **D003/22      Chair's Business**

The Chair Councillor Molloy wished everyone a Happy New year.

Councillor Kerr raised the issue of the backlog of MOT, Driving and Theory tests and said that in Fermanagh there had been an initiative that DVLA staff had been available in libraries in an effort to work through appointments. He proposed that Council write to the DfI regarding the issue as well as exploring if they would host clinics in Mid Ulster similar to that held in Fermanagh and Omagh district.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that a similar issued had been raised at the Environment committee and it had been agreed to write to the Minister.

Councillor McNamee concurred.

Councillor Monteith seconded Councillor Kerr's proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that in the letter agreed by Environment Committee to write to the Minister of Department for Infrastructure regarding Driving & Theory testing that MOT testing also be included and

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that the possibility of have DfI host clinics in local venues as took place in Fermanagh & Omagh district be explored.

Councillor McNamee said that due to Covid the Continental Market had been cancelled for two years and now that other organisations had started to plan events such as the North West and St Patrick's Day Council should do likewise. He said there was hopes that the end of the pandemic was coming and Council should now prepare for events as for example road closures had to be applied for the Continental Market.

Councillor Doris concurred with Councillor McNamee and said that she had attended the Continental Market every year and highlighted the Newell 10k as another event to be returned.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that the comments would be taken on board.

The AD: HL&W said that it was hoped to present a report to committee as officers were looking at the viability of all previous corporate events. He said that the dates were provisionally booked for the Continental Market but Council did have to consider the risk factor but would do all it could.

Councillor Burton said it was important for council to plan as best it can and expressed delight in the Dungannon Farmers Market and how well it was going. She also said it would be good to include Clogher Valley show in plans as it brings thousands to the area and it was a time, although still necessary to be mindful of Covid, for people to be encouraged to step out.

Councillor Wilson said that Cookstown 100 was celebrating its centenary and suggested that Council could do something extra for it this year. It was noted that the organization had received an award for best event regarding health and safety.

Councillor Wilson also reflected on driving through various parts of the district at Christmas time to view the festive lighting. He paid tribute to all who put up decorations and highlighted that Cookstown had received recognition in the top ten places to see at Christmas. He remarked that the trees used for the lighting had grown and it was now a key time to forward plan and look about replacing the lights and using the existing elsewhere.

In response the SD: Environment said this was part of the plan as officers had taken cognizance of the fact the lights were no longer sufficient and were proactive in plans.

Councillor Burton said that Council provide funding for smaller areas and some storms had destroyed lighting displays in Fivemiletown and if that could be considered for next year's as broken displays would need to be replaced. She said that festive lighting brings a 'feel good factor' to areas and Fivemiletown was the gateway to Mid Ulster from Fermanagh.

Councillor Milne said the main towns get their fair share of festive lighting whilst many community groups have to source funding on an annual basis. He said if there was any lights going spare Bellaghy would appreciate them.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that much work had been done in Moy and it had looked fantastic but unfortunately some lights had been destroyed through anti-social behavior.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D004/22      Update on DfC Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/2022**

The Head of Culture & Arts presented the previously report providing an update on Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/2022.

It was noted that letters of offer had been received for

- Accessible Benches for Community venues throughout Mid Ulster District;
- Glenone Riverside Walk
- Newferry Accessible Parking and Picnic Tables

It was further noted that should the outstanding projects not receive funding in the current year they would carry forward to the next financial year.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) Note the update on the 2021/22 Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Funding Programme
- (ii) To seek approval to set up specific finance codes to incur expenditure for each project as detailed in section 3 of the report, where required.
- (iii) To seek approval to utilise the approved Council framework contractors, where required, to deliver the projects identified; and
- (iv) To seek approval to initiate a tender process to appoint suitably qualified contractors for the installation of projects as identified in section 3 of the report and where required.

### **D005/22      Community Development Report**

The SD: Env presented the previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities and sought approval for the following

- Community Grants - to approve the Council grants policy 2022 – 2023; to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals,
- Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries
- Emergency Support funding – to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding.
- Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation) – to approve the allocation from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions across the district.

- Charlie Donnelly Winter school – to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Taranco region. Development - to update on Development.

Councillor Doris spoke of her work with the poverty plan through Credit Unions and how she had been taken aback by the lack of financial literacy within the community. She highlighted that people with credit card issues from university days were encountering problems securing mortgages. Councillor Doris highlighted the need for education in this area especially in schools and community groups for example Men's Shed. She highlighted the statistic that if you are in financial difficulty you are 20 times more likely to lose their life to suicide.

Councillor Corry concurred with Councillor Doris' comments. She also sought clarity in relation to Emergency Support Funding as to whether STEP, who had during the Covid period had difficulty with staffing would be able to meet the demand this would bring. In response the SD: Environment said that hopefully the situation of Covid improving this would ease the situation but Officers would report back to the Member.

- Community Grants

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councilor Doris

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve Community Festival grant from rolling programme for 1 application received totally £840 as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

- Emergency Support Funding

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councilor Doris

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding and participate in the partner project to support families in need as outlined in the report.

- Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation)

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councilor Doris

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve allocation of £46,740 from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions cross the district as detailed in appendix 3 of the report.

- Charlie Donnelly Winter School

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

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Seconded by Councilor Doris

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Tarancón region.

- Development Report

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the update on Development.

**D006/22 Consultation Response: DfC Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model**

The AD: D,SCD presented the previously circulated report outlining Council's response to the Department for Communities Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model: Consultation and sought approval for the response as outlined in the report.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the response but said that this may lead down a blind alley as he had serious concerns regarding who sets the private/social rent as it is becoming the case that social housing is more expensive than the private sector. He said there was also said that some limitations did not help people put down roots in a community. He said legislation was needed in the private sector as soon as possible in order that some of the practices and actions taking place is legislated against. He said his fear was that a lot of time and energy was being poured into the work and people would be sitting in the same situation next year. Councillor Monteith concluded that the action was long overdue but the reality is it does not address the issue of here and now which is raised constantly with Members.

Councillor Kerr concurred and said intervention and regulated rent control was needed especially in Dungannon and Coalisland highlighting that often landlords inflated the rent as a means of making the property unaffordable to the tenant. He concluded saying that the NI Housing Executive should be discouraged from selling to the private sector and that housing was a human right.

Councillor Corry thanked staff for the work on the response and said that eventually something was being done to tackle issue on rents. She said there was no mention of maintenance and repairs and asked that a line be included to determine responsibility.

Councillor Molloy said that some of the points link into the the 'Notice to Quit Periods' Consultation later in the agenda. He too said that he was familiar with rent increases forcing people out.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the response.

## **D007/22     Regional Minority Language Bursary Programme and Irish Language Activity Funding Programme**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the proposed Regional and Minority Language Bursary programme 2022/23 and Irish Language Activity Funding Programme 2022/23 and to seek approval from Council to publicly advertise both schemes

Councillor McNamee said he was happy to propose and hopefully this year would see a return of the Gaeltacht.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

**Resolved**     That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) Subject to funding approval is granted to publicly advertise the 2022/23 Regional and Minority Language Bursary Programme
- (ii) Subject to funding approval is granted to issue a call for expressions of interest for proposed projects and initiatives under the Irish Language Activity Programme 2022/23.

## **D008/22     Purchasing Books for Resale at Seamus Heaney Homeplace**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report requesting approval to purchase books for resale from Grantham Books Services as the sole Northern Ireland Distributor for Faber & Faber (Seamus Heaney's publishers)

Councillor Wilson asked about the process for determining the suppliers of gift products sold at Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

In response the Head of Culture and Arts said that a tender is carried out to identify product for resale within the facility. The process permitted suppliers of product to submit an application to a panel for assessment, and the panel would score applicant products and this would determine what products are sold through the gift shop at the facility. The Head of Culture and Arts stated that he would check with the facility as to the current arrangements and inform the member directly.

Councillor Cuddy said as a retailer he would get local people who write and publish books requesting that he sell them in the shop. He said often he would take a quantity and sell them on. He said people sometimes can find it difficult to get outlets to take the books and Council should support them as they can be both topical and varied and it would be good to have some sort of agreement.

In response the Head of Culture and Arts said that if those with specific product for resale could make contact with him in the first instance that he would advise accordingly and assist where possible.

Councillor Burton supported Councillor Cuddy stating that Council should facilitate as people take a great interest in books on local issues and places.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Burton

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Direct Award Contract for the purchase of Seamus Heaney book stock (for resale) from Grantham Books Services, as the sole distributor for Faber and Faber in Northern Ireland, for the next 3 year period from January 2022-to December 2024, and to avail of the 35% discount price of the book stock purchased from this source.

#### **D009/22 Sports Representative Grants**

The Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed community grant allocations for the Sports Representative Grant – Teams and Individuals (December 2021).

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and grant approval for the sports grant allocations as recommended to the value of one individual £250.

#### **D010/22 Consultation DfC: Notice to Quit Periods for Private Tenancies**

The AD: HLW drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining Council's response for submission in respect of the Department for Communities: Notice to Quit Periods for Private Tenancies.

Councillor Monteith said he appreciated the response but sometimes the reality on what is taking place on the ground is missed. He said many evictions are taking place and people asked to leave their homes for invalid reason and there is no advise available and that the cards is very much in favour of the landlord. He said Councillor Kerr had mentioned eviction by rent increase thus there is no letter to quit but the rent keeps climbing! Councillor Monteith concluded that the whole sector needed to be regulated and that local councils and or the NIHE needed the authority over the rental sector.

Councillor Elattar acknowledged that there had been problems for many years and that Minister Hargey had delivered initiatives to alleviate them but that the situation did not occur overnight and it would take a while to work through. She concluded that it was a good response to the consultation.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Elattar

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the response as outlined in the report.

**D011/22 Economic Development OBFD**

The Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Programmes presented previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities and sought approval for the following:

- **High Street Task Force: Call For Evidence 2021:** The Northern Ireland Executive Office sought views on its initial findings and potential solutions for key issues facing our high streets. The High Street Task Force (HSTF), a group formed by The Executive Office has identified the challenges and issues that our high streets face. The HSTF has been seeking views on solutions to support our high streets and to contribute to the development of thriving and sustainable city, town and village centres.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to Retrospectively Approve response to the High Street Task Force - Call for Evidence, which had to be submitted before the deadline of 6 December 2021. If any Member has further comments they wish to add, these should be forwarded to the Assistant Director of Economy, Tourism & Strategic Programmes by 20 January 2022, who will forward them on to The High Street Task Force.

- **Tourism Active Travel Projects:** In June 2021, Greenway and Active Travel Projects wrote to Council to advise of a funding initiative through Department of Infrastructure (DfI) to install active travel pods on existing or potential Greenway sites. An application was submitted in July 2021 to look at installing 6 active travel pods along the old railway lines, which take in our 6 main towns in the district. Following assessment of the application, a business case for the project was submitted to the value of £24,480 (excl. Vat). Council is currently awaiting the Letter of Offer.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said he had not realised that the A29 to Coleraine was a Greenway.

Councillor Cuddy said that Councillor McKinney had highlighted if he left his home in Tobermore he could walk to the North coast but if he turned the other direction there is no footpaths at all.

The Chair Councillor Molloy said it was similar to Portadown where you would walk to the Irish Sea but that mid Tyrone had nothing.

Councillor Burton said that Council needed to push forward initiatives as safety was paramount and highlighted the example of the footpath at Eglishe.

Councillor Burton drew attention to the site at Fivemiletown Round Lake and said that Council had spent £1m but the paths around the lake were not in good shape and locally there was negative feedback and Council needed to strive to get this sorted.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be supportive but said that Council had lots of plans for urban parks and proposed that it be standard to incorporate active travel pods and it was essential to factor in at planning stages.

Councillor Kerr seconded the proposal

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that active travel pods be incorporated into future park developments.

Councillor Kerr in relation to Coalisland Canal (Gortgonis) asked if the benches would be accessible benches.

In response the Chair, Councillor Molloy said the matter was the next item of business,

Councillor Clarke said that the footpaths and greenways had also many historical connections and said you could walk from Draperstown to North Coast and if there was established footpaths in place would be maintained, but if it is no established footpaths then it is a problem. He said that DfI had a major role to play and highlighted the example of Ballyronan a major tourist attraction but there was no footpath to walk to it. He said that in driving forward projects it was imperative that DfI contribute.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that in relation to historical walks there was also the connection of the O'Neill's and the Flight of the Earls.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Note the contents of the report;
- (ii) Approve the project subject to DfI signing off the Business Case.
- (iii) Subject to the business case being approved, and DfI issuing Council with a letter of offer, grant authority for the Chief Executive to sign and return the letter of offer and permit staff to initiate the relevant procurement process.

- **The Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme:**  
Members were informed of the Covid Small Settlements Regeneration Programme at the November 2021 Committee meeting. Council has received further correspondence from the Department for Communities (DfC) (appendix 2A of the report) requesting submission of a draft Small Settlements Regeneration Plan by 12 noon on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 as detailed in appendix 2b of the report.



This Programme is being jointly funded by three government departments – DfC, DAERA and DfI and aims to realise a range of benefits including:

- Physical regeneration of small settlements in order to improve place making and aid recovery from Covid-19
- Improvements that encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area by 2022/23
- Improvements that enhance walking, cycling and other associated facilities within the scheme area by 2022/23.

Councillor Wilson thanked staff for their work and drew attention to appendix 1 and asked why Dungannon was in as a village.

In response the AD: EDT&SP advised that the area was outside the 30mph zone.

The SD: Environment said that the project was to link Ballysaggart Lough back to the Town Centre.

Councillor Kerr apologised for raising the issue prior and asked in relation to Coalisland Canal (Gortgonis) if the street furniture would include accessible benches.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy confirmed they would be.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Burton

The Chief Executive thanked Members for paying tribute to staff and said the project had burned the midnight oil and whilst they had sought an extension it had only been given to the 2 January 2022. He said this was an intelligent piece of work and moving forward Council needed to have projects 'shelf ready'. The Chief Executive concluded that moving forward proposals would be brought for approval ad hoc in order that they were ready as funding became available.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred.

Councillor Cuddy commended the work and said it had struck him the total cost is £2.3m which if funding bid was successful would be 90% funded externally which was excellent.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Retrospectively approve Council's draft Covid19 Small Settlements Regeneration Plan submitted to DfC on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021;
- (ii) Approve that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to accept and sign a Letter of Offer from DfC to allow the projects to be progressed as soon as possible, given the tight timeframes for delivery;
- (iii) Note that a report will be brought to the P&R Committee in February 2022, to seek the necessary approvals for Council's match funding towards the schemes.

- **DfC Revitalisation Scheme 2021/2022 – Coalisland Town Centre:** The Department for Communities (DfC) had approved the Revitalisation scheme for Coalisland Town Centre to the value of £250,000, which followed after the completion of Coalisland Public Realm Scheme. DfC will provide 100% funding towards the scheme, with the proviso that all projects must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Councillor Kerr said he had been asked if Coalisland would get shopping bags for issue similar to Dungannon and Cookstown as this was a great way of advertising 'shop local'.

In response the AD: EDT&SP said that shopping bags would form part of the proposals to promote the town's new brand, once completed.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to retrospectively approve for permission to be granted to the Chief Executive to sign the Letter of Variance from Department for Communities for £274,000, which includes the additional funding of £24,000.

- **Request from the Workspace Group:** It was noted that correspondence was received on 14 December 2021 from Ms Georgina Grieve, CEO, Workspace Group requesting Council support in relation to match funding for the 12-month extension to the ESF Programme starting April 2022 and running until March 2023.

It was noted that Council were awaiting the results of the Department of Economy's £8m bid to Westminster for funding before it finally committed its budget for this area of work.

Councillor Elattar said that it was not just Workspace which was impacted in this way but another negative impact of Brexit across the voluntary and community sector. She said there was no money forthcoming from Westminster although there had been a lot of talk about funding. She concluded she would propose the recommendation.

Councillor Corry said this was a direct result of Brexit and nothing had been heard about funding and on reading the document training and young people were going to be hit hard and there would be a major impact on Mid Ulster. Councillor Corry suggested that Council write to the Department of the Economy seeking an update in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred and asked the AD: EDT&SP to note.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to seek an update from the Department of the Economy in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

*Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Enterprise Centre as they were involved in Workspace Programme*

*Councillors Cuddy and Molloy declared an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre.*

Proposed by Councillor Elattar

Seconded by Councillor Corry

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to write to Ms Georgina Grieve, Workspace Group, providing a '*letter of support*' from Mid Ulster District Council regarding their deficits in funding to deliver ESF funded projects in 2022/23.

- **All Island Strategic Rail Review Consultation**

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is consulting on a document titled "All Island Strategic Rail Review". The consultation document considers and focuses on how the rail network on the island of Ireland can improve to promote sustainable connectivity into, and between, the major cities, enhance regional accessibility and support balanced regional development. This is a joint consultation with the Irish Government's Department of Transport.

Councillor Burton thanked the Officer team for compiling the response and asked if there had been any interaction with groups from ABC Council area as some board members reside in that area. She said this should be used as part of the communication to get the message out and encourage others to respond as many would hope to see the railway network back into the areas. She concluded that many residents drive to Dungannon then take the bus to Portadown for railway connections.

Councillor Corry thanked officers for the response and acknowledged there was massive gaps in the network highlighting areas such as Dungannon and Cookstown before you even reach the rural areas. She said there was much said about climate change and reducing the use of cars but people in rural areas did not have any other option as there was poor bus network and no rail network.

Councillor Monteith said the response was good work and concurred with Councillor Burton that this should be a launch pad for Council to get more involved in promoting a rail network in the area. The public who would buy in as the removal of the rail network was an act of complete vandalism both economically and socially. He said he thought it was the start of something useful and it should be central to Council policy to drive to get the railway network back and All Ireland rail network.

Councillor Burton said Council should be exact in what the possibilities are it does not stop in Dungannon if going to Fermanagh it needs to go through the Clogher Valley.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said there is a tendency to look at what it was in past but there is the opportunity to look for new inventive as it would be starting from a blank page.

Councillor Quinn said it could not be envisioned that the railway network would come back as it was but if we could get a drive on and the Council behind it if we could get connectivity back to Dungannon and build on that to Fermanagh and Donegal it is big undertaking but Council should strive to do this.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Burton

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to consider Council's draft response to the All Island Strategic Rail Review and provide commentary as necessary to inform the final response to be submitted on behalf of Council by 21 January 2022.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **D012/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021

Councillor Burton referred to D214/21 Deputation regarding Clogher Valley Rugby Club and clarified that the funding she had referred to had been SWARD.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to D226/21 Town Centre Cleaning and asked if there was any further progress.

In response the AD: EDT&SP advised that specifications were being drawn up and would be presented to February meeting.

Councillor Monteith said it was vital that all areas in the town were covered.

#### **D013/22 Paws for Thought**

Members noted previously circulated report.

#### **D014/22 Economic Development - OBF**

Members noted update on key activities as detailed below:

- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 25.10.21
- Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2021: Evaluation
- Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP)
- Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group

*Live broadcast ended at 8.07 pm*

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

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

14 – Development Committee (13.1.22 )

**Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 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 D015/22 to D019/22

**Matters for Decision**

D015/22 Economic Development Report  
D016/22 Consider letter of Officer from DfC regarding Dungannon Thomas Clarke's Project

**Matters for Information**

D017/22 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021  
D018/22 Mid South West Region Growth Deal

**D019/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.25 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.

15 – Development Committee (13.1.22 )

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 please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- 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.

<b>Report on</b>	Conferences, Seminars & Training
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 January 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2021-22 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members</b></p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix A to this report is sought.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Officer Approvals</b></p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. There is no conference attendance to report this month.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2021/22 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member</p>

	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A Members Conferences, Seminars & Training



## Appendix A

### Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests

### Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
National Association of Councillors	Friday 25 to Sunday 27 February 2022	The Best Western Hotel, Glasgow	£350 + Vat plus travel and accommodation	
<a href="#">The Future of UK Infrastructure Delivery and the Levelling-Up Agenda - Inside Government</a>	Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 March 2022	Online	£295+Vat	

# **National Association of Councillors**

## **Community Empowerment**

### **Agenda**

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Chairman's Welcome, Cllr. Graham

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker

Questions from Delegates.

7.30pm Dinner

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker

Questions

10.45am 3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker

Questions

11.30am Coffee Break

11.45am Anne Bonner, NAC  
Empowering Women  
Questions

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Regional Management Meeting

7-00pm Conference Dinner

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

10-00am Cllr. Brian Nelson, National Secretary, NAC  
Interactive Workshops  
12-00pm Lunch & end of event

## Appendix B

### Approval - Conferences

Details of Courses	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
None					

<b>Report on</b>	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 27 January 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	<b>Purpose of Report</b>				
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council's current <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .				
1.2	In the context of the Coronavirus outbreak in March 2020, the Council has been transacting essential business only from this period. Reports on civic recognition have not been considered over this period however given the relaxing of certain restrictions by the NI Executive it is hoped to reconvene civic recognition receptions where it is possible to do so in line with current guidance.				
2.0	<b>Background</b>				
2.1	All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour &amp; Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.				
2.2	<b><u>Recognition</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Civic Honour:</b> recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table></li><li><b>Civic Reception:</b> will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr></table></li></ul>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition
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	Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition
2.3	<p><b><u>Processing the Request</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed against the policy/criteria</li> <li>Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this</li> <li>Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception</li> <li>Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to receive letter from Council Chair</li> </ul>
2.4	Appendix A details those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.
3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Implementation of the policy allows the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members. Recognition requests received from Members have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
3.2	In April 2020 it was resolved that due to COVID a letter together with an award would be posted to Civic Reception and Civic Honour recipients. Due to lifting of restrictions around COVID it is the intention going forward to cease this process and resume hosting receptions where current guidance permits.
4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members give consideration to approving civic recognition requests as presented and be dealt with as appropriate.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval

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## Appendix A: January 2022 Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

### Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None			•	

### Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Marquee Electronics	Business Innovation Award National SME Awards, London	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding Achievement</li> </ul>	For: Not Applicable Date:
Craig Bigger (Cookstown BC)	51kg Ulster Elite Champion	Cllr McNamee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at Competition</li> </ul>	For: Irish Athletic Boxing Association – All Ireland Junior 2 Championship 42KG Ulster Championship (Civic Reception)  Date 26/4/18 (out of 3 years)
Watty Graham's Glen Camogie Club	Ulster Junior Camogie Final	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at Competition</li> </ul>	For: Club has received previous recognition Ballad Group, Ceili Dancers Scor, Senior Footballers, Ulster Translink Date: within past 3 years

Dorieann Donnelly	Ulster Ladies Football All Star Previous Ulster Post Primary Camogie All Star Award	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding Achievement</li> </ul>	For: Date: Not Applicable
Beth Jones	Ulster PPS All Star Panel	Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding Achievement</li> </ul>	For: Date Not Applicable
Emmet's GAC Slaughtneil	Ulster Senior Club Hurling Champions (Clubs fourth Ulster Title in Five Years)	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at Competition at Provincial level</li> </ul>	For: Club has received previous recognition various titles 2017 – All 2018 Camogie 2020 Football & Writing
Naomh Treasa	All Ireland and Ulster Junior B Club Champions	Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at Competition All Ireland/provincial level</li> </ul>	For: Ulster Junior Club Champion 2017 (Civic Award)  Date: 2017 out of 3 years
Abigail Rafferty	Selected to Represent Ireland in Basketball. FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifier Ireland at the FIBA U20 Women's European Challengers	Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representing Country at European Level</li> </ul>	Playing for Ireland Basket Ball Team and Receiving First Cap (Letter) Date: 28/09/17

#### **Other: Letter from Council Chair**

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
Moy Tir na nÓg GFC	Tyrone Under 16 Girls Football Grade 2 League Champions 2021	Cllr Monteith
Ryan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh)	Tyrone All Stars – Young Hurler of the Year 2021	Cllr Monteith
Eoghan Ruadh	Under 13 Tyrone Championship & League Winners Under 15 Tyrone Championship Winners Under 17 Tyrone Championship and League Winners	Cllr Monteith
Kieran McGeary	RTE All Star (Tyrone) Player of the Year	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee  Previously recognised RTE Sunday Game 2021 Team of the Year Player reception Sept 2021 Civic reception; Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Letter Dec 2021
Niall Morgan	RTE All Star (Tyrone)	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee  Previously recognised RTE Sunday Game 2021 Team of the Year Player reception Sept 2021 Civic reception; Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Letter Dec 2021
Peter Harte	RTE All Star (Tyrone)	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee  Previously recognised RTE Sunday Game 2021 Team of the Year Player reception Sept 2021 Civic reception; Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Letter Dec 2021

Padraig Hampsey	RTE All Star (Tyrone)	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee Previously recognised RTE Sunday Game 2021 Team of the Year Player reception Sept 2021 Civic reception; Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Letter Dec 2021
Brian Kennedy	RTE All Star (Tyrone)	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee  Received civic recognition Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Dec 2021
Darren McCurry	RTE All Star (Tyrone)	Cllrs Mallaghan and McNamee  Previously recognised RTE Sunday Game 2021 Team of the Year Player reception Sept 2021; Irish News All Star Team Player 2021 Letter Dec 2021
Damian Casey	GAA Champions 15	Cllr Monteith  Previously recognised: GAA Champions 15 (Hurling) (Member of Eoghan Ruadh Hurling) (Reception)

<b>DecReport on</b>	Correspondence to Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 27 January 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Assistant Director
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Members Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Correspondence from Newry Mourne &amp; Down District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from Newry Mourne &amp; Down District Council with regards to a notice of motion brought to Council by Down High School in relation to Tree planting Scheme and Climate Change. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from Department of Health</b></p> <p>The Council Chair has received response to letter forwarded following the motion carried by Council with regard to funding package released by Department of Health with regard to domiciliary care. Refer to appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</b></p> <p>The Council has received a letter from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 1 June 2022. The letter refers to the promotion and organization of celebratory events. Refer to appendix C.</p>
3.4	<b>Correspondence from Department for Communities</b>

3.5	<p>The Council Chair has received response to letter forwarded following the motion carried by Council in October with regard to the establishment of a Fuel Poverty Taskforce. Refer to appendix D</p> <p><b>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Council Chair has received response to letter forwarded following the motion carried by Council in December with regard to the budget allocation for roads. Refer to appendix E.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix A: Newry Mourne &amp; Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix B: Department of Health</p> <p>Appendix C: Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p> <p>Appendix D: Department for Communities</p> <p>Appendix E: Department for Infrastructure</p>

**Marie Ward**  
Chief Executive

Our ref: C/242/2021

20 December 2021

Mr Anthony Tohill CEO  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Council Offices  
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BT71 DT



Comhairle Ceantair  
an Iúir, Mhúrn  
agus an Dúin  
**Newry, Mourne  
and Down**  
District Council

Dear Mr Tohill

**Re: Notice of Motion – Down High School**

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2021, the following Notice of Motion which was presented by the pupils of Down High School was agreed:

**"We are here as members of Down High School Eco group because we understand it is our generations duty to tackle climate change. We are very concerned about the increasing levels of CO2 emissions, and the low density of woodland. We would love to see the extension of the Downpatrick Schools' Community Woodland Project to plant 2026 trees as part of Cop26.**

**We want Newry, Mourne & Down District Council to help support us in the organisation of a Community Eco Fun Day to get the community and local schools involved in supporting tree planting and raising awareness of Climate Change. This project will help to:**

- **Raise awareness about the climate crisis**
- **Provide habitat for wildlife**
- **Provide a new recreational area for our community**

**We need our Council to show leadership in promoting Climate Change within the community.**

**We ask that Council write to the NI Assembly asking that a tree be provided for every pupil in N. Ireland and that we write to the other 10 Councils asking them to support this initiative".**

The pupils received an enthusiastic positive response from Members who fully supported the Motion.

Discussion took place regarding an initiative recently adopted by the Welsh Assembly whereby a tree was provided for every pupil in Wales and Members asked that a similar initiative be adopted in N. Ireland.



Members of Newry, Mourne and District Council expressed strong support for this Motion and urge your Council to also support it.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Ward', is written over a horizontal line.

**Marie Ward**  
**Chief Executive**





Department of  
**Health**

An Roinn Sláinte

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Your Ref:  
Our Ref: CORR-4107-2021

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Dear

*Paul,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 December, in which you advised of the recent motion agreed by Mid Ulster District Council in relation to the recent support package I announced for the domiciliary and wider social care sector.

We have seen increasing pressures right across domiciliary care service provision for a number of years and I am acutely aware of the pressures currently facing domiciliary care providers.

As the Council's motion notes, on 24 November, I was pleased to announce a £23 million package for domiciliary care and the wider social sector. This funding will enable employers to offer improved rates and attract more staff to cover the shortfalls they have been experiencing. This is part of a larger strategy aimed at introducing a longer term solution involving multi-year budgets and further financial settlements for all health and social care services.

There has been a significant amount of engagement between the sector and Department officials on this funding package, with a clear recognition that there is a need to ensure this additional funding goes to frontline staff. There is a firm commitment from the employers that this will happen.

Given the pressures facing the domiciliary care sector at present, and the knock on effect this has on primary care services, the majority of funding will be allocated against increasing the hourly rate paid, to a maximum of £18 per hour, for domiciliary care providers. This comes with the expectation that providers will not only maintain service levels, but increase additional capacity. This additional funding will allow employers to offer enhanced rates of pay and better terms and conditions.

The remainder of the funding will be set against providing a pay rise to the care home and supported living sector.

While the Department cannot mandate what levels of pay employers should offer, I have been clear that this additional funding must be used to stabilise and enhance capacity across the sector to see us through a very challenging winter ahead.

On the wider issue, it is my view that social care needs to become a sustainable and attractive sector to work in. I have previously stated my intention to make much needed improvements and standardisation with regards to pay, training, and career pathways for the social care workforce.

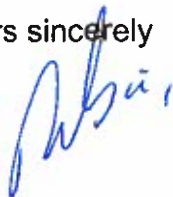
My Department is continuing to develop the future direction and funding of adult social care and support as part of the Reform of Adult Social Care. The expert panel report: 'Power to People: proposals to reboot adult care and support in NI' was published on 11 December 2017. The report makes a total of 16 proposals which include revisiting some of the fundamental building blocks of the system – including how much does care cost, how staff should be rewarded and how people contribute to the cost of their care.

Wider and fundamental reform of the social care sector is needed in order to build a more sustainable, equitable and resilient sector that serves the population of Northern Ireland. Work is currently ongoing to consider the proposals in the report to make the care and support system more effective, efficient and sustainable. Work on the Reform of Adult Social Care is likely to consider the cost of domiciliary care, and the cost of care homes, within the wider context of the entire adult social care system in Northern Ireland.

The "True Cost of Care" has also been a key interest of stakeholders throughout the reform process although the discussions have tended to focus on improving the pay of the workforce. While this is of vital importance and a lynchpin to all the Reform proposals, other elements such as planning a sustainable system of social care provision, improving the model of care, market regulation and improved regional tariff setting are also important aspects of considering a true cost.

I hope to launch a full public consultation on the Reform of Adult Social care before the end of the year.

Yours sincerely



**Robin Swann MLA**  
**Minister of Health**



## Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**

*Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing  
and Communities*

*Minister for Intergovernmental Relations*

**Department for Levelling Up, Housing and  
Communities**

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To: All local authorities in the United Kingdom

6 January 2022

### HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. To mark The Queen's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth as part of a year-long programme of events.

We want celebrations to be even bigger and better than previous national celebrations and for as many people as possible across the nation to participate, at any point from January to December 2022. You'll be aware that an announcement was made to extend the bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022 to provide opportunities for communities throughout the UK to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

We know that you and partnering organisations you work with understand your communities best and will support them to participate in celebrations. We also know you will want to make sure that this momentous occasion is marked fittingly, and many of you have already started planning exciting programmes of events for your local areas. To support your preparations, we wanted to highlight some of the opportunities for councils and your communities to engage with the Platinum Jubilee which are listed below:

- **Street Parties and 'The Big Jubilee Lunch'**
  - Street parties should be encouraged, and you can play an important role in supporting residents who want to organise parties for their neighbours. For example, relaxing road closure rules to enable street parties to take place as easily as possible will be important. Updated street parties' guidance on how to organise a street party can be found [here](#).
- **The Big Jubilee Lunch – 2 to 5 June 2022**
  - The Big Jubilee Lunch encourages communities to come together, celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better and will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. More details can be found [here](#).
- **Beacon Lighting**
  - In keeping with the long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations, councils are encouraged to light beacons across the UK in the evening of 2 June 2022. Should you wish to take part, more information can be found in the specific Beacons website which can be found [here](#).
- **Platinum Jubilee Events/projects organised by Local Authority-owned civic amenities**
  - Libraries, museums, leisure centres, heritage sites etc are welcome to host their own individual events and projects to mark the Platinum Jubilee. For example, this could include exhibitions, concerts or special talks.

- **National Lottery Funding**
  - More than £22 million of National Lottery funding is being made available to help communities across the country come together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. More information on the different funds available can be found [here](#).
- **The Platinum Jubilee Emblem**
  - The official Platinum Jubilee Emblem is available for use for all activities associated with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including community and national events. It is free to download [from the Royal website](#), where detailed usage guidance can also be found.
- **The Queen's Green Canopy**
  - Everyone from individuals to community groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporations are encouraged to plant a tree for the Jubilee. The initiative runs from October 2021, when the tree planting season began, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. More details can be found [here](#).
- **City Status Competition**
  - The Civic Honours competition launched on 8 June. These rare awards will grant winning towns and cities 'city status' and 'Lord Mayor or Provost status'. More details can be found [here](#).
- **Council led events**
  - Councils are welcome to organise and facilitate large scale Platinum Jubilee events and celebrations of their own choosing within their towns and cities, which could include their own civic occasion, for example, "The Mayor's Jubilee Party".
- **Local pageants**
  - Further guidance on how to host a local pageant will be available early in 2022.
- **Broadcast the TV feed.**
  - The use of local large screens in public places to show TV coverage of the Jubilee, which could include The Platinum Party at the Palace. These screenings could be complemented or enhanced by being a part of a wider event.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) have launched a Platinum Jubilee website which includes useful related resources. The website includes an interactive map, for people and organisations to contribute to and others to search for information on activities taking place near to them. Please explore the website and submit events and activities to be included on the map, which can be found [here](#).

We look forward to seeing the exciting and creative ways in which you and your communities choose to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

With every good wish,



**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**  
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Dear Paul,

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUEL POVERTY TASKFORCE**

Thank you for your recent letter to Minister Hargey. You wrote to make suggestions and offer valuable input regarding the increase in wholesale energy prices. The Minister passed your correspondence to officials who were developing fuel support schemes, and I am now writing to provide you with an update on that work.

Minister Hargey was pleased to announce that a £55 million Energy Payment Support Scheme has been approved by the Executive today. The Energy Payment Support Scheme is for vulnerable individuals struggling to meet rising energy costs due to the global fuel crisis.

A one-off payment of £200 will be made automatically to around 280,000 eligible individuals in receipt of specified benefits as soon as practicably possible. The payment will be made through existing payment channels, without the need for any application.

Individuals will be eligible for this payment if, during the qualifying week (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 inclusive), they were in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Pension Credit;
- Universal Credit;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance; or
- Income Support.



You will be aware that the Minister has also announced a £2m Emergency Fuel Payment Scheme, operated by the Bryson Charitable Group, developed in very close collaboration with the Consumer Council, the Utility Regulator and a range of local energy companies in response to the recent and unprecedented energy price rises.

This is intended as an emergency fund for households facing a fuel crisis right now - households who are facing the real risk of disconnection in the next few days.

In terms of an update on the Emergency Fuel Payment Scheme, this has been developed in collaboration with Bryson Charitable Group, the Consumer Council and a range of local energy companies in response to the recent and unprecedented energy price rises.

A link to the website and form for the Fuel Crisis Fund is below, as well as a link for further information for the information announced by Minister Hargey today on NIdirect.

<https://www.brysongroup.org/news/emergency-fuel-payment-scheme>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/energy-costs-support-schemes>

I trust that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

**Rosheen Thompson**  
**Private Secretary**



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 Our reference: CORR-2080-2021  
 14 January 2022

Dear Cllr McLean

## **BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR INVESTMENT IN ROADS – MID ULSTER**

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2021 regarding investment in roads.

I recognise that there has been historical under-investment in our road network for a significant number of years and that many roads are in need of repairs. It has been independently established (Barton 2018) that some £143 million at 2018 prices is needed to maintain the structural integrity of Northern Ireland's road network. However, for many years, available funding has fallen well below the level required.

My officials met with you on 6 December to update you on investment in roads in Mid Ulster, which also included my commitment to rural roads with an investment of £2.7m from the Roads Recovery Fund for the Mid Ulster area. Recognising the need for investment in rural roads I set up an enhanced Roads Recovery Fund for £17m in 2021-22 of which £15m was specifically directed to works on rural roads, representing a 50% increase in funding compared to the previous year; the highest level of investment yet allocated to a specific rural roads funds. You were also made aware of my commitments to developing the road network in Mid Ulster through interventions such as my Blue/Green fund and Safer Routes to Schools.

Following legal challenges to the award of asphalt contracts in spring 2021, my officials have worked at pace to develop and implement a new asphalt resurfacing procurement strategy which consists of four phases with six new term contracts in each. The first phase, which includes term contracts for the Newry & Mourne, Down, Strabane, Magherafelt, Dungannon and Omagh, is currently out to tender with an anticipated award in February 2022. The second phase, which is scheduled to go to tender in January 2022 includes the Cookstown area.

In addition, two one-off resurfacing contracts have been tendered and are currently being assessed, including one to resurface a section of the A29 Cookstown dual carriageway. Similar one-off contracts are in the pipeline for implementation in the



coming months. The majority of schemes that are currently on hold due to these contractual issues will also be carried out as quickly as possible after new contracts are awarded.

In addition to resurfacing contracts I understand officials had also confirmed that work in relation to surface dressing and structural drainage works in Mid Ulster area continue to be delivered. This important work will increase road safety and serve to prolong the life of the road network for future years.

Looking ahead to future years and recognising the importance of investment in the road network to generate regionally balanced growth and to improve connectivity I have submitted capital funding requirements to the Finance Minister as part of the Budget 2022-25 process as follows: £100m in 2022-23, £110m in 2023-24 and £120m in 2024-25 for Structural Maintenance.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mallon'.

**NICHOLA MALLON MLA**  
**Minister for Infrastructure**



<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 27 January 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster Council for comment.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments and statutory agencies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

## Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Communities	Draft Housing Supply Strategy 2022-2037	The strategy is intended to provide a long term framework for the development of policy, interventions and action plans to deliver the right homes in the right locations, to help meet current and foreseeable housing needs and demands.	9 February 2022	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.communitiesni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-new-housing-supply-strategy">https://www.communitiesni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-new-housing-supply-strategy</a>		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	Inconsiderate Pavement Parking-An Options Paper	DfI is seeking your views on an options paper on inconsiderate pavement parking. Options being considered include: <b>Option 1:</b> introduce individual bans using the Department's existing powers. <b>Option 2:</b> introduce an outright ban on pavement parking, possibly with some exceptions. <b>Option 3:</b> introduce powers that would allow the Department's Traffic Attendants to enforce against vehicles found to be parked on the pavement and causing an obstruction.	18 March 2022	

	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dfi-1/pavement-parking-consultation/">https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dfi-1/pavement-parking-consultation/</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Consultation Title</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Response Currently Being Developed</b>
<b>Department for Communities</b>	<b>Local Government Ability to Hold Remote/hybrid Meetings-Call for Evidence</b>	DfC has issued a Call for Evidence to seek views on the use of the current arrangements, as set out in the Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020, which made provision for district councils in Northern Ireland to hold meetings remotely or in a hybrid format during the coronavirus pandemic.	15 February 2022	Jan P&R
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/call-evidence-northern-ireland-councils-remotehybrid-meetings">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/call-evidence-northern-ireland-councils-remotehybrid-meetings</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Consultation Title</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Response Currently Being Developed</b>
<b>Department for Communities</b>	<b>The Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022</b>	This consultation sets out proposals to amend the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 to include the Department for the Economy's proposed revised performance indicator and standards in respect of economic development.	28 Feb 22	Yes

	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-local-government-performance-indicators-and-standards-amendment-order-northern-ireland">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-local-government-performance-indicators-and-standards-amendment-order-northern-ireland</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Consultation Title</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Response Currently Being Developed</b>
<b>Department of Finance</b>	<b>Consultation on NICS Pension Scheme Prospective Remedy</b>	Consultation on the draft Statutory Rule for the Prospective Remedy in relation to work to remove the discrimination identified in the judgment known as "McCloud"	5 February 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-nics-pension-scheme-prospective-remedy">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-nics-pension-scheme-prospective-remedy</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
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<b>DAERA</b>	<b>Consultation on Future Agricultural Policy Proposals for Northern Ireland</b>	The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the policy proposals for future support mechanisms necessary to achieve a future sustainable agricultural industry.	15 February 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-future-agricultural-policy-proposals-northern-ireland">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-future-agricultural-policy-proposals-northern-ireland</a>		
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Department of Health	Advance Care Planning Policy for Adults	This consultation relates to a policy that will provide a framework for Advance Care Planning for adults (aged 18 years+), focusing on the health and social care aspects. It has been developed to support a person to have greater choice and control over decisions, including plans for their future care and treatment.	11 March 22	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-advance-care-planning-policy-adults-northern-ireland-and-draft-equality-impact">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-advance-care-planning-policy-adults-northern-ireland-and-draft-equality-impact</a>		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Finance	Consultation on the 2022-25 Draft Budget	This consultation seeks views on finding and spending the 2022-2025 NI Executive budget.	7 March 2022	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/budget-consultation">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/budget-consultation</a>		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Draft Dual Language Street Sign Policy Consultation	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is carrying out a Consultation on a draft Dual Language Street Signs Policy. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain your views on the draft policy	31 March 2022	

	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://consultations.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/finance-and-governance/dual-language-street-sign-policy-consultation-1/">https://consultations.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/finance-and-governance/dual-language-street-sign-policy-consultation-1/</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
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<b>Department for the Economy</b>	<b>Heat Networks - Building a Market Framework</b>	The Department for the Economy is seeking views on proposals to introduce new legislation that will provide greater consumer protections for people connected to heat networks and support the growth of the heat network sector.	13 February 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/heat-networks-building-market-framework">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/heat-networks-building-market-framework</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
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<b>Local Government Boundaries Commission</b>	<b>Local Government Boundaries Review in NI Revised Recommendation</b>	The Commissioner has published Revised Recommendations including maps of the wards and districts and is consulting to get views on these Recommendations.	1 March 22	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/consultation-on-lgbc-revised-recommendations/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/consultation-on-lgbc-revised-recommendations/</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Consultation Title</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Response Currently Being Developed</b>
<b>Education Authority</b>	<b>Public Consultation on the Draft Special</b>	EA is seeking views on the draft Strategic Area Plan 2022-27: Planning	12 April 2022	

	<b>Education Strategic Area Plan 2022-27</b>  <b>And</b>  <b>Public Consultation on the Draft Strategic Area Plan 2022-27</b>	for Sustainable Provision, which focuses on improving the quality of educational via viable and sustainable schools that are of the right type, the right size, located in the right place. Consultation Events will be held on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 3 February 2022 – 7.00pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 2 March 2022 – 7.00pm</li> <li>• Thursday 10 March 2022 – 7.00pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 9 February 2022 – 7.00pm</li> </ul>		
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations/public-consultation-on-the-draft-special-education-strategic-area-plan">https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations/public-consultation-on-the-draft-special-education-strategic-area-plan</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	

