

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Capital Projects Committee held on Tuesday, 13 October, 2020 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor S Hughes (Chairman)
Councillor A Gowan (Vice-Chairman)
The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor N Trimble
Aldermen D Drysdale and A G Ewart MBE
Councillors R T Beckett, J Lavery BEM and T Mitchell

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Deputy Mayor
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Alderman S Martin
Councillors S Eastwood, M Gregg and H Legge

OTHER MEMBERS:

Alderman A Grehan
Councillors A Givan, S Lowry, U Mackin and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Transformation
Head of Planning and Capital Development
Head of Service (Sports Services)
Capital Programme Manager
PCSP/Member Services Manager
Member Services Officer
IT Officer
Technician

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor S Hughes, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of the Capital Projects Committee, which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings.

At this point, the PCSP/Member Services Manager read out the names of the Elected Members in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor Hughes, stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. He proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Commencement of the Meeting (Contd)

At this juncture, the Director of Service Transformation pointed out that any decisions taken in relation to the progressing of projects could potentially be affected by any further restrictions put in place by the Northern Ireland Executive in respect of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Alderman A Grehan joined the meeting during the address by the Director of Service Transformation (6.05 pm).

1. Apologies

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jenny Palmer, joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.06 pm).

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman M Henderson MBE and Councillor G McCleave.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

The matters contained in the confidential report were required to be considered "in committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person or organisation (including the Council holding that information).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor R T Beckett and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The live stream of the meeting was paused at this stage.

3.1 Changes and Movements in the Capital Programme

The Director of Service Transformation provided in his report, an update in respect of any proposed movement of projects through the Capital Programme phases. Members were provided with a copy of the following:

- Lagan Valley LeisurePlex (LVLP) Roof Replacement Financial Appraisal;
- Play Refurbishment Phase 3 Financial Appraisal; and
- Revised Outline Business Case for Hillsborough Forest Digital Sculpture Trail, together with NPC Analysis.

3.1 Changes and Movements in the Capital Programme (Contd)

A number of queries raised by Members having been addressed by Officers, it was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor A Gowan and agreed:

- (a) in line with authority delegated by Council at its meeting held on 22 September, 2020, that the capital budget for the LVLP Roof Replacement project be increased, as outlined in the report, to deliver the project and progress it from Phase 2 (Full Business Case) to Phase 3 (Implementation);
- (b) in line with authority delegated by Council at its meeting held on 22 September, 2020, that the capital budget for the Play Refurbishment project be increased, as outlined in the report, to deliver the project and award the contract; and
- (c) that, subject to approval by full Council, the movement in the capital budgets for Hillsborough Forest Phase 1 Digital Sculpture Trail, as set out in the report, be approved and an award made as outlined.

3.2 Redevelopment of Dundonald International Ice Bowl

The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing provided a report regarding the progression of the Dundonald International Ice Bowl (DIIB) and, for reasons outlined in his report, recommended that, in order to minimise the risk of nugatory capital expenditure, a number of actions be taken, including the initiation of a break clause within the professional services contracts. Following lengthy discussion, during which Members asked a number of questions and raised some concerns, it was proposed by Alderman D Drysdale, seconded by Councillor A Gowan and agreed to recommend that a special meeting of Council be convened in November to consider this matter and that a more detailed report be provided to Members for that meeting.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor J Lavery and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The live stream of the meeting was recommenced at this stage.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 7.25 pm.

Mayor/Chairman