



August 22nd, 2025

**TO: The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members
of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council**

A meeting **of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council** will be held on **Tuesday, 26th August 2025 at 7:00 pm** in the Council Chamber for the transaction of the business on the undernoted agenda.

DAVID BURNS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Agenda

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2.0 APOLOGIES

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- (i) conflict of interest on any matter before the meeting (Members to confirm the specific item)
- (ii) pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (Member to complete disclosure of interest form)

4.0 COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 Council Meeting - 24 June 2025

For Approval

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.0 DEPUTATIONS

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7.1 Signing of Legal Documents

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, PSNI, Barrack Street, Lisburn, BT28 1TJ – Letter of Offer in respect the operation and monitoring of a CCTV system in Lisburn

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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For Approval

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For Decision

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10.0 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON BOARDS

(None)

11.0 REPORTS ON DECISIONS SUBJECT TO THE RECONSIDERATION PROCEDURE

(None)

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

(None)

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

(None)

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 21st June

Mayor to attend bucket collection for Mayoral Charity, Action Cancer for Breast Screening, Down Royal Racecourse

Mayor to attend 20-year Anniversary Dinner of Castlereagh Hills Golf Club

Sunday 22nd June

Mayor to attend Phoenix Basketball Club 'Remembering Our Friend Ciara', Lisburn Racquet Club

Mayor to attend Ulster Defence Regiment CGC Annual Service, St Saviour's Parish Church

Monday 23rd June

Mayor to host Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony, Lagan Valley Island

Mayor to attend VIP Visit at Southeastern Regional College, Lisburn

Mayor to launch Mayoral Charity for Action Cancer for Breast Screening, Lagan Valley Island

Mayor to attend Caleb's Cause and SEN Reform NI Event, Stormont

Wednesday 25th June

Mayor to visit Andrew's Ingredients with Chair of Regeneration & Growth, Cllr Kemp, for their 'Baking History together' event, celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the business

Mayor to attend Learning & Development Celebration Day Event by Stepping Stones, Lagan Valley Island

Mayor to host reception for Charlie Stewart and family to receive donated Illuminated Address from Lisburn Silver Band, Lagan Valley Island

Thursday 26th June

Mayor to attend the 2nd Quarterly Meeting of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Political Advisory Group, Canal Court, Newry

Mayor to attend Live Here Love Here Connecting Communities Event, Lagan Valley Island

Friday 27th June

Mayor to attend Pathways for Employment, Lagan Valley Island

Saturday 28th June

Mayor to attend the unveiling of a memorial bench and plaque for the late Fiona Irvine, Tonagh Neighbourhood Initiative

Monday 30th June – 3rd July

Mayor to attend Somme Pilgrimage with Council Representatives

Wednesday 9th July

Mayor to visit Women's Aid, Lisburn

Wednesday 23rd July

Mayor to visit Seamus Heaney Home Place for the launch of the Go Succeed: The Ultimate Pitch competition, Bellaghy

Thursday 24th July

Mayor to visit the Special Educational Needs Football Camp, Lisburn Distillery Football Club

Mayor to meet with Friends of Parkview, Sonas, Lisburn

Saturday 2nd August

Mayor to attend 'Mayor's Cup' Football Tournament sponsored by Choice Housing to raise funds for Mayoral Charity, Action cancer for Breast Screening, LVLP

Mayor to visit the annual Strawberry Fayre, Ballance House

Sunday 3rd August

Mayor to attend finals of the 'Mayor's Cup' Football Tournament sponsored by Choice Housing to raise funds for Mayoral Charity, Action cancer for Breast Screening, Bluebell Stadium

Wednesday 6th August

Mayor to meet with the Rare Diseases Group, Lagan Valley Island

Mayor to host reception for Jean Stewart awarded BEM for services to music in the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council Area, Lagan Valley Island

Saturday 9th August

Mayor to meet with young people attending IFA Fun Football event, Dundonald

Tuesday 12th August

Mayor to attend the Official Opening of think-storage, Larchfield Estate

Wednesday 13th August

Mayor to attend Green Flag for Parks & Open Spaces Awards for Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, Bangor Walled Garden

Thursday 14th August

Mayor to host reception for Masonic Lodge No. 356 celebrating 200 years, Lagan Valley Island

Friday 15th August

Mayor to host VJ Day 80, Lagan Valley Island

Saturday 16th August

Mayor to attend bucket collection for Mayoral Charity, Action Cancer for Breast Screening, Moira Speciality Fair

Mayor to attend Ulster Youth Orchestra Summer Concert, Ulster Hall, Belfast

Sunday 17th August

Mayor to attend bucket collection for Mayoral Charity, Action Cancer for Breast Screening, Moira Speciality Fair

DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING**Wednesday 25th June**

Deputy Mayor to attend Installation Service for the Reverend Jamie Maguire, Moira Presbyterian Church

Thursday 26th June

Deputy Mayor to attend Lisburn Feile Launch event, Irish Linen Centre

Sunday 29th June

Deputy Mayor to attend Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service, Knockagh War Memorial

Friday 4th July

Deputy Mayor to attend the Institution Service for Rector, Reverend Ross Mungavin, St Elizabeth's Church, Dundonald

Sunday 13th July

Deputy Mayor to attend National Day of Commemoration Ceremony, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 24 June, 2025 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman A Grehan

Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge (in the Chair for item 9.1)

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg,
A McIntyre, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, D Bassett, R T Beckett, S Burns,
R Carlin, P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, A P Ewing,
A Gowan, J Harpur, B Higginson, G Hynds, C Kemp,
J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, U Mackin, B Magee, A Martin,
G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever, T Mitchell,
G Thompson and Hon N Trimble

REMOTE:

Alderman S Skillen, and Councillors A Givan, R McLernon &
N Parker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Sports Services
Member Services Officers (BS, EW)
IT Officer
Technician

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed those present to the June meeting of Council, which she stated, was her first meeting of Council following her election to the position of Mayor.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the meeting was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor also advised that, should the meeting go into committee to consider confidential business, any members of the press and the public in attendance would be required to leave the Council Chamber for the duration of those matters.

The Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that all mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and pointed out that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

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Condolences & Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed her Chaplain, Rev Andrew Thompson from Elmwood Presbyterian Church, Lisburn, to his first meeting of Council, Rev Thompson having thanked The Right Worshipful the Mayor for the opportunity and privilege to serve as her Mayoral Chaplain, gave an address during which he expressed condolences to the following members of staff:

- Alison McInnes, HR Officer, on the death of her father Mr John Crozier, and
- James Rodgers, Parks & Amenities, on the death of his brother Mr Joseph Rodgers.

Rev Thompson then said a prayer during which he remembered the above-mentioned bereaved families. Rev Thompson then left the meeting.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

At the outset, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, extended a welcome to the recently appointed Director of Environmental Services, Mrs Angela McCann, and expressed best wishes to Angela in her new role with the Council.

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, since their election to their respective roles at the Annual Meeting of Council on 6 June 2025.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor put on record her thanks and appreciation to everyone who had attended the launch of her Mayoral charity, Action Cancer, the previous day.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors J Gallen and D Lynch, and the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing.

3. Declarations of Interest

The undernoted Members' declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor C Kemp declared an interest in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of her committee membership of St Joseph's GAC
- Alderman J Baird declared an interest in respect of item 3.1 of the minutes of the Community & Wellbeing Committee of 3 June 2025 Community Facilities Fund in view of his membership of Boardmills LOL 1662

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3. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

- Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in respect of item 3.1 of the minutes of the Community & Wellbeing Committee of 3 June 2025 – Community Facilities Fund in view of having assisted a number of applicants to this Fund.
- Councillor A Martin declared an interest in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of his committee membership of Lisburn Recreation & Community Hub
- Alderman S Skillen declared an interest in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of her employment with Ballybeen Improvement Group
- Councillor G Hynds declared an interest in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of his committee membership of Lisburn Recreation & Community Hub
- Councillor U Mackin declared an interest in item 7.3 of the minutes of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee of 3 June 2025 Lagan Valley Regional Park in view of his membership of the board of Lagan Valley Regional Park
- The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, declared an interest in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of her role as a volunteer with Live Life

Completed Declaration of Interest forms were submitted by:

- Councillor C Kemp - in respect of item 3.1 of the minutes of the Community & Wellbeing Committee minutes of 3 June 2025 Community Facilities Fund in view of her committee membership of St Joseph's GAC
- Councillor G McCleave - in respect of item 9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report in view of a family member's membership of Glenavy GAC.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council – 27 May 2025

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 May 2025 be confirmed and signed.

4.2 Annual Meeting of Council – 6 June 2025

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 6 June 2025 be confirmed and signed.

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5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley , seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed that the following legal document be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and PlotBox, The ECOS Centre, Kernohans Lane, Ballymena BT43 7QA – PlotBox Renewal Agreement
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Gamma Network Solutions Limited, The Scalpel, 18th Floor, 52 Lime Street, London EC3M 7AF – Contract for Mobile Voice and Data Services
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Pump Haul Limited, 44 Wateresk Road, Dundrum, Newcastle BT33 0NW – Contract for the Haulage of Residual, Green and Street Sweeping Wastes from Council Household Recycling Centres (Ref: T25/25-009)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Bryson Recycling Limited, Belfast Road, Central Park, Mallusk, Newtownabbey BT36 4FS – Contract for the Provision of a Kerbside Sort Service for the Collection and Recycling of Multi-Materials (including Food Waste) from Households within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area (Ref: T24/25-032)

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees**Communities & Wellbeing Committee****3 June 2025**

Proposed by Councillor D J Craig

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge

Matters ArisingItem 5.1 Page 321Report on Request to use Councill Open Spaces

Councillor R Carlin, on behalf of the Sinn Fein party, requested that it be put on record that following further consideration of the decision on the above item of business, it be noted that Sinn Fein were not in support of this decision.

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Environment & Sustainability Committee

4 June 2025

Proposed by Councillor P Catney

Seconded by Councillor G Hynds

Councillor P Catney expressed thanks to the out-going Acting Director of Environmental Services, Richard Harvey, for his efforts during his time in post. Councillor Catney also extended best wishes to the newly appointed Director of Environmental Services, Angela McCann, who had taken up her new post in recent weeks.

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Abandoned Dog

The Chief Executive responded to comments by Councillor G Hynds on the subject of legal advice in connection with the abandoned dog issue.

Councillor R Carlin left the meeting at 7.19 pm.

Regeneration & Growth Committee

5 June 2025

Proposed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan

Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Corporate Services Committee

11 June 2025

Proposed by Councillor B Higginson

Seconded by Councillor J Bamford

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Review of Civic Policies

The Chief Executive referred to the report and related appendices in connection with the above item of business and advised that, subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee, the reference to the Westminster event would be removed as this event was within the remit of the Regeneration & Growth Committee, and as such was not a civic event. Councillor B Higginson, Chairperson, and Councillor J Bamford, Vice Chairperson, were in agreement to this amendment to the above-mentioned documents, where appropriate.

Councillor R Carlin returned to the meeting at 7.21 pm.

Governance & Audit Committee

12 June 2025

Proposed by Councillor D Bassett

Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

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Planning Committee (for Noting)**12 May 2025****9**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 12 May 2025 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 2 June 2025. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive**9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report**

Alderman S Skillen (remote attendance) and Councillors G Hynds, C Kemp and A Martin left the meeting having declared an interest in this item of business (7.24 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, also left the meeting due to having declared an interest in this item of business (7.24 pm). The Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, took the chair and conducted this item of business.

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Community Investment Fund and in particular, the Phase 4 Outcomes Report.

The report set out the timeline for submission of applications, assessments, approvals and notifications for Phase 4 of the Community Investment Fund. Members had also been furnished with a copy of a table setting out the applicants' eligibility and scores, together with the associated Equality Screening document and the Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

Councillor G McCleave left the meeting at this point (7.26 pm) having submitted a completed Declaration of Interest form in connection with this item of business.

A number of Members welcomed the investment across the Council area as a result of this Community Investment Fund initiative.

One Member commended the Officers who had been working on all the projects and acknowledged that such projects made a huge difference to communities. The Member put on record the importance of those groups who had been successful to look also at other funding streams such as the New Ireland Fund.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that:

- the Council agrees that the undernoted four applicants become the Council's partner projects under the Community Investment Fund Phase 4, offering a match funding of £1,360,000:

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9.1 Community Investment Fund Phase 4 – Outcomes Report (Cont'd)

- a) Live Life Wellbeing Centre,
 - b) Seymour Hill & Conway Residents Association,
 - c) Lisburn Recreation & Community Hub and
 - d) St Jospeh's GAC
- Letters of Offer 'In Principle' be issued to the proposed partner projects with the due diligence arrangements and timelines clearly stated in the terms and conditions;
- a process be incepted for the unsuccessful applicants to provide feedback and support as required, and
- in addition to the recommendations as set out in the report, the project submitted by Holy Trinity Parish Church, Drumbo, be referred back for further consideration with a view to exploring options and financial opportunities for this to become one of the Council's partner projects under Phase 4 of the Community Investment Fund.

Councillor D J Craig, out-going Chairperson of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee, congratulated all of the applicants who had received funding through the Community Investment Fund (CIF) Phase 4. He particularly welcomed the fact that a project in the Lisburn North DEA had been successful in receiving CIF funding. He wished every project success in finding any additional funding they required and he too encouraged the applicants to avail of other sources of funding.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, Councillors G Hynds, C Kemp, A Martin and G McCleave returned to the Council Chamber at 7.31 pm. Alderman S Skillen re-joined the meeting remotely at 7.32.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, resumed the Chair and conducted the remaining business on the agenda.

9.2 Summer Arrangements for Council Business

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive outlining the background and key issues in relation to summer arrangements for Council Business.

Key issues detailed in the report included:

- the Council's governance arrangements that provides for emergency arrangements
- matters that require to be considered by the Planning Committee using its delegated function
- Planning related Section 76 developer agreements which have to be presented to Council for signing and sealing
- contingency arrangements to be put in place over the summer period to facilitate any Council decisions which may need to be enacted to support the PEACEPLUS Action Plan and proposed delegated authority be given to the Mayor, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the relevant Committee, in

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9.2 Summer Arrangements for Council Business (Cont'd)

conjunction with the Chief Executive, to sign off on requisite agreements. All such particulars to be presented retrospectively to Council.

- new emerging programmes and the Works Programme - any variation of contracts or new contracts to be signed. The appropriate Director, in consultation with the requisite Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, to be given delegated authority over the summer months allowing these programmes to be advanced where funding has been agreed or contingency sums exist in the capital programme against committed projects. An updated Capital Programme is planned to be presented to the Corporate Services Committee in September.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed that delegated authority being granted up until 20th August 2025, as outlined in the Chief Executive's report, with all decisions reported back to Committee in September.

9.3 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0033/F

The Chief Executive outlined the background and key issues in connection with the above Section 76 Planning Agreement, it being noted that a previous report to full Council in May had been withdrawn to allow a number of queries raised by Members on the application of affordable housing policy in this Council Area to be addressed. It had been agreed at the May Council meeting that the Council writes to Co-Ownership, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Department for Communities to seek assurances that there was no loophole in the affordable housing policy.

By way of an update copies of the letters issued and their respective responses had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting via the Council's Information & Correspondence schedule.

The Chief Executive advised Members that the purpose of the report and agenda item is solely to seek approval to apply the seal of the Council to the agreement in accordance with legislation and the Council's standing orders.

During the discussion that ensued Councillor A P Ewing left the meeting at 7.36 pm and returned at 7.41 pm, and Councillor B Higginson left at 7.36 pm and returned at 7.38 pm.

A number of Members' queries were addressed by the Director of Regeneration and Growth in relation to:

- co-ownership being the only shared equity model in NI for the purchase of intermediate schemes
- clarification around the 10th residential unit having to be occupied
- the potential for purchasing an affordable housing unit and selling it on for a much higher price

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9.3 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0033/F (Cont'd)

- any opportunity for the developer to come back and vary this Section 76 agreement after signing and sealing
- the nature of the company put in place to deliver the proposed development and being a signatory to this Section 76 agreement, and any special measures in place by this Council
- liability issues for those who purchase a property in this development
- this agreement being a three-party agreement, ie. the Council, the developer and the landowners
- site number 14 which due to its size could be converted into another type of dwelling(s)

At this point The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, advised that following consultation with the Chief Executive, the meeting would go into Confidential Business in order to consider the legal advice received by Officers on this matter.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed that the legal advice be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or Members of the public.

Those seated in the public gallery left the meeting (7.52 pm).

“In Committee”

The Chief Executive and the Director of Regeneration & Growth addressed the Council in respect of legal advice received on this matter, and responded to further questions from Members.

Councillor J Bamford left and returned to the meeting during confidential business at 8.20 pm and 8.25 pm respectively.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

The members of the public were re-admitted to the public gallery.

The Chief Executive addressed the public gallery in connection with the outcome of the discussion that had taken place during confidential session.

It was formally proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor J Laverty, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive subject to re-consideration of further representations made on this planning application by the Planning Committee in due course.

Councillor K Dickson left and returned to the meeting at 8.30 pm and 8.31 pm respectively.

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9.4 Gallipoli – 110th Anniversary Pilgrimage
13 – 18 October 2025

Councillor R Carlin and Councillor N Trimble left the meeting at 8.32 pm.

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Gallipoli 110th Anniversary Pilgrimage which was taking place in October 2025 to mark the 110th anniversary of the landings of the 10th (Irish) Division at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the First World War.

A copy of correspondence received from The Dalariada Cultural and Historical Society had been appended to the Chief Executive's report and which had indicated their intention to plan a commemorative tour to Gallipoli in October 2025 and has invited the Council to be represented.

It was noted that a deposit of £500 per person was required by 31 July 2025. It was also noted that in preparation for the pilgrimage the Council's museum team could research further the history of Lisburn men in Gallipoli with a view to the tour providing an opportunity to enhance the information held within the Council's archives.

Councillor C Kemp left the meeting at 8.33 pm.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that in recognising the contribution Lisburn made to the First World War, and in accordance with the Council's policy on invitations to civic functions, visits, and events, that the Mayor, the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee, and the Chief Executive (or his representative) attend this Pilgrimage. It was noted that the estimated cost for the attendance of three representatives from the Council was in the region of £4,950.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

12. Notice of Motion

12.1 Expanding the Belfast Bike Scheme

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P Catney had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting.

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12.1 Expanding the Belfast Bike Scheme (Cont'd)

“That this Council:

- notes the success of the Belfast City Council public hire bike scheme which has operated for almost a decade in our neighbouring district;
- recognises that active travel links, like other transport connections, can transverse the boundaries of council districts and connect people and communities;
- acknowledges that as part of its recent tender process for an operator of its public bike hire scheme, Belfast City Council included an option for expanding the scheme to neighbouring districts; and
- agrees to engage with Belfast City Council to scope out the potential for co-operating in expanding the scheme to areas in our district that form natural connections to neighbourhoods in the Belfast District.”

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor P Catney and seconded by Alderman M Gregg.

Councillors C Kemp and N Trimble returned to the meeting at 8.34 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be referred, without debate, to the Regeneration & Growth Committee for consideration as it related to the remit of that Committee.

Alderman O Gawith returned to the meeting and Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting at 8.35 pm.

12.2 Civil Unrest

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor N Trimble had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting.

“That this Council condemns the recent violence and civil unrest in Ballymena and across parts of Northern Ireland and acknowledges the great efforts and risks taken by the PSNI to restore law and order.

This Council recognises that a cornerstone of British culture and values is the welcoming and integrating of immigrants into our shared rich heritage.

This Council has in place up to date contingency planning arrangements to enable swift liaison with the PSNI and other partners in emergency situations within our area and will continue to promote safe communities where people of every background or persuasion can feel safe; and will aim to provide assistance, where possible, to people from any background through our well established community networks.

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2.2 Civil Unrest (Cont'd)

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor N Trimble was seconded by Councillor C Kemp.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be debated at the meeting that evening.

Councillor T Mitchell returned to the meeting (8.38 pm).

Councillor N Trimble elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he highlighted a number of issues, including:

- the appalling scenes in Ballymena that he had seen on the BBC national news whilst on holiday
- since submitting his Notice of Motion there had been further violence and unrest across Northern Ireland
- the risk and harm facing emergency services generally but specific when dealing with incidents of mob violence
- fourteen police officers had been injured the previous week in Londonderry as a result of mob violence
- he has the greatest respect for those who are brave enough to put themselves in harm's way in order to protect others
- put on record that this Council firmly supports the PSNI and their actions to maintain law and order and that the Council wishes a speedy recovery to all those injured police officers
- the right to peaceful protests. However some people take advantage of these protests and come together to cause harm to others
- there are those who use immigration to incite violent acts
- his fundamental belief that everyone has a right to live in peace and dignity regardless of their beliefs

Councillor C Kemp, having seconded the Notice of Motion, also spoke in support of the motion and thanked Councillor Trimble for having brought his motion to the Council. Councillor Kemp put on record her heartfelt sympathy to the young girl and her family who were at the centre of the initial peaceful protest, and hoped that the young girl would receive the support she needed in order to rebuild her life.

Councillor Kemp referred to the initial act of solidarity in Ballymena that was overshadowed by scenes of violence which she stated, was racially motivated. During her contribution Councillor Kemp emphasised that as the new Chairperson of the Regeneration & Growth Committee that she would champion the Council's tourism strategy which she hoped would create jobs and opportunities.

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12.2 Civil Unrest (Cont'd)

Councillor Kemp stated that the Alliance Party supported this motion including acknowledging the great efforts and risks taken by the PSNI, and the welcoming and integration of immigrants and the need for up to date contingency planning arrangements.

Councillor G McCleave in supporting the Notice of Motion requested an amendment in that the word "British" in the second point be changed to read "our," the amended sentence to read:

"This Council recognises that a cornerstone of our culture and values is the welcoming and integrating of immigrants into our shared rich heritage."

Councillor N Trimble indicated that he would accept Councillor McCleave's amendment.

Alderman S P Porter advised that he had an amendment to the Notice of Motion which he had detailed in an email to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive forwarded the amendment to all Members of Council for their deliberation.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Right Worshipful the Mayor agreed that the meeting be adjourned for a short time to allow Members to familiarise themselves with the wording in the amendment.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8.51 pm.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 9.00 pm.

Alderman S P Porter read out his amendment to the meeting:

"This Council also recognises that freedom of expression and the right to protest are the cornerstone of British democracy, culture and values. It believes that it is not racist to hold, or voice, concerns in relation to the level of illegal immigration to Northern Ireland, or indeed the associated impacts for demand on housing, access to basic services, including GPs, dentists and school places. Accordingly, it resolves, in particular, to condemn all wrongdoing, defend peaceful protest."

Councillor B Higginson seconded Alderman Porter's amendment to the Notice of Motion.

Councillor N Trimble indicated that he would not wish to accept the amendment as outlined and discussed his reasons thereon.

At this point Alderman S P Porter elaborated on his amendment to the Motion, during which he made a number of comments, including:

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- the DUP condemns violence no matter what the protest is about
- it is good to reinforce strong history in Lisburn and Castlereagh in regard to legal immigration and the value this adds to our citizens on a daily basis
- the DUP reaffirm its support to those who come to Lisburn and Castlereagh to make their home or place of work
- his amendment was to recognise and re-affirm the problems that uncontrolled immigration can have on housing and other services
- the need for an inquiry into Mears Housing and the Home Office policies

Councillors R Carlin, C Kemp, P Catney, on behalf of their respective political parties, spoke in support of Councillor Trimble's Notice of Motion.

Aldermen J Tinsley and S Skillen, and Councillors G Hynds, A Givan, D J Craig, and B Higginson spoke in support of Alderman S P Porter's amendment to the Notice of Motion.

Councillor N Trimble thanked those Members who had expressed their support to his Motion and for their personal stories.

The amendment by Alderman S P Porter was put to the meeting, a recorded voted being taken at the request of Alderman M Gregg, the voting being as follows:

In Favour: Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor D J Craig, Alderman A G Ewart, Councillor A P Ewing, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan, Councillor B Higginson, Councillor G Hynds, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor C McCready, Alderman S P Porter, Alderman S Skillen, and Alderman J Tinsley

Total:15

Against: Alderman J Baird, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor D Bassett, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor P Catney, Councillor P Dickson, Alderman O Gawith, Alderman M Gregg, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Harpur, Councillor C Kemp, Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor B Magee, Councillor A Martin, Councillor T Mitchell, Councillor G McCleave, Alderman A McIntyre, Councillor M McKeever, Councillor R McLernon, Councillor N Parker, Councillor G Thompson, and Councillor N Trimble.

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The amendment to the Notice of Motion fell and Councillor Trimble's Motion, as amended by Councillor G McCleave was put to the meeting, the recorded vote, as requested by Alderman M Gregg, being as follows:

In favour: Alderman J Baird, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor J Bassett, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor P Catney, Councillor K Dickson, Alderman A G Ewart, Councillor A P Ewing, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan, Alderman M Gregg, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Harpur, Councillor C Kemp, Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor B Magee, Councillor A Martin, Councillor T Mitchell, Councillor G McCleave, Councillor

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12.2 Civil Unrest (Cont'd)

C McCreedy, Alderman A McIntyre, Councillor M McKeever, Councillor R McLernon, Councillor N Parker, Alderman S Skillen, Councillor G Thompson, Alderman J Tinsley, and Councillor N Trimble.

Total: 31

Abstain: Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor D J Craig, Councillor B Higginson, Councillor G Hynds, Councillor J Laverty, and Alderman S P Porter.

Total: 7

The Notice of Motion, as amended, was declared “carried,” and read as follows:

“That this Council condemns the recent violence and civil unrest in Ballymena and across parts of Northern Ireland and acknowledges the great efforts and risks taken by the PSNI to restore law and order.

This Council recognises that a cornerstone of our culture and values is the welcoming and integrating of immigrants into our shared rich heritage

This Council has in place up to date contingency planning arrangements to enable swift liaison with the PSNI and other partners in emergency situations within our area and will continue to promote safe communities where people of every background or persuasion can feel safe; and will aim to provide assistance, where possible, to people from any background through our well established community networks.”

13. Confidential Business

There was no other confidential business for consideration

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Lisburn Half Marathon, 10K and Fun Run 2025
Councillor T Mitchell

Councillor T Mitchell put on record his congratulations to the Head of Sports Services and all the Officers and staff for their efforts in this year’s Lisburn Half Marathon, 10K and Fun Run which he stated had been a huge success.

Councillor Mitchell welcomed the route change this year which he described as an excellent route and a flatter course.

14.2 Brooklands Primary School Best Primary School Award & 40th Anniversary
Councillor S Lowry

It was agreed at the request of Councillor S Lowry that a letter from The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, be sent to Brooklands Primary

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14.2 Brooklands Primary School Best Primary School Award & 40th Anniversary
Councillor S Lowry (Cont'd)

School on winning the Best Primary School award at the Family First Education Awards 2025 and also on celebrating their 40th Anniversary.

It was also agreed that a letter of thanks and best wishes be sent to the outgoing school principal of Brooklands Primary School, Mr Jeremy Armstrong, who was retiring from teaching after 38 years' service and also a letter be sent to the new Principal, Ms Fiona Smart, wishing her well in her new position.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that the details be emailed to her office for appropriate action.

At a later point in the meeting Alderman S Skillen wished to be associated with the sentiments of congratulations to Brooklands Primary School.

14.3 Congratulations to Dromara Community Group
Councillor K Dickson

It was agreed at the request of Councillor K Dickson that a letter of thanks from The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, be sent to Mr Nathan Middaugh for having put so much time and effort into organising this year's Dromara Community Festival week-long event. Councillor Dickson advised that the week of activities had been enjoyed by the entire community. Councillor Dickson also thanked Council for having provided him with a gazebo for this event which had been a welcome respite due to the high temperatures.

Councillor Dickson also requested that The Right Worshipful the Mayor consider having a reception for Mr Middaugh and members of the Dromara Community Group in recognition of their efforts and a very successful festival.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that the details be emailed to her office for appropriate action.

14.4 Congratulations to Ms Susan Jones – Pride of NI Awards
Councillor K Dickson

Councillor K Dickson put on record congratulations to Ms Susan Jones, Head of Forthill Integrated Primary School who had won the Spirit of Education award at the Pride of Northern Ireland awards recently. Councillor Dickson described Ms Jones as an amazing individual who had 40 years' experience, being also lead Safeguarding Officer at that school and who had pioneered the Early Years Development in the local community. Ms Jones had also co-founded a cross-community playgroup and had led on a number of shared education projects. Councillor Dickson also advised that Ms Jones had welcomed children from every background at Forthill Integrated Primary School, and as lead Child Protection Officer and a qualified Counsellor, Ms Jones had offered direct support to many families facing poverty, illness and hardship, and delivering food parcels to families facing food poverty.

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14.4 Congratulations to Ms Susan Jones – Pride of NI Awards
Councillor K Dickson (Cont'd)

It was agreed at the request of Councillor K Dickson that a letter from The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, be sent to Ms Jones to convey the Council's congratulations on her award and also to mark this achievement by inviting Ms Jones and staff from the school to a Mayoral reception.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that Councillor K Dickson email the details of his request to the Mayor's Office for appropriate action.

14.5 Royal Hillsborough – Best Kept Small Town Award 2025
Councillor G Thompson

Councillor G Thompson put on record congratulations to Royal Hillsborough on winning the accolade of "Best Kept Small Town" award at the All-Ireland Best Kept Town Awards 2025. Councillor Thompson acknowledged the collective efforts by many from the local communities, including Council Officers and staff, in particular staff from the Parks and Amenities Unit, in maintaining the village which had ensured this accolade.

14.6 Replaced Streetlighting – Elm Corner, Lambeg
Councillor D J Craig

Councillor D J Craig expressed his frustration in regard to the response received from DfI Roads in connection with the issue that he had raised some time ago regarding the second set of replacement LED street lights at Elm Corner. Councillor Craig highlighted inaccuracies contained in the response that had been issued to the Council. He also expressed frustration in that the work that was being carried out for a second time was unnecessary as he could recall approximately two years ago the contractors digging up that area to replace wires and unfortunately DfI Roads have had to repeat that exercise with yet more new wires. He expressed concern that public money was being spent foolishly by DfI Roads.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor D J Craig that a letter be sent to DfI Roads requesting an update on their recent communication sent to the Council in view of the inaccuracies contained within their response.

14.7 Congratulations to Ms Joanne Currie, Cairnshill Integrated
Primary School
Councillor J Harpur

It was agreed at the request of Councillor J Harpur that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms Joanne Currie, Head Teacher at Cairnshill Integrated Primary School on having received an MBE in the King's recent Birthday Honours. Councillor Harpur stated that Ms Currie was a dedicated educator and was well known for her work in the local community in the Castlereagh South area.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that Councillor Harpur email the details of his request to the Mayor's Office for appropriate action.

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14.8 Drainage Issue on the Low Road
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds, having referred to the issue that Councillor D J Criag had raised in relation to the matter of inaccurate responses from DfI Roads (item 14.6 refers), expressed concern that despite having received an update from DfI Roads, the drainage issue on the Low Road had not been resolved. Councillor Hynds requested that a letter be sent to DfI Roads seeking a further update on the drainage issue on the Low Road.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that Councillor Hynds email the details of his request to the relevant Director for appropriate action.

14.9 Constable Stephen Dickson – King's Police Medal & Spirit of NI
'999 Hero' Award
Councillor A Gowan

It was agreed at the request of Councillor A Gowan that a letter of congratulations be sent to Constable Stephen Dickson on receiving the award of the King's Police Medal in the King's Birthday Honours, and also for his achievement at the Spirit of NI Awards when he had been awarded the '999 Hero' award. Councillor Gowan advised that Constable Dickson was the Chairperson of the Council's Road Safety Committee, something he was passionate about having spent 30 years in the Collisions & Investigations Unit of the PSNI and formerly the RUC George Cross. Councillor Gowan also requested that The Right Worshipful the Mayor consider inviting Constable Dickson to a Mayoral reception to mark his recent achievements.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that Councillor Gowan email the details of his request to the Mayor's Office for appropriate action.

14.10 Special Meeting of Council - BHSCT & SEHSCT
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson referred to a question he had asked at the Special Meeting of Council in March 2025 in regard to Purdysburn ambulance station being retained at Purdysburn, and welcomed the recent news that this station had been operational from the Purdysburn site from last week. There was a commitment to keep this service at Purdysburn, which, he stated, would be good for ambulance coverage in the Lisburn and Castlereagh area.

14.11 Ms Jean Stewart - King's Birthday Honours
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson read the content of an email that he had received which outlined that Ms Jean Stewart had received the British Empire Medal in the recent King's Birthday Honours in recognition of her services to music in Lisburn. The email noted that Ms Stewart was a life-long member of the Lisburn community having taught piano and the theory of music for over 60 years.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that she, and also the Deputy Mayor, were also in receipt of this email regarding Ms Stewart's award and assured that her Office would mark this achievement in the near future.

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14.12 Archaeological Dig – Moira Demesne
Councillor A Givan

Councillor A Givan welcomed the archaeological dig that was currently taking place in Moira Demesne which had uncovered a number of interesting artefacts some dating back to the Seventeenth Century.

Councillor A Givan put on record congratulations to Mr Ruairi O Baoill from the Queen's University of Belfast (QUB) Archaeology Department for his efforts in supervising this dig at Moira Demesne which had been assisted by 35 students from QUB and also a large number of volunteers. Councillor Givan conveyed thanks to Mr O Baoill and all the volunteers for their efforts.

Councillor Givan advised that he had represented the Chairperson of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee at this site for an afternoon when he had joined the team of volunteers in the hope of finding something interesting. He also indicated that he had sent an email to the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing regarding the possibility of keeping the dig open, there being only a few days left before the dig was closed. He suggested that it may be possible to fence off part of the park and also have story boards erected. Councillor A Givan requested that the Chief Executive look into the possibility of keeping the dig open at Moira Demesne.

The Chief Executive stated that he had attended the site that morning and had met Mr O Baoill and other archaeologists who had indicated that they were keen that the Council give consideration to having some form of interpretation of the dig on display. It was also acknowledged that a substantial investment would be required to display the artefacts. The Chief Executive assured that discussion would take place on how best to celebrate this story going forward.

Alderman O Gawith advised that he also had been at the site and had chatted to the archaeologists about the small pieces of flat glass that had been uncovered. He too had been asked in recent days if the site could remain open.

Councillor P Catney also welcomed this archaeological dig, having grown up in Moira.

Councillor D J Craig as the then Chairperson of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee had attended along with the Chief Executive at the launch of the dig and had the honour of digging out the first shovel of grass and had uncovered the first piece of pottery. He too said it was important that the Council recognises the work of the dig supervisors, the university students, and the volunteers, and also the Council staff from the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum.

14.13 Congratulations to (a) Christian Ennis from Ballybeen and
(b) 2crew4u Dance Group
Alderman S Skillen

At the request of Alderman S Skillen it was agreed that a letters of congratulations and best wishes from The Right Worshipful the Mayor be sent to:

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14.13 Congratulations to (a) Christian Ennis from Ballybeen and
(b) 2crew4u Dance Group
Alderman S Skillen (Cont'd)

- (a) Christian Ennis, a high school pupil from Ballybeen who had qualified to attend the Under-18 Darts Championships in Gibraltar later this year. Alderman Skillen advised that both Christain's parent and the local community were very proud of Christain's achievement. and
- (b) 2crew4u Hip Hop dance group who meet in the Ballyoran Centre on their forthcoming trip to New York next year, this being a fabulous opportunity for this group of young people to dance on stage in New York.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that the details be emailed to her office for appropriate action.

14.14 Twelfth of July Celebrations – Dundonald and Dromara
Alderman S Skillen

Alderman S Skillen put on record her thanks and appreciation to the Council staff for their efforts and support in preparation for the forthcoming Twelfth of July celebrations in Dundonald and Dromara.

14.15 NAC Publication - How the Green Economy can Fund Local Government
Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, drew Members' attention to the above publication that had been circulated that evening for each Member. The Deputy Mayor encouraged Members to take their copy with them and to read its contents, with any comments they wished to make to be emailed to her directly.

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and wished everyone a very good summer break.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 10.05 pm.

Mayor

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Thursday, 26 June, 2025 at 6:01 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor D Bassett (Acting Chair)
Mr E Jardine (Independent Member and Vice-Chair)
Alderman O Gawith
Councillors J Bamford, D J Craig, A Martin and M McKeever

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Aldermen S P Porter and J Tinsley
Councillors S Burns, S Lowry and B Magee

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillors P Catney and G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Head of Finance
Internal Audit Manager (remotely)
IT Officer
Member Services Officers (CR and EW)

Northern Ireland Audit Office:

Mr R Ross (remotely)

RBCA

Mr B Stewart (remotely)

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Director of Organisation Development and Innovation advised that the Chair, Councillor D Lynch, was unable to be present. As the Vice-Chair, Mr E Jardine, was an Independent Member, he was not permitted to chair the meeting and, in line with protocol, this responsibility fell to another Member of Councillor Lynch's Party, Sinn Féin. The Director advised that Councillor D Bassett would be chairing the meeting in Councillor Lynch's absence.

The Acting Chair, Councillor D Bassett, welcomed those present. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. In accordance with the Protocol for Remote Meetings, the Chair asked that those attending via zoom ensure that the meeting could not be seen or heard by any other person at their remote location when confidential business was being considered.

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The Acting Chair, Councillor D Bassett asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting. The Director of Organisation Development and Innovation outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Chair, Councillor D Lynch, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, and Councillors A P Ewing and J Gallen.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

At this point, the Acting Chair, Councillor D Bassett, extended a welcome to Mr R Ross, Northern Ireland Audit Office, and Mr B Stewart, RBCA.

3. Confidential Business

The item of business in the confidential report would be dealt with “in Committee” due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor A Martin, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the following matter be considered “in Committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

3.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council – Approval of Statement of Accounts for Year ended 31 March, 2025

(Report would never become available but Final Certified Accounts would be published)

Councillor J Bamford arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.07 pm).

A number of Members’ queries having been responded to by Officers, it was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the Draft Statement of Accounts be approved and submitted to the Northern Ireland Audit Office by the 30 June, 2025.

Members commended Officers for their work in preparing the Draft Statement of Accounts.

Councillor P Catney left the meeting at 6.25 pm.

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Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor A Martin and agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.26 pm.

Mayor/Chairman

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 2 June, 2025 at 10.02 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman M Gregg (Chair)

Councillor S Burns (Vice-Chair)

Aldermen O Gawith and J Tinsley

Councillors P Catney, U Mackin, A Martin and G Thompson

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Councillor N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Senior Planning Officers (MB, PMcF and GM)
Member Services Officers (CR and CH)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin)

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, welcomed those present to the Planning Committee. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. He went on to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Councillor N Trimble joined the meeting remotely at 10.03 am.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors D Bassett and D J Craig.

2. Declarations of Interest

Alderman O Gawith declared an interest in respect of planning application LA05/2024/0823/F, given that his community group looked after the garden beds shown as part of the application. He stated that he would leave the Council Chamber during consideration of this application.

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that, by virtue of being Members of Council, all Members of the Planning Committee would have an interest in planning application LA05/2024/0753/F. However, the dispensation under paragraph 6.6 of the Code of Conduct applied and Members were permitted to speak and vote on the application.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 12 May, 2025

It was proposed by Councillor A Martin, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 12 May, 2025 be confirmed and signed.

At this stage, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that the Principal Planning Officer, Ms R Heaney, had returned to work but had since taken up a secondment opportunity within the Department for Infrastructure's Planning and Public Transport Group. He thanked her for her service to the Council over the last 10 years and looked forward to welcoming her back in the future.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that there were 1 major and 4 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

4.1.1 Applications to be Determined

Alderman O Gawith left the meeting at this point (10.08 am).

The Legal Advisor, Mr B Martyn, highlighted paragraphs 43-46 of the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee which, he advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

- (i) LA05/2023/0823/F – Proposed redevelopment of Poole's Supervalu incorporating demolition of the existing retail units and associated outbuildings; proposed adjustment of site entry and exit points; proposed replacement retail unit and two lettable hot food units with associated car parking and landscaping at Poole's Supervalu, 21 Main Street, Moira

The Senior Planning Officer (GM) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

There were no registered speakers for this application.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman J Tinsley stated that he had had concerns regarding parking, but he had received an explanation. By and large, the economic development here for a local business to invest a lot of money to build brand new premises and two hot food units was welcomed. Alderman Tinsley was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission;

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- (i) LA05/2023/0823/F – Proposed redevelopment of Poole’s Supervalu incorporating demolition of the existing retail units and associated outbuildings; proposed adjustment of site entry and exit points; proposed replacement retail unit and two lettable hot food units with associated car parking and landscaping at Poole’s Supervalu, 21 Main Street, Moira (Contd)
- Councillor P Catney stated that he too welcomed the investment but there would be a price to pay. He stated that there were severe traffic problems at the minute coming from the direction of the roundabout and there were already lengthy tailbacks at times. Councillor Catney was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission;
 - Councillor N Trimble concurred with comments made by Alderman Tinsley and would be supporting the application. What was proposed, although not up to the targets in terms of parking spaces, was better than what was currently in place. Separation of entry and exit would be a huge improvement for road safety; and
 - the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, also concurred with Alderman Tinsley. He had had some concerns in respect of parking but the explanation provided by Officers and the proposal of separating vehicle entry and exit had eased his concerns. He was glad to see that movement of the HGV had been demonstrated and that Officers were content with that. This proposal was an improvement to what was on site currently and Alderman Gregg considered the people of Moira and the wider area would welcome its completion. He was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission, the voting being:

In favour: Councillor S Burns, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor A Martin, Alderman J Tinsley, Councillor G Thompson, Councillor N Trimble and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg (7)

Against: Councillor P Catney (1)

Abstain: None (0)

Alderman O Gawith returned to the meeting at this point (11.03 am)

- (ii) Planning Application LA05/2024/0753/F – Proposed community hub building at Moira Community Hub, 180 metres northwest of 37 Demesne Grove, Moira

The Senior Planning Officer (PMcF) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

There were no registered speakers for this application.

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- (ii) Planning Application LA05/2024/0753/F – Proposed community hub building at Moira Community Hub, 180 metres northwest of 37 Demesne Grove, Moira (Contd)

A Member's query was responded to by the Head of Planning & Capital Development.

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman J Tinsley stated that this proposal would be a great addition to the park, which was well-used and had great facilities for community groups, gardening groups, school groups etc. He commended Officers for the application presented to the Committee and welcomed it;
- Councillor G Thompson stated that this proposal presented a great opportunity for the community to use the park in a different way. It was much needed and she commended Officers on the excellent report. Councillor Thompson was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission;
- Alderman O Gawith stated that he was delighted to see this application come to fruition and thanked Officers for getting it to this stage. He looked forward to seeing it in reality; and
- Councillor P Catney welcomed this application.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to approve this application.

- (iii) Planning Application LA05/2022/0799/O – Site for replacement dwelling with retention of old dwelling as domestic store on lands 25 metres east of 16 Drumcill Road, Lisburn

The Senior Planning Officer (PMcF) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr N Coffey to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were responded to.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman J Tinsley stated that, given that following the site visit it had been deemed by Officers that a dwelling could be accommodated within the existing curtilage and there was no argument for the replacement to be in the front paddock area, it was difficult to go against the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission; and

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(iii) Planning Application LA05/2022/0799/O – Site for replacement dwelling with retention of old dwelling as domestic store on lands 25 metres east of 16 Drumcill Road, Lisburn (Contd)

- Alderman O Gawith stated that, having attended the site visit and given that the application was a dwelling for family, it would seem that the common curtilage would be acceptable. He could see no reason to disagree with the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to refuse this application.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.42 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.51 am.

(iv) Planning Application LA05/2024/0186/F – Proposed dwelling within an existing cluster on land 60 metres south of 162 Old Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Alderman J Baird, accompanied by Mr Johnson, in order to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were addressed.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor U Mackin welcomed that the third and fourth reasons for refusal had been withdrawn. He did not agree with the second refusal reason relating to the focal point. He stated that there was no townland or place called Bailliesmills; therefore, Bailliesmills itself was the focal point. It was a cluster of dwellings that, up until about 30-40 years ago, had a post office. In relation to the mill that had been referred to, the mill house was still there although the mill itself, the water wheel, had been removed. It had been the subject of a change of use application a number of years ago and was now a dwelling. Councillor Mackin contended that the location itself was the

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- (iv) Planning Application LA05/2024/0186/F – Proposed dwelling within an existing cluster on land 60 metres south of 162 Old Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn (Contd)

focal point because it was a settlement, a community of people. Translink bus route signs often mentioned Bailliesmills. The telephone exchange was still present and was one of the busiest exchanges in this part of the world. The Planning Officer had referred to another application at Bailliesmills Road, but that was a different location altogether. Standing at that location, the Masonic Hall could not be seen; however, standing at the proposed site of this application, the Masonic Hall could be seen, as well as the Church behind. Councillor Mackin stated that policy did not mention distance. It referred to a focal point, defined as a social community building, and the Masonic Hall was such a building and was in regular use. He was content that the application did comply with COU2 and was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission; and

- Councillor N Trimble stated that the difficulty with this application was that there was not really a settlement limit. The settlement did exhibit the essential characteristics of a defined settlement. The site looking to be rounded off was bound on every single side. It seemed a bit of a wasted space at the moment and there was currently no great agricultural use. Councillor Trimble stated that the only refusal reason was predicated on the lack of a focal point and he was undecided at the moment. Policy stated that the application had to be associated with a focal point, not situated right beside it. Councillor Trimble was not familiar with the area and was unsure how linked the Masonic Hall was to the dwellings. If this application was not approved and the site remained undeveloped, it remained of no, or very limited, use in any way. Councillor Trimble was curious to hear the views of other Members. He did not deem there to be any negative consequences of approving this application.

At this point, Councillor A Martin proposed that the application be deferred for a site visit to take place in order to determine the location of the Masonic Hall within the cluster, as well as the telephone exchange and former post office. This was seconded by Alderman O Gawith. A further discussion took place, during which the Head of Planning & Capital Development addressed a number of Members' queries. On a vote being taken, the proposal to defer the application for a site visit was declared 'lost', the voting being 4 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention and the Chair subsequently using his casting vote.

The debate continued at this stage:

- Alderman J Tinsley stated that, given that the former post office and mill were now dwelling houses and were 400 metres away, the cluster argument weakened. He understood what Councillor Mackin had said that the area was a cluster but, purely on policy, a focal point was a social community building. Even the telephone exchange was a business, not a community building. Alderman Tinsley was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission;

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(iv) Planning Application LA05/2024/0186/F – Proposed dwelling within an existing cluster on land 60 metres south of 162 Old Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn (Contd)

- Alderman O Gawith stated that, having read the report, he had been in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission; however, having listened to comments by Councillor Mackin, he was not clear enough to know whether or not the Officer's recommendation was the correct one. Alderman Gawith would be abstaining from the vote; and
- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, concurred with comments by Alderman Tinsley. The historical buildings referred to by Councillor Mackin were now houses in the cluster. Issues raised by Councillors Mackin and Trimble probably could be addressed in the next stage of the Local Development Plan. As it stood now, this was a development in the countryside, there was no focal point in Alderman Gregg's opinion that could be looked at to fulfil COU2. The Masonic Hall was much too far away and he doubted it could be seen from this site. Given the context of the PAC decision outlined by the Planning Officer, Alderman Gregg deemed the Masonic Hall could not be cited as a focal point. He welcomed the fact that NH2 and NH5 had been withdrawn from the refusal reasons but he did not consider the application to meet with COU2 and was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission, the voting being:

In favour: Councillor S Burns, Councillor A Martin, Alderman J Tinsley, Councillor G Thompson and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg (5)

Against: Councillor P Catney, Councillor U Mackin and Councillor N Trimble (3)

Abstain: Alderman O Gawith (1)

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for lunch (12.47 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 1.33 pm.

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- (v) Planning Application LA05/2023/0012/F – New one and a half storey infill dwelling with detached double garage on land 60 metres south of 20 Magheradartin Road and 75 metres northwest of 22 Magheradartin Road, Royal Hillsborough

The Senior Planning Officer (GM) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Ms E Heath to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were responded to.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor N Trimble stated that, unfortunately this was not the only application that, under the previous policy, may have been approved but under the currently policy it not quite fit. From the drawings provided in the Officer's report and the document provided by Ms Heath, there were a lot of ancillary buildings at no.20 that had been discounted. Councillor Trimble considered that to be a little bit heavy-handed by Planning Officers. The previous policy was that the gap could accommodate up to two; the current policy required that it accommodate two. Councillor Trimble did not consider that the gap could accommodate two dwellings that respected the character of development in the surrounding area. In his view, current policy did not permit this application; and
- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, concurred with Councillor Trimble. Whilst the Committee may empathise with the applicant, it was bound by policy. Alderman Gregg was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to refuse this application.

4.2 Statutory Performance Indicators – April 2025

Members were provided with information in relation to statutory performance indicators for April 2025. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that this information be noted.

4.3 Appeal Decision – LA05/2021/1150/F

It was proposed by Councillor A Martin, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal be noted.

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4.4 Notification by Telecommunication Operator(s) of Intention to Utilise Permitted Development Rights

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A Martin and agreed to note from the report, information regarding notification by telecommunication operators of intention to utilise Permitted Development Rights at a number of locations in the Council area.

4.5 Correspondence from DfI Climate, Planning and Public Transport Group regarding Transforming Planning – Appointed Persons, Independent Inspectors Project

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the contents of the above correspondence be noted.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Review of Planning Policies Councillor U Mackin

Councillor U Mackin referred to planning policies, in particular COU2 and COU8, which he stated were pretty tight in terms of interpretation. He asked when the opportunity would arise for reviewing policies. The Head of Planning & Capital Development advised that the Local Policies Plan was the next stage in a two part process. Officers were currently gathering evidence for that and the Council was still in accordance with its timetable, with the earliest draft being available in mid 2026 and going out to public consultation. The first that the Local Policies Plan would be examined would be 2028, unless more resources were provided to allow it to be examined more quickly. The Adopted Plan Strategy could be changed at any time but that would require going back through the process of gathering evidence, the consultation process and further independent examination.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development advised that one element of the Plan Strategy that had not been found to be sound at independent, ie. Sprucefield and outlined steps currently being taken to address that.

The normal timeframe for review of policy was after 5 years but Officers did have an obligation to monitor how policies were operating. There was some evidence in respect of that and the Head of Planning & Capital Development stated he would bring a report to the Committee to inform Members on how policy was operating for infill development or for dwellings in clusters, in terms of the numbers of applications received and the number approved and refused.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development stated that now may not be the time to review policy. He referred to the fact that COU8 had been tested through the courts and the outcome was awaited.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development noted comments by Councillor N Trimble and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, that it would be beneficial to engage with Members through a number of workshops in relation to any policies they considered required further work.

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5.2 Application for New Cemetery at Dundrod
 Alderman J Tinsley

In response to a query by Alderman J Tinsley regarding a fresh application that had been submitted for a new cemetery at Dundrod, the Head of Planning & Capital Development stated that information, particularly of an environmental nature, should not be of a vintage of 8-10 years old and the report should relate to the development that was proposed now, not something that had gone before. The Planning Officer who was allocated this application would look at this in more detail.

5.3 Thanks to Chair
 Alderman O Gawith

Alderman O Gawith referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the Planning Committee before the Annual Meeting when a new Chair would be appointed. He thanked Alderman Gregg for this chairmanship of the Committee for the past 2 years. Councillor N Trimble concurred with these sentiments.

5.4 Thanks from Chair
 Alderman M Gregg

This being his last meeting as Chair, Alderman M Gregg, thanked Members of the Committee for their time over the past 2 years and for the quality of their questions to Officers. He thanked Planning Officers for the preparation and delivery of application reports to the Committee. He also thanked the Director, Head of Planning & Capital Development, Legal Advisor, Member Services Officers and the Vice-Chair, Councillor S Burns.

On behalf of Officers, the Head of Planning & Capital Development thanked the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, and the Vice-Chair, Councillor S Burns, for their commitment and contribution to the Committee. He also thanked other Members, noting that the Planning Committee was a challenging one.

5.5 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday, 7 July, 2025.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 2.37 pm.

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 7th July 2025 at 10.00 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chair)

Councillor G Thompson (Vice-Chair)

Alderman M Gregg

Councillors D Bassett, S Burns, P Catney,
J Craig and U Mackin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration & Growth
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Senior Planning Officers (MB, PMcF and GM)
Member Services Officers (RN and BS)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin)

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, welcomed those present to the Planning Committee. Alderman Tinsley pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, the meeting would be audio recorded. The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman O Gawith; and Councillors A Martin and the Hon N Trimble.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 2nd June 2025

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor G Thompson and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on the 2nd June 2025 be confirmed and signed.

4. Texas Flooding Disaster – 4th July 2025

Councillor J Craig referred to the catastrophic flash flooding in Texas on the 4th July 2025 and lasting for a few days which – to date - had resulted in the loss of 82 young lives with many more people yet accounted for. The flash flooding had also caused considerable hardship in Texas.

Given that the Planning Committee was the only meeting currently scheduled for July 2025, Councillor Craig asked that The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, be requested to send a letter of sympathy to the relevant Mayor or the Governor of Texas. This course of action was supported by the Committee.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth would progress this matter with The Right Worshipful The Mayor.

5. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

5.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, advised that there was one major application and three local applications on the schedule. However since the preparation of the report for the meeting, the following application had been withdrawn in its entirety:-

LA05/2020/0560/F – Proposed change of use from office/showroom to a gym facility at 96 Carryduff Road, Temple.

5.1.1 Applications to be Determined

The Legal Advisor, Mr B Martyn, highlighted paragraphs 43-46 of the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee which, he advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

- (i) LA05/2022/0821/F – Proposed mixed use development comprising housing (46 units) and 13 employment units (Classes B2 and B4) with associated public open space, new access to Rathfriland Road, parking, landscaping and ancillary site works at a site to the north of 60 Rathfriland Road and south and west of 52 Rathfriland Road, Dromara, Dromore

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr B Starkey, accompanied by Messrs J Sergeant and T Cousins, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were responded to in respect of flooding, drainage and access.

- (i) LA05/2022/0821/F – Proposed mixed use development comprising housing (46 units) and 13 employment units (Classes B2 and B4) with associated public open space, new access to Rathfriland Road, parking, landscaping and ancillary site works at a site to the north of 60 Rathfriland Road and south and west of 52 Rathfriland Road, Dromara, Dromore (Continued)

A number of Members' queries were responded to by the Planning Officers in respect of the access arrangements, road safety, flooding, the employment use, the affordable housing requirement and natural heritage constraints during which the Senior Planning Officer confirmed that – should the planning application be approved – a condition about the protection of badgers would be included.

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor U Mackin stated that he continued to have concerns in regard to the response of the Rivers Agency by way of addressing the potential that existed of flooding at the bridge on the Banbridge Road and at Churchill Gardens which could be exacerbated by this further development upstream from the adjacent Woodvale development.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin and seconded by Alderman M Gregg that the above application be deferred to allow for:-

- further clarification from Rivers Agency responding to concerns about the impact in regard to flooding in Dromara Village particularly at the bridge on the Banbridge Road and in the Churchill Gardens area, which could emanate from this development and the adjacent Woodvale development; and also any preventative measures which Rivers Agency would intend putting in place to address the already ongoing problems caused by flooding in Dromara Village;
- a request being made to the applicant for an increase in the number of speed control measures within the development being explored, particularly along the road leading from the Rathfriland Road to the industrial units, and the avenues off it. The agent had indicated that – in principle - he would be supportive of additional measures.

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Vote

The proposal in the name of Councillor U Mackin and seconded by Alderman M Gregg to defer the application to the next meeting was put to the meeting and – on a show of hands – declared “carried”, the voting being six votes in favour and two votes against, the voting being as follows:-

In favour: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor J Craig, Alderman M Gregg, Councillor U Mackin and Councillor G Thompson (6)

Against: Councillor P Catney and Alderman J Tinsley (2)

Abstain: None (0)

The Legal Advisor left the meeting at 10.29 am and returned to it at 10.32 am. The Legal Advisor again left the meeting at 10.55 am and returned to it at 10.57 am.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.20 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 11.25 am.

- (ii) Planning Application LA05/2023/0568/O – Site for dwelling on lands beside and SE of 155A Magheraknock Road, Ballynahinch

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr A McCready to speak in support of the application and a number of Members’ queries were responded to in respect of the buildings to be taken account of in the cluster and the access arrangements for the proposed dwelling.

A number of Members’ queries were responded to by the Planning Officers on the same issues that had been raised with Mr McCready.

- (ii) Planning Application LA05/2023/0568/O – Site for dwelling on lands beside and SE of 155A Magheraknock Road, Ballynahinch (Continued)

Debate

During debate:-

- Councillor U Mackin considered the proposed development to be part of an existing cluster of development along with housing on Cargycreevy Road and Cargycreevy Presbyterian Church, this cluster being visible from the development site. Furthermore the development site was enclosed by a hedge and buildings so to say that the site was not sufficient enclosed could not be supported. It would not be possible for the development to extend ribbon development as there was already a building on site and also, a lane extended beyond the site perimeter. A dwelling already uses the access so to say that there is no public access cannot be supported. Councillor Mackin would not be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse the application.
- Councillor J Craig considered that the development site was part of an existing cluster comprising houses on Cargycreevy Road and Cargycreevy Presbyterian Church, with Cargycreevy Presbyterian Church being clearly visible from the site. Furthermore Councillor Craig could not understand how a property behind the development site could have access to the public road, yet this development using the same access could not. Councillor Craig would not be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse the application.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission, the voting being:

In favour: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Alderman M Gregg, Councillor G Thompson and Alderman J Tinsley **(6)**

Against: Councillor J Craig and Councillor U Mackin **(2)**

Abstain: None **(0)**

(iii) Planning Application LA05/2024/0302/F – Replacement dwelling and garage and associated site works at 54 Creevytennant Road, Ballynahinch

Before the item was heard in full, the Chair highlighted that there may be a request to have the application deferred for a site visit. Councillor P Catney proposed a site visit and then sought advice on the reasons for deferring this application to the next meeting.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development advised that there had been a representation - received during the meeting - in which the applicant claimed not to have known that the application was coming before the Committee on the 7th July 2025, and furthermore, he clarified that there had been no late request for speaking rights.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development then confirmed the reasons set out in the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee under which an application could be deferred.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney and seconded by Councillor J Craig that the application be deferred for one month to allow for a site visit to take place.

The proposal was put to the meeting and – on a show of hands - the voting was four votes in favour and four votes against, as set out below:-

In favour: Councillor P Catney, Councillor J Craig, Councillor G Thompson and Alderman J Tinsley **(4)**

Against: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Alderman M Gregg and Councillor U Mackin. **(4)**

Abstain: None **(0)**

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, used his casting vote and the proposal to defer the application for one month to allow for a site visit to take place was therefore “carried”.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth left the meeting during discussion.
(12.07 pm)

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (12.10 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 12.15 pm.

5.2 Statutory Performance Indicators – May 2025

Members were provided with information in relation to statutory performance indicators for May 2025, the content of which was noted.

5.3 Appeal Decision – LA05/2022/0538/O

Members were provided with a report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal, the contents of which were noted.

5.4 Appeal Decision – LA05/2023/0438/O

Members were provided with a report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal, the contents of which were noted.

5.5 Notification by Telecommunication Operator(s) of Intention to Utilise Permitted Development Rights

Members were provided with information regarding notification by telecommunication operators of intentions to utilise Permitted Development Rights at a number of locations in the Council area, the content of which was noted.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0033/F Alderman M Gregg

In response to a query from Alderman M Gregg, the Head of Planning & Capital Development advised that – further to the meeting of Council on the 24th June 2025 - the above matter would be scheduled for the meeting of Committee scheduled to be held on the 4th August 2025. It had been withdrawn from the schedule of applications for this meeting before the agenda was published as one of the applicant's advisors was on annual leave.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.23 pm.

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Committee:	Council Meeting
Date:	26 August 2025
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Purchase of Tickets for the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2025

1.0	Purpose of Report
	To seek Council approval for purchase of tickets for the Council's representation at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2025.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Corporate Services Committee considered correspondence from the Royal British Legion at its meeting on 11th June 2025.
2.2	The letter outlined details of the Festival of Remembrance to be held at Assembly Buildings, Belfast, on Saturday 25th October 2025, and invited the Council to sponsor an advertisement in the event's souvenir programme.
2.3	Members agreed to recommend that the Council sponsor a half-page advertisement at a cost of £500, consistent with previous years. This sponsorship does not include tickets for the event, which were not available at the time of the June meeting.
3.0	Representation and Tickets
	Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance are now released via Eventbrite and are priced at £22 per ticket.
4.0	<u>Recommendation</u>
	It is recommended that Council approve the purchase of five tickets for nominated representatives, namely; Mayor & Guest, CEO/Officer nominee, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee or their nominees, in line with the Council's policy on Civic Representation.
5.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>
	£110 plus any mileage allowance incurred
	Costs will be met through the Civic and Ceremonial Budget.
6.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>
6.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?
	Yes (previously)

6.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. This is covered in the Equality Screening undertaken for the Civic Events Policy	
6.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
6.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:	N/A
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Committee:	Council Meeting
Date:	6 August 2025
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Decision taken under Delegated Authority

1.0	<u>Background</u>	
1.1	In line with previous years, there were no scheduled Committee meetings, with the exception of Planning, over the July and August summer months.	
1.2	Previously Members determined not to have a July Council meeting, given the lack of business and the traditional July holiday period for Members and staff alike. In addition, there was no known order of business to be determined for the month of July.	
1.3	The Council governance arrangements provides for emergency arrangements should there be a need to respond to an unforeseeable event. Such events are subsequently reported to Council as required and dealt with financially within the agreed revenue, reserves, R&R and capital budgets.	
1.4	The Council agreed at its meeting held on 24 June to grant delegated authority up to 20 August 2025 in line with the report presented by the Chief Executive.	
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members note the decision (Appendix 1) which has been taken under delegated authority up to 20 August in line with the report from the Chief Executive presented to Council at its meeting held on 24 June and in the absence of committees during July and August.	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	There are no resource or financial implications associated with the purposed arrangements as all decisions are required to be in line with previously agreed programme, reserves or revenue budgets.	
4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	No
4.2	Each project, programme or policy will have its own Equality Screen already prepared and agreed.	

4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
4.4	The arrangements are regardless of rural or urban environment Each project, programme or policy will have its own rural needs assessment already prepared and agreed.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Report on decision taken under delegated authority
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DELEGATED AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE	TITLE	FURTHER DETAIL
Environment & Sustainability	Arc21 contract for MRF provision	<p>The arc21 contract for MRF provision (processing of dry recyclables in our green bins) is due for extension as the initial 3 years is up on 30 Sept 2025. This was brought through arc21 Joint Committee in June and now requires the approval of each council using it before the 6 month extension can be enacted. The provision of an extension is within the original terms of the contract and is available for up to 2 further years.</p> <p>Due to ongoing review of our recycling arrangements, similar to other councils, it has been decided to extend the contract for an initial 6 months from 30 Sept 2025. This should allow time for councils to have a clearer understanding of longer-term needs; it may be that a further extension is required to facilitate the operational and other contractual changes once those decisions are known.</p> <p>This decision requires delegated authority as the contractor requires 30 days' notice of intention to extend.</p> <p>Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Chief Executive, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on 18 August 2025.</p>



Committee:	Full Council
Date:	26 August 2025
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Delegated Authority for Regeneration and Growth Committee

1.0	<p><u>Background</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Following an Expressions of Interest advertisement the vacant site at Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields was awarded to Canal Boxing Club by way of Community Asset Transfer. Heads of terms were approved by the Regeneration and Growth Committee on 5th June 2024. These terms proposed a development agreement for the construction of the Club Facility and on completion the grant of a 25-year lease at a peppercorn rent. Full planning permission has been granted for the project and a contractor has been appointed. <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Council is a part funder through the Community and Investment Fund (CIF) for this project. The Club continue to seek additional funding to realise their project ambitions. One of these funding streams has a deadline for expenditure of December 2025. To accelerate the Club's ability to meet other funder requirements, Members are asked to provide delegated authority to the Regeneration and Growth September Committee for the purposes of scrutiny and agreement of requisite legal documents in the form of a development agreement and lease. 	
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Council provide delegated authority to the September 2025 Regeneration and Growth Committee on this matter.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	No
4.2	This is not applicable.	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No

4.4	This is not applicable.	
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Appendices:	N/A
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