



August 20th, 2026

**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, 25th August 2026** at **7:00 pm** in the Council Chamber and remote locations for the transaction of the business on the undernoted agenda.

Hot Food will be available in Lighters Restaurant from **5.30 pm** for those Members who have confirmed in advance.

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 Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.0 DEPUTATIONS

None

7.0 BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

7.1 Signing of Legal Documents

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and South Eastern Regional College, 25 Castle Street, Lisburn BT27 4SU – For delivery of Lisburn and Castlereagh Labour Market Partnership 2026/27 Action Plan – Employee Upskilling Programme Welding Academy
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Workforce Training Services Limited, 88-90 Springfield Road, Belfast BT12 7AJ – For delivery of T25/26-082 – Future Pathways – Young People in Looked After Care Employability Programme as per the Lisburn and Castlereagh Labour Market Action Plan 2025/26
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Stepping Stones NI, 39 Seymour Street, Lisburn BT27 4SY – For delivery of T25/26-015 – Accessible Graduate Apprenticeship Programme (Year 2) as per the Lisburn and Castlereagh Labour Market Action Plan 2026/27
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Search Workshops Supplies

Ltd, Altnagelvin Industrial Estate, Trench Road, Londonderry BT47 2ED – Contract for T25/26-063 Tender for The Supply and Installation of a Prefabricated Inspection Pit with Associated Works at Central Services Depot

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Lindsay Turface, 2 Carn Court Road, Craigavon BT63 5YX, Irwins Sportsturf Limited, Unit 4, 21 Silverwood Industrial Area, Lurgan BT66 6LN, Irish Turface, Mullacash North, Naas, Co Kildare, Ireland – Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Horticultural Products

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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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

13.1 Extension to arc21 contract for the receipt and processing of kerbside collected mixed recyclables

Confidential due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

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Not included

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST FULL COUNCIL MEETING

24th June 2026

Mayor to attend Lisburn City & Summit of the Cities 2026, Belfast City Council

27th June 2026

Mayor and Mayoress to attend Peter Corry's Summer Concert, Hillsborough Castle

28th June 2026

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

Mayor to attend Regimental Association of 1st & 9th Battalion, The Ulster Defence Regiment CGC Annual Parade and Service, St Saviour's Connor

29th June 2026 – 2nd July 2026

Mayor attending with Council delegation to the Somme Pilgrimage

4th July 2026

Mayor to attend Lisburn Community Choir Bon Voyage Concert, Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church Hall

7th July 2026

Mayor to attend USA 250 Exhibition Launch, ILC

11th July 2026

Mayor to attend Ballymacash Big Breakfast

Mayor to visit Hilhall Regeneration Fun Day

Mayor to visit Ballybeen Improvement Group Fun Day, Brooklands

Mayor to attend Deramore Community Association Fun Day, Moira

Mayor to visit Killynure Community Association Fun Day

20th July 2026

Mayor to visit local resident on his 100th birthday, Lambeg

Mayor to visit local resident on her 101st birthday, Lisburn

22nd July 2026

Mayor to attend Green Flag Awards 2026, Theatre at the Mill Newtownabbey

25th July 2026

Mayor to attend Hillsborough Farmers Market

Mayor to attend Family Funday, Lisburn Distillery

Mayor to attend Dundonald Dog show, Billy Neill MBE Country Park

Mayor to visit local resident on her 103rd birthday, Dundonald

Mayor to attend Derriaghy & Glenavon football match, supporting Mayoral charity, Seycon Park

27th July 2026

Mayor to attend Go Succeed: Ultimate Pitch, Giants Causeway

28th July 2026

Mayor to visit LCCC City Centre Management Tea Dance hosted by Housty, Market Square Lisburn

30th July 2026

Mayor to visit Missy Dog Boutique to recognise recent award, Lisburn

Mayor to attend Elmwood Church Community Afternoon Tea

Mayor to meet with local residents to receive donation for Mayoral Charity, LVI

Mayor to attend Songbird's Concert, proceeds in aid of Mayoral Charity, LVI

31st July 2026

Mayor to meet with Consulate General Dr Christopher Stange for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, LVI

Mayor to attend Tolerton Sports Zone Soccer Camp

1st August 2026

Mayor to attend Sea Cadets Veterans Breakfast in support of Mayoral Charity, Lisburn

Mayor to attend 10th Anniversary Celebration, Hydebank Baseball Diamond

Mayor to attend Strawberry Fayre, The Ballance House

Mayor to attend Newtownbreda FC Academy Fun Day, Cairnshill Playing Fields

6th August 2026

Mayor to meet with Grainne Phillips and volunteers from Little Green Allotments, LVI

Mayor to attend home coming Home for Ewan McAteer following his participation in the Commonwealth Games, Salto

10th August 2026

Mayor to host reception for Freya Terris, local teenager, accomplished pianist, LVI

11th August 2026

Mayor to visit Little Green Allotments, Lisburn

12th August 2026

Mayor to attend Help the Heroes Coffee Afternoon, Hillsborough Castle

13th August 2026

Mayor to host meeting with Veteran's Commissioner, LVI

Mayor to attend South Belfast & Mid Down DUP Barbecue, Belfast

15th August 2026

Mayor to open Harry Ferguson Museum & Farmstead Heritage Festival

Mayor to attend Belfast Model Railway Exhibition, Dundonald

Mayor to attend UKC Karting Grand Prix, raising money for Mayoral Charity, Nutts Corner

Mayor to visit local resident for her 100th birthday, Ballynahinch

16th August 2026

Mayor to attend Ulster Youth Orchestra Concert, Ulster Hall

17th August 2026

Mayor to attend Family Fun Day Meadowvale View, Lisburn

19th August 2026

Mayor to attend Belsize Court 50th Anniversary Coffee Morning

21st August 2026

Mayor to open Lagan Valley Patchwork Guild 40th Anniversary Exhibition, Island Arts Centre

22nd August 2026

Mayor to attend Big Inclusive Playday, Lough Moss Leisure Centre

Mayor to attend Derriaghy Village Community Group Fun Day

23rd August 2026

Mayor to attend RBP 1074 Church Service, Hillhall Presbyterian Church

DEPUTY MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST FULL COUNCIL MEETING

24th June 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Ireland's Best Kept Towns 2026, Riddel Hall, Belfast

30th June 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend The Assembly Commission Interparliamentary and International Strategy 2026-2030, Stormont

1st July 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Somme Wreath Laying Service with RBL, Lisburn War Memorial

12th July 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend National Day of Commemoration Ceremony, Dublin

8th August 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Lisburn Fleadh Fringe celebrations, Lisburn

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 23 June, 2026 at 6:04 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor B Higginson

Deputy Mayor, Alderman A McIntyre

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, H Legge and S P Porter.

Councillors J Bamford, R T Beckett, S Burns, R Carlin, P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, A P Ewing, A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur, G Hynds, J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, D Lynch, U Mackin, T Mitchell, C McCready, M McKeever, N Parker and N Trimble

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Aldermen S Skillen and J Tinsley

Councillors C Kemp, B Magee, G McCleave, R McLernon and G Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Head of Governance & Communications
Member Services Officers (EW & BS)
Technician
IT Officer

At the outset The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, addressed the issue of the outcome of the Jeffrey Donaldson case. He stated that:

“Following the conclusion of the criminal proceedings involving Jeffrey Donaldson, our thoughts are first and foremost with the victims and all those affected by these deeply distressing events. The courage and resilience shown by those who came forward and endured a lengthy legal process should be recognised. Their determination has ensured that justice has been served and that the rule of law has prevailed. No individual is above the law regardless of the position they hold or the prominence they may have had. Everyone is equal before the law and equally subject to it. At this time, we remember the victims and their families, and we hope that yesterday’s verdict brings them some measure of comfort and support as they move forward.”

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The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, commended the Chief Executive on the swift removal of photographs that included Jeffrey Donaldson. The Mayor then sought approval from Members to write to the relevant authorities asking for the removal of Jeffrey Donaldson's knighthood and his place on the Privy Council. This was proposed by Alderman S P Porter and seconded by Councillor D J Craig.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, welcomed those present to the June meeting of Council.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded Members that the meeting was being livestreamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out 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.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the council, wished to pass on condolences to Robert Lamont and his family on the sudden passing of his son, James Lamont.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, welcomed Reverend N Dark to the meeting of Council. Rev Dark addressed the Council and said a prayer, during which he too offered condolences to Robert Lamont on the passing of his son James.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, thanked Rev Dark for his attendance and contribution, following which he left the meeting.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman A McIntyre, since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen M Gregg and A Grehan, Councillors D Bassett, J Gallen and A Martin.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 26 May, 2026

4.2 Annual Meeting of Council – 5 June, 2026

It was proposed by Alderman H Legge, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 May, 2026 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 5 June, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Council Meeting – 26 May, 2026

5.1.1 Delays in Postal Deliveries throughout Lisburn and Castlereagh Area

Alderman A Ewart referred to his Notice of Motion on the subject of delays in postal deliveries throughout the Lisburn and Castlereagh area, and as set out in his Notice of Motion, a letter had been sent to the Royal Mail Head Office in London. He advised that a response had now been received and that Member Services would now progress the All-Party meeting as outlined in his Notice of Motion. It was noted that a delegate from Royal Mail would be travelling from London on this occasion.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Robert James Carlisle & Dorothy Jean Carlisle, 128 Hillhall Road, Lisburn, BT27 5JA – Release of Registered Burden of Land, Folio Number: DN 275286
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Northern Ireland Office, Erskine House, 20-32 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4GF – Lease of Additional Property by Reference to an Existing Lease at Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Belfast
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Eurofire Systems Ltd, Unit 15 Antrim Business Park, Enkalon Industrial Estate, 25 Randalstown Road, Antrim, Co. Antrim, BT41 6LJ – T25/26-074 – Tender for PPM & RM 05 – Fire Protection Equipment

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7. Business Required by Statute (Cont'd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Audience Systems Limited, 19B Washington Road, West Wilts Trading Estate, Westbury, BA13 4JP – T25/26-084 – Tender for Replacement Bleacher Seating System in Lagan Valley Island

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Communities and Wellbeing Committee

2 June, 2026

Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor A Givan

Councillor T Mitchell advised that the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Wednesday, 24 June 2026.

Environment and Sustainability Committee

3 June, 2026

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith
Seconded by Councillor S Burns

Regeneration and Growth Committee

4 June, 2026

Proposed by Councillor C Kemp
Seconded by Councillor J Harpur

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Local Economic Partnership – Capital Project

Councillor J Lavery advised that he had declared an interest in Item 7.1.2 Local Economic Partnership – Capital Project on the evening.

Corporate Services Committee

10 June, 2026

Proposed by Alderman S P Porter
Seconded by Councillor R McLernon

Governance & Audit Committee

11 June, 2026

Proposed by Councillor M McKeever
Seconded by Alderman S P Porter

Councillor M McKeever advised that the minutes of the Governance & Audit Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Thursday, 25 June 2026.

Planning Committee

11 May, 2026

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 11 May, 2026 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 13 April, 2026. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor G Thompson, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

9.1 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for a planning application on lands approximately 80 metres west of 1-15 Ayrshire Road and approximately 120 metres north of 2 and 4 Woodbrook Manor, Lisburn (LA05/2024/0714/F)

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

9.2 Notice of Motion on Transparency – Video Recording of Committee Meetings and Amendments to Standing Orders

The Chief Executive's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with Councillor Hynds' Notice of Motion on Transparency, the recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee in relation to the video recording of Committee meetings, and also in relation to proposed changes to Standing Orders and related protocols.

In order that the amendments to Standing Orders could be considered, it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor G Hynds, and agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Order 27.2 for the duration of this item of business.

It was proposed by Councillor G Hynds, seconded by Councillor K Dickson, and agreed that Standing Orders and related protocols be amended as set out in the Chief Executive's report and as detailed in the appendix as circulated.

Alderman S P Porter, and Councillors G Hynds, K Dickson, and P Catney welcomed this report and thanked the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and officers involved for bringing this report forward.

9.3 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.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Ewing, and agreed to delegated authority being granted up until 18th August 2026, as outlined in the Chief Executive's report, with all decisions reported back to Council in August 2026.

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. Notices of Motion

12.1 Protecting Free Speech and Democratic Participation Councillor G Hynds

Aldermen A Ewart, S Skillen and J Tinsley and Councillor T Mitchell left and returned to the meeting during this item of business.

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G Hynds, had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“This Council recognises that freedom of expression is a fundamental right and a cornerstone of a free and democratic society. The ability of individuals to express lawful opinions, engage in robust debate and hold those in positions of authority to account is essential to democratic participation.

Council notes public concern regarding the recording, handling or retention of information relating to lawful speech where no criminal offence has occurred, and concerns that complaints, investigatory or regulatory processes relating to lawful expression may, in some circumstances, have a chilling effect on democratic participation and public debate. While recognising the importance of appropriate standards, accountability and safeguarding mechanisms, Council believes such processes should be exercised fairly, proportionately and with proper regard for freedom of expression.

Accordingly, this Council:

1. Affirms its commitment to freedom of expression, open democratic debate and the right of individuals to express lawful opinions without fear of disproportionate or unnecessary interference.
2. Calls upon public authorities to ensure that any recording, handling or retention of information relating to lawful speech is necessary, proportionate and respectful of fundamental rights and freedoms.
3. Believes that standards, complaints and regulatory processes should be conducted fairly and proportionately, without creating an unnecessary chilling effect on lawful political speech, democratic participation, public scrutiny or public debate.
4. Supports the principle that policing and public authority resources should be focused primarily on the prevention, investigation and detection of criminal activity and genuine threats to public safety.
5. Requests that the Chief Executive write to the Minister of Justice, the Chief Constable of the PSNI, the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Minister for Communities outlining this Council's support for freedom of expression, democratic participation and proportionate public authority processes, and seeking assurance that the protection of lawful free speech remains a central consideration in the development and implementation of relevant policies and procedures.

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12.1 Protecting Free Speech and Democratic Participation (Cont'd)

This Council reaffirms its belief that a healthy democracy is one in which lawful speech is protected, disagreement is tolerated, robust debate is encouraged, and citizens are free to participate in public life without fear of disproportionate scrutiny, investigation or sanction.”

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor G Hynds and seconded by Alderman S P Porter.

Councillor G Hynds informed the Council that he proposed the motion on the fundamental issue of freedom of expression and democratic participation and made a number of comments in support of his motion, including:

- Free speech is not a privilege granted by a government institution or public bodies. It is the fundamental right and one of the cornerstones of a free and democratic society. The true test of our commitment to free speech is not whether we defend views we agree with, it is where we are prepared to defend the right of people to express lawful views that we may disagree with, find controversial or even offensive.
- Across society there is a growing concern that the balance between protecting people from harm and protecting freedom of expression is becoming increasingly blurred. Many people are concerned about the recording, monitoring, retention of information relating to lawful speech where no criminal offence has occurred. Many are concerned that complaints, investigations and regulatory processes can have a chilling effect on participation in public life. Those concerns deserve to be heard, not dismissed.
- This motion is not about defending criminality, it is not about excusing hate crime, it is not about removing legitimate protections and it is not about giving anyone a licence to do absolutely anything that they want.
- Disagreement is not violence, debate is not violence, offence is not violence, and in a free society lawful speech should never be treated as though it were a crime.
- In a democratic society lawful speech should not be treated as though it was unlawful speech. The answer to disagreement is debate, the answer is persuasion, the answer is allowing people to hear different arguments and make up their own minds. Democracy does not require agreement, it requires freedom to disagree.
- As elected representatives every Member in this chamber has the responsibility to speak on behalf of the people who sent us here. People should be free to hear different views and decide for themselves. We do not all have to agree, we do not all have to think alike, we should be able to disagree, sometimes strongly and still respect one another's right to be heard.

12.1 Protecting Free Speech and Democratic Participation (Cont'd)

- Many of the people we should be encouraging into public life are not career politicians, they are ordinary men and women with jobs, families and life experience gained outside politics. Like all human beings they say things they regret, change opinions over time and learn from experience, yet there is a growing perception that people can be judged, condemned or defined years later by a single comment often stripped out of context and used as a weapon against them. We risk discouraging exactly the sort of people we should be encouraging to step forward and serve their communities.
- The protection of life, the prevention of violence and the investigation of general criminal activity must never take second place to disputes over lawful speech. Most people would expect the protection of life and the investigation of general criminal activity to take precedent over the monitoring or recording of lawful speech where no crime has been committed.

Councillor G Hynds concluded by stating that this motion does not ask Members to support any particular ideology, party or viewpoint, it simply asks that freedom of expression, democratic participation and proportionality remains central considerations for those entrusted with public authority.

Councillor G Hynds commended this motion to the Council and asked Members to support it.

Alderman S P Porter, having seconded the Notice of Motion, thanked Councillor G Hynds for bringing forward this very worthwhile and sensible Notice of Motion. Alderman Porter stated that as a Council there should be free speech, political opinion, putting forward discussions, hopefully in a robust but also in a way that is respectful. It is fundamental that free speech is a cornerstone of a democratic society. It is time for free speech and also to let the public know that we will listen, even when it comes to critical speech. In closing, Alderman Porter quoted Jordan Peterson, "Freedom of speech is not just another right, it is the mechanism to which all rights are protected."

Councillor K Dickson spoke in favour of the notice of motion and stated that Alliance would always champion freedom of speech and freedom of expression. The ability to speak freely to disagree openly and to hold authority to account are not threats to any healthy democracy, it is the very thing that makes one possible.

Councillor N Trimble also spoke in favour of the notice of motion and stated that where citizens are free to participate in public life without fear is the core issue of any free speech argument or debate.

In closing, Councillor G Hynds thanked Members for their contributions in support for his notice of motion.

12.1 Protecting Free Speech and Democratic Participation (Cont'd)

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor G Hynds and seconded by Alderman S P Porter, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

13. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business for consideration.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Grass Cutting Alderman S P Porter

Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor B Magee left the meeting during this item of business (6.58 pm).

Councillor J Harpur left and returned to the meeting during this item of business (6.58 pm and 7.00 pm respectively).

Alderman S P Porter conveyed his dismay and frustration, year after year, at the lack of grass cutting by DfI in the Lisburn and Castlereagh area. He commented that when grass had been cut recently there had been a large quantity of rubbish found. Alderman Porter welcomed the efforts of Council staff for having dealt with this matter swiftly.

A number of Members reiterated Alderman Porter's comments and were also of the opinion that while the long grass was unsightly for residents, it was also a health and safety, and a road safety issue.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to seek an urgent cross-party meeting with senior management from DfI to discuss the ongoing grass cutting issue.

14.2 Electric Powered Scramblers Councillor D J Craig and Councillor N Parker

Councillor D J Craig raised the issue of the presence of electric powered scramblers in Wallace Park and commented that it was very alarming to receive emails and photographs of electric powered scramblers racing through the park recently.

Councillor N Parker reiterated Councillor Craig's comments. She commented that residents had communicated to her about such activity in the council's parks and wished to thank the Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) and the PCSP for reacting quickly and corresponding with the PSNI, who have assured that upon reporting they would act swiftly.

Councillor P Catney commented that e-bikes are legal and should not be confused with e-scramblers. He also commented that the illegal use of e-bikes was a policing matter.

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14.3 Mayoral Reception
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds thanked The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, for the recent reception he had hosted for Derriaghy Football Club which was very much enjoyed by all in attendance.

14.4 Seymour Street Methodist Church
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds commented that the congregation of Seymour Street Methodist Church had been very happy to welcome The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson at their recent fundraising event.

14.5 Lisburn Half Marathon, 10K and Fun Run 2026
Councillor T Mitchell

Councillor T Mitchell passed on his thanks to the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing, 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 stated that this had been the first time he had ran on the new route which he described as an excellent route and a flatter course.

14.6 Lambeg Orange and Blue Flute Band 40th Anniversary
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter welcomed the huge turnout for Lambeg Orange and Blue Flute Band's 40th Anniversary parade and wished the band every success. He requested that The Right Worshipful the Mayor writes to the Band, on behalf of the council, congratulating them on their 40th anniversary and wishing them every success in the future; and thanking the Band for everything they do and have done.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor G Hynds wished to be associated with Alderman Porter's comments. He too paid tribute to the professionalism of Lambeg Orange and Blue Flute Band.

14.7 Lisburn Credit Union
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney, having referred to a meeting with Lisburn Credit Union recently, requested that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, extend an invitation for a mayoral reception to the Board of Lisburn Credit Union to recognise the good work they do within the community.

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Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, 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 7.18 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, 25 June, 2026 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor M McKeever (Chair)
Mr E Jardine (Independent Member and Vice-Chair)
Aldermen O Gawith and J Tinsley
Councillors J Bamford, D J Craig, A P Ewing and A Martin

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman S P Porter
Councillors D Bassett, S Burns and D Lynch

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Northern Ireland Audit Office:

Mr R McCance (remotely)

RBCA

Ms C Igbojekwe (remotely)

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chair, Councillor M McKeever, having welcomed those present to the special meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee, 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.

The Chair asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting following which the Director of Organisation Development & Innovation outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

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1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman A Grehan and Councillor B Magee.

2. Declarations of Interest

Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor A P Ewing arrived at the meeting during this item (6.02 pm).

There were no declarations of interest.

At this point, the Chair, Councillor M McKeever, extended a welcome to Mr R McCance, Northern Ireland Audit Office, and Ms C Igbojekwe, 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 D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, 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 Draft Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March, 2026
(Report would never become available but Final Certified Accounts would be published)

Councillor D Lynch joined the meeting remotely during this item (6.15 pm).

The Head of Finance presented the report and highlighted the key elements to Members. Officers responded to a number of Members’ queries following which it was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the Draft Statement of Accounts be approved and submitted to the Northern Ireland Audit Office by 30 June, 2026.

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

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3.2 Verbal Update on Audit Matter

The Chief Executive provided Members with a verbal update on an audit matter. Officers responded to questions from Members and Members noted the update.

Resumption of Normal Business

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

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.47 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, 1 June, 2026 at 10.00 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chair)

Councillors D Bassett, S Burns, D J Craig, J Lavery and A Martin

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Aldermen O Gawith and M Gregg

Councillors P Catney and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Principal Planning Officer (PS)
Senior Planning Officers (MB, GM, and LMcC)
Environmental Health Officer (SMcK)
Member Services Officers (FA and HB)

Cleaver Fulton Rankin

Mr B Martyn, Legal Advisor
Ms C McPeake (remote attendance)

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, 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. The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Vice Chair, Councillor G Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, advised that by virtue of being Members of Council, all Members of the Planning Committee would have an interest in planning application LA05/2026/0118/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.

There were no other declarations of interest made.

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3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 11 May, 2026

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 11 May, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, advised that there were 4 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

Alderman O Gawith joined the meeting remotely at this point (10.08 am)

4.1.1 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) LA05/2022/0725/F – Construction of a dwelling to the rear of the site, with landscaping and all associated site works at 17-19 Main Street, Hillsborough

Councillor P Catney left and returned to the meeting during the hearing of this application (10.19 am and 10.27 am respectively).

The Principal Planning officer (PS) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The committee received Mr M Hanvey to speak in support of the application. Mr Hanvey was joined by Mr I Geary, and Mr S Moon was available via a remote location. Mr Hanvey responded to a number of Members' queries.

At the start of the questions to Planning Officers, Members queried whether Planning Officers had received a new submission from the Historic Environment Division (HED) which Mr M Hanvey had referred to in his address to committee.

The Head of Planning and Capital Development advised that a consultation response had been received by officers via email at 10.23 am that morning, which was after the Planning Committee meeting had commenced.

The Head of Planning and Capital Development requested through the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley a short adjournment to the meeting to circulate the response to Members and to allow Officers time to examine the detail of the response.

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Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (10.35 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 10.48 am.

- (i) LA05/2022/0725/F – Construction of a dwelling to the rear of the site, with landscaping and all associated site works at 17-19 Main Street, Hillsborough (Cont'd)

Planning Officers then responded to questions in respect of the consultation response from HED circulated to Members during the adjournment and other matters related to the application process.

Debate

There were no comments made at the debate stage.

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. Councillor P Catney did not participate in the vote as he was not present to hear the item in full.

- (ii) LA05/2024/0370/F – Proposed temporary erection of canvas tipi (April-November only) to be used in association with approved wedding venue on land 20 metres south-east of 87 Ballycoan Road, Belfast

Councillor D J Craig arrived at the meeting during the hearing of this application (11.57pm).

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

The committee received Mr M Hanvey to speak in support of the application. Mr Hanvey was joined by Mr R Price and together they responded to questions from Members.

Members' queries were responded to by Planning and Environmental Health Officers.

Debate

During debate:

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- (ii) LA05/2024/0370/F – Proposed temporary erection of canvas tipi (April-November only) to be used in association with approved wedding venue on land 20 metres south-east of 87 Ballycoan Road, Belfast (Cont'd)

- Councillor N Trimble advised that if the application was for a new business, it could have perhaps been looked on more favourably as it would have been bringing employment to the area and referred to the support from residents in neighbouring properties. Councillor Trimble continued that while he understood the position of the applicant, he had not heard enough evidence to make him go against the Officers recommendation. In summing up Councillor Trimble stated that he felt not all of the i's had been dotted and t's crossed for this planning application, which was a higher level of permission than the Certificate of Lawful Use or Development already held by the applicant; and
- Alderman O Gawith concurred with the comments made by Councillor N Trimble.

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 P Catney, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor M Gregg, Councillor J Lavery, Councillor A Martin, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, and Councillor N Trimble **(8)**

Against: Councillor D Bassett **(1)**

Councillor D J Craig did not participate in the vote as he was not present to hear the item in full.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (12.10 pm). Councillor P Catney advised that he would not be returning to the meeting after the break.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 12.16 pm. Alderman M Gregg did not return to the meeting after the comfort break but would return at a later stage.

- (iii) LA05/2024/0936/F – Erection of nineteen apartments, car parking, access arrangements, wastewater treatment plant, landscaping and associated site works on lands west of Belfast Road, east of 96 Millreagh Avenue and south of 98 Millreagh Avenue, Dundonald

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

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- (iii) LA05/2024/0936/F – Erection of nineteen apartments, car parking, access arrangements, wastewater treatment plant, landscaping and associated site works on lands west of Belfast Road, east of 96 Millreagh Avenue and south of 98 Millreagh Avenue, Dundonald (Cont'd)

The committee received Mr N Salt to speak in support of the application and to respond to Members' questions however no questions were put to Mr Salt.

There were no questions put to Planning Officers.

Debate

There were no comments made at the debate stage.

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.

Alderman M Gregg returned to the meeting at this stage (12.30 pm).

- (iv) LA05/2026/0118/F – Provision of a new sheltered structure and hill-start to existing BMX track. Provision of a new skate park adjacent to existing BMX track. Provision of a new car park area. Provision of a new spectator area. Erection of new fence and ancillary works at Bells Lane, Lambeg Road, Lisburn

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

The Committee received Ms N Turbett, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members queries were addressed.

Planning Officers responded to a number of questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, stated that he thought it was an excellent application, spoke of the need of young people for the facility, and welcomed the idea of combining a skate park with the existing BMX track facility;
- Councillor N Trimble advised that he used the park for walking his dog on occasion and had also used the BMX track when he was a child. Councillor Trimble welcomed the application and the use of the park as a shared space; and
- Councillor D J Craig advised that a skate park had been talked about when he was first elected to the Council 25 years prior, and that it was brilliant to

- (iv) LA05/2026/0118/F – Provision of a new sheltered structure and hill-start to existing BMX track. Provision of a new skate park adjacent to existing BMX track. Provision of a new car park area. Provision of a new spectator area. Erection of new fence and ancillary works at Bells Lane, Lambeg Road, Lisburn (Cont'd)

see a facility getting to the planning stage. Councillor Craig welcomed the addition of 64 new parking spaces which would alleviate pressures on the area when competitions were taking place.

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.

4.2 Statutory Performance Indicators – April 2026

It was agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for April 2026 be noted.

4.3 Appeal Decision – LA05/2024/0186/F

Members agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal be noted.

4.4 Pre-application Notice (PAN) for the proposed subdivision of Unit C1 at the Sprucefield Shopping Centre to create two units for the display and sale of Class A1 comparison goods and associated elevation changes

Members unanimously agreed to approve the Pre-application notice as outlined within the report.

4.5 Proposed abandonment at Quay Street Car Park, Lisburn

Members noted the contents of the report in relation to the proposed abandonment at Quay Street Car Park, Lisburn by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads.

4.6 Notification by telecommunication operator(s) of intention to utilise permitted development rights

It was agreed that information regarding notification by telecommunication operators of intention to utilise Permitted Development Rights at locations in the Council area be noted.

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5. Any Other Business

5.1 NILGA Planning Improvement Learning and Engagement Programme Head of Planning and Capital Development

The Head of Planning and Capital Development advised Members of a letter which had been received in relation to a future meeting to engage with the Minister for Infrastructure, Ms L Kimmins MLA. The letter requested nominations for attendance at the meeting. It was agreed that, given the meeting was due to take place after the Annual Meeting of Council, the Chair of the day, or their nominee, would attend the meeting on behalf of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

5.2 Summer Arrangements for Planning Committee Director of Regeneration and Growth

The Director of Regeneration and Growth informed Members that the Planning Committee would continue to meet on the first Monday of the month during July and August, irrespective of any other decisions made by the Council in relation to a summer recess.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, thanked those present for their attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 12.56 pm.

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 6 July, 2026 at 10.00 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor D Bassett (Chair)

Alderman J Tinsley (Vice-Chair)

Alderman O Gawith

Councillors S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, J Lavery, A Martin and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman M Gregg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Senior Planning Officers (MB and LMcC)
Member Services Officers (FA and HB)

Cleaver Fulton Rankin

Mr B Martyn, Legal Advisor
Ms C McPeake (remote attendance)
Ms I Kelly (remote attendance)

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Councillor D Bassett, 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. The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Councillor N Trimble arrived at the meeting during this item (10.03 am).

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman A Grehan.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 1 June, 2026

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 1 June, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, advised that there were 1 major and 4 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting, and 1 had since been withdrawn.

4.1.1 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) LA05/2025/0390/F – Residential development comprising 113 dwellings, including a mix of detached, semi-detached, and apartments, associated open space, landscaping, and infrastructure works. The proposal includes two apartment blocks providing 24 affordable housing units, a pedestrian link to Baronscourt Road, and a bus service roundabout to facilitate public transport connectivity on lands at Baronsgrange, Comber Road, Carryduff

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

The committee received Mr D Worthington to speak in support of the application and a number of Members queries were addressed.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor D J Craig advised that while he could see no overall rationale for going against the recommendation of the Officers, he could see the potential for issues with the junction at Baronsgrange Road and the Comber Road. Councillor Craig continued that without the installation of traffic lights at the junction there could be delays at peak times, however, given that the Department of Infrastructure (DfI) Roads had no objection to the application as it was presented subject to the conditions recommended, he had no reason to go against the Officers recommendation;
- Alderman M Gregg proposed that should the application be approved, delegated authority be given to Officers to amend the final condition on the

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- (i) LA05/2025/0390/F – Residential development comprising 113 dwellings, including a mix of detached, semi-detached, and apartments, associated open space, landscaping, and infrastructure works. The proposal includes two apartment blocks providing 24 affordable housing units, a pedestrian link to Baronscourt Road, and a bus service roundabout to facilitate public transport connectivity on lands at Baronsgrange, Comber Road, Carryduff (Cont'd)

report which related to a wastewater network engineering solution. This amendment would be to remove the ambiguity in the wording and state that the wastewater solution must be implemented once the 95th dwelling was occupied. Alderman Gregg spoke of the distance of the site from the play park and queried the lack of open space in the application. He advised that he found himself on the fence in relation to the application, however welcomed the inclusion of 24 affordable homes which were greatly needed in then area and welcomed the compliance with policy RE2 across all dwellings;

- Councillor P Catney advised that he would support the Officers recommendation and spoke of a concern he had relating to road safety which had been discussed during questions to Officers; and
- Councillor N Trimble seconded the proposal made by Alderman M Gregg. Councillor Trimble continued to speak on the lack of green space within the application and the distance from the play park, but advised that he felt it met the requirements of policy HOU5, and as such he was happy to vote in favour of the 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. This approval was subject to delegated authority being given to Officers to amend the wording in the last condition relating to a wastewater network engineering solution, as debated by Members.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.04 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.10 am.

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- (ii) LA05/2023/0961/F – Proposed erection of 30 dwellings (10 detached, 10 semi-detached and 10 apartments), including garages, alterations to access, parking, refurbished pedestrian linkage, landscaping and all other associated site works at the former Moira House, 122 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn

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

The committee received Ms D McMillan to speak in support of the application. Ms McMillan was joined by Mr T Stokes and together they responded to questions from Members.

Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- The Vice-Chair, Alderman J Tinsley stated that he welcomed the application which would tidy up the entrance to Lisburn from Sprucefield, on a site which had laid derelict for many years. He advised that he felt it would complement the neighbouring nursing home, tow path and mature trees which border the site, and that it was good for the city as a whole;
- Councillor P Catney echoed the comments of the Vice-Chair and commented that it was great to see a high-quality housing scheme at the gateway to Lisburn;
- Councillor D J Craig concurred with the comments of the Vice-Chair and Councillor Catney and welcomed the potential development. He advised that it would be a great asset to the city as a whole in regards to the aesthetics of entering and leaving via the Hillsborough Road;
- Councillor N Trimble welcomed the application and advised that it would be a much-needed improvement to the site; and
- Alderman O Gawith advised that he was delighted to see the site being used for something useful and that he was pleased to see the conditions that Officers had recommended.

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.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.45 am).

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Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.51 am. Alderman M Gregg did not return to the meeting after the comfort break but would return at a later stage.

- (iii) LA05/2026/0137/RM – Erection of dwelling, garage and associated siteworks on land between 5 and 5a Crewe Road, Ballinderry Upper, Lisburn

Before the Senior Planning Officer presented the above application it was proposed by Alderman O Gawith and seconded by Councillor J Lavery to defer the application to allow for a site visit. On a vote being taken, this proposal was declared 'carried', the voting being 5 in favour and 2 against.

- (iv) LA05/2023/0808/O – Site for a two-storey dwelling, garage and ancillary siteworks on lands between 1 Old Forge Mews and Maze telephone exchange, Moira Road, Lisburn

Alderman M Gregg returned to the meeting during the hearing of this application (11.57 pm).

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

No-one was registered to speak on this application.

Planning Officers responded to a number of questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Alderman O Gawith advised that he would follow the Officers recommendation and advised that access to the site from the Moira Road was not a good thing to do given the speed of the traffic;
- Councillor N Trimble stated that he believed the Officers assessment of the application was sound and that access onto the Moira Road would prejudice road safety; and
- Councillor P Catney queried the lack of correspondence from the applicant at times. He referred to the assessment of the environmental impact in the Officers report and advised that he would support the recommendation of the Officers.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to refuse planning permission. Alderman M Gregg did not participate in the vote as he was not present to hear the item in full.

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4.2 Statutory Performance Indicators – May 2026

The Head of Planning and Capital Development presented the report to Members and advised that due to resourcing issues the usual performance report was unavailable. He explained that a manual count had been completed to provide detail for the report and responded to questions from Members. It proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for May 2026 be noted.

4.3 Appeal Decision – LA05/2025/0817/WPT

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

4.4 Appeal Decision and costs claim – LA05/2025/0481/F

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal be noted.

4.5 Appeal Decision – LA05/2023/0022/F

The Head of Planning and Capital Development presented the report to Members and clarified learnings from the decision of the Planning Appeals Commission to Members. It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by the Vice-Chair, Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal be noted.

4.6 Appeal Decision – LA05/2025/0535/O

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above appeal be noted.

4.7 Pre-application Notice (PAN) for the proposed extension to existing sports facilities to include a 3g soccer pitch and GAA pitch with floodlighting, car parking, ball stop nets, additional fencing to match existing and associate works on lands adjacent to 95 Lisburn Road, Crumlin

The Head of Planning and Capital Development presented the report and following questions from Members, clarified that the public consultation had already taken place on 22 June 2026 but that the consultation remained open until 17 July 2026 for responses. It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by the Chair, Councillor D Bassett and unanimously agreed to approve the Pre-application notice as outlined within the report.

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- 4.8 Pre-application Notice (PAN) for a proposed Golf Club incorporating an 18-hole signature golf course of Championship standard including the re-profiling of ground levels, the incorporation of existing Mill Race into layout, new footbridges, and provision of natural, semi-natural and maintained landscape and new water features (incorporating sustainable drainage principles including the creation of wet and dry swales, attenuation basins and earth berms), with associated practice facilities including driving range, putting greens and a maintenance area; removal of various redundant agricultural outbuildings and structures to accommodate change of use with alterations/extensions of the Grade B1 listed buildings (Newgrove House) to provide a new club house and golf equipment storage cottage, with the erection of additional club house accommodation in a standalone detached single storey building; landscaping; car parking areas; relocated access and associated improvements from Ballylesson Road; upgrade to internal access road with new laneways and pathways; and ancillary site works at Newgrove House 191 Ballylesson Road, Belfast

Councillor S Burns left the meeting during this item (1.00 pm).

The Head of Planning and Capital Development presented the report to Members. Arising from discussion, Alderman M Gregg requested legal advice on how Members should handle Pre-application Notices.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to go 'into committee' to seek legal advice. Those members of the public and press in attendance left the meeting (12.51 pm).

Members were provided with legal advice in respect of the matter raised by Alderman M Gregg.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by the Vice-Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (12.59 pm).

The Head of Planning and Capital Development reminded Members to refer to Part 9 of the Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors in relation to planning matters. He also advised that refresher training in relation to the code of conduct and decision making could be arranged if required, and requested Members confirm in writing if they wished to avail of this.

It was proposed by the Vice-Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor P Catney and unanimously agreed to approve the Pre-application notice as outlined within the report.

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- 4.9 Pre-application Notice (PAN) for the submission of an application or applications under Section 54 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 to vary Conditions 9, 10 & 22 (Remediation Strategy); Condition 14 (Acoustic Fencing); Condition 16 (Glazing Specifications); Condition 17 (Ventilation Specifications); and removal of Condition 20 (Pre-demolition Survey) of planning permission reference LA05/2021/0033/F as required at Carrow Hall residential development on lands formerly occupied by the Rolls Royce factory, north of Upper Newtownards Road, south of Inspire Business Centre, east of Ballyoran Lane and west of Carrowreagh Road, Dundonald

The Head of Planning and Capital Development presented the report and responded to questions from Members. It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by the Vice-Chair, Alderman J Tinsley and unanimously agreed to approve the Pre-application notice as outlined within the report.

- 4.10 Notification by telecommunication operator(s) of intention to utilise permitted development rights

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that information regarding notification by telecommunication operators of intention to utilise Permitted Development Rights at locations in the Council area be noted.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair, Councillor D Bassett, thanked those present for their attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 1.11 pm.

Chair/Mayor

Committee:	Council Meeting
Date:	25 August 2026
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Decisions 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 23 June 2026 to grant delegated authority up to 18 August 2026 in line with the report presented by the Chief Executive.	
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u> It is recommended that Members note the decisions (Appendix 1) which have been taken under delegated authority up to 18 August in line with the report from the Chief Executive presented to Council at its meeting held on 23 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 proposed 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 decisions taken under delegated authority
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Delegated Authority

COMMITTEE	TITLE	FURTHER DETAIL
Environment & Sustainability	Consultation Response: Proposed Animal Welfare Policy Reforms in Northern Ireland - Closing Date: 30 June 2026	The Chair and Vice Chair were asked to approve the draft response to be submitted prior to the Consultation closing date. The submitted response will be tabled to the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 2 September 2026. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 29 June 2026.
	Consultation Response - Bathing Waters Policy Review for Northern Ireland – Closing Date: 21 August 2026	The Chair and Vice Chair were asked to approve the draft response to be submitted prior to the Consultation closing date. The submitted response will be tabled to the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 2 September 2026. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 3 August 2026.
	Consultation Response - Draft Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 –	The Chair and Vice Chair were asked to approve the draft response to be submitted prior to the Consultation closing date. The submitted response will be tabled to the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 2 September 2026.

	Closing Date: 31 August 2026	Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee on 6 August 2026.
Community Wellbeing	Infrastructure Support for Resurgam	Resurgam Community Development Trust has asked for infrastructure support from council for their Tattoo event to be held at the Irish Linen Museum on Saturday 26th September. They require 4 toilets, 20 barriers, 3 gazebos and 30 chairs to be delivered to the Linen Museum on Saturday 26 September and collected thereafter. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee & Cllr Claire Kemp (in the absence of the Vice-Chair) on 18 August 2026.
Community Wellbeing	Infrastructure Support for Ploughing event	Ploughing Championships event organisers have asked for infrastructure support from council for their event to be held on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September. They require 100 barriers to be delivered to the event site in Hillsborough on Thursday 24th September and collected after the event ends. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee & Cllr Claire Kemp (in the absence of the Vice-Chair) on 18 August 2026.
Regeneration & Growth	Future Growth Grant Programme	It was agreed at the Regeneration and Growth Committee in April 2026, that Letters of Offer from the

		Council, would be issued to 3 successful applicants to the Future Growth Grant programme, following confirmation of a successful funding application to the Department for Communities (DfC). As of the end of June 2026, in the absence of an agreed budget at Stormont, confirmation of DfC funding had still not been received by the Council. The Director of Regeneration and Growth, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee were asked at a meeting on 29 June 2026 to consider under delegated authority that a Letter of Offer to 26 Market Square be issued, using exclusively Council-only resources, rather than wait until match funding is confirmed from the Department. The rationale for this proposal was to ensure that the project was able to proceed as outlined in its application, given the positive regeneration impact that successful delivery would have on the Market Square area in particular and the wider city centre in general. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Growth Committee on Monday 29 June 2026
	NI Local Growth Fund	In June 2026, the Northern Ireland Office undertook a public consultation on the proposed NI Local Growth Fund (LGF) Investment Plan for 2026–29.

		A detailed response addressing all questions within the consultation was prepared and approved by the Director of Regeneration & Growth prior to being circulated to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regeneration & Growth Committee for consideration. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Growth Committee on 10 July 2026
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