



April 18th, 2024

**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, 23rd April 2024** at **7:00 pm** in the Council Chamber for the transaction of the business on the undernoted agenda.

A hot buffet will be available in the Members' Suite from 5.45 pm for those Members who have confirmed in advance.

DAVID BURNS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Agenda

1.0 BUSINESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

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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 - Meeting of Council 26 March 2024

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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 Irish Waste Services. 94-96 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff BT8 8HT – Contract for Collection, transportation, recycling and/or recovery of waste paints and aerosols from Council Household Recycling Centres – T22/23-072
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Ltd t/a Skipway, 341 Tandragee Road, Portadown BT62 3RB – Contract for Collection, transportation and recycling of plasterboard from Council Household Recycling Centres – T22/23-073
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Ltd t/a Skipway, 341 Tandragee Road, Portadown BT62 3RB – Contract for Collection, transportation and recycling of rubble from Council Household Recycling Centres – T23/24-008

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- 8.1 Regeneration & Growth Committee 4 April 2024**
RGC 04 04 2024 Draft Minutes for Adoption.pdf *Page 14*
- 8.2 Communities & Wellbeing Committee 9 April 2024**
CW Draft Minutes for Adoption 090424.pdf *Page 22*
- 8.3 Corporate Services Committee 11 April 2024**
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- 8.4 Planning Committee 4 March 2024 4 March 2024 (for Noting)**
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9.0 REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

None

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 Requirement to endorse a Deed of Variation for a Section76 Planning Agreement dated 3rd September 2020 made between (1) Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and (2) Comber Road LLP relating to lands at Comber Road to take account of a change in the form of employment use proposed and the phasing of the delivery of the mixed-use development**

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

13.2 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0861/F

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

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20th March

Mayor to host Minister Givan at Carr Primary School

Thursday 21st March

Mayor to attend 'The Mayor's Community Awards', Larchfield Estate

Friday 22nd March

Mayor to host New Irish Arts Charity Concert in aid of Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children, Lagan Valley Island

Saturday 23rd March

Mayor to attend Coffee Morning, St John's Parish Church Hall

Mayor to attend Coffee Morning, Anahilt Presbyterian Church

Mayor to attend Lisburn Young Defenders Festival of Flute Bands, Lisburn Orange Hall

Mayor to attend GB Display, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

Tuesday 26th March

Mayor to host Youth Council, Mayor's Parlour

Thursday 28th March

Mayor to attend Easter Movie Day in aid of Mayoral Charity, Cancer fund for Children

Mayor to attend reception for Special Education needs, Resurgam Youth, Lagan Valley Island

Friday 29th March

Mayor and Mayoress to attend 'The Abaana Choir' concert, Lisburn Cathedral

Saturday 6th April

Mayor to open Pickleball Ireland National Championships, Lagan Valley Leisureplex

Mayor to attend Drumlough Community Association Coffee Morning in aid of Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children

Mayor to attend Lisnagarvey Hockey Club Lunch and local Derby with Garvey Men's 2^{nds} X1 and Banbridge 2^{nds} X1

Mayor to attend 'All the King's Men' concert, Waterfront Hall

Tuesday 9th April

Mayor to open LCCC staff event, launch of the Corporate Plan, Lagan Valley Island

Mayor to host reception for Bidvest Noonan in recognition of Security Guards response to serious incident, Mayor's Parlour

Wednesday 10th April

Mayor for host reception for Lisburn Safe in recognition of their community work, Mayor's Parlour

Thursday 11th April

Mayor and Chief Executive to welcome Baroness Lucy Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG to Lagan Valley Island

Friday 12th April

Mayor to meet with Pastor Nathan from Transformation Centre, Lisburn, Mayor's Parlour

Mayor to host reception for Ballyoran Community Craft Group to mark their 10th Anniversary, Mayor's Parlour

Mayor to attend Colour Run in aid of the Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children, Billy Neill MBE Country Park

DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING**Wednesday 10th April**

Deputy Mayor to attend Official Opening of playground at St Aloysius Primary School

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 March, 2024 at 7:00 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Gowan

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, A Grehan,
M Guy, H Legge, S P Porter, S Skillen and J Tinsley

Councillors D Bassett, R T Beckett, P Burke, S Burns,
R Carlin, P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, N Eaton,
A P Ewing, A Givan, B Higginson, G Hynds, C Kemp,
P Kennedy, J Lavery BEM, A McIntyre, M McKeever,
R McLernon, A Martin, T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson and
N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Member Services Officers
Technician
IT Officer

Mr D Roberts, Mayor's Chaplain (remote)

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, welcomed those present to the meeting of Council which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. In particular, he extended a welcome to members of the Youth Council who were in attendance to observe 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.

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Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, expressed condolences in respect of the following bereavements:

- Mr Colin Craig, long-standing Council employee within the Waste Management and Operations Unit; and
- Mr Michael Smythe, father of Russell Smythe, employee within the Facilities Management Unit.

Councillor Gowan referred to the recent death of his father, John, and thanked both his Elected Member colleagues and Council staff for the support and sympathy they had extended to him, which had been greatly appreciated.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed his Chaplain, Mr D Roberts, to the meeting. Mr Roberts gave an address and said a prayer during which he also referred to the above bereavements and offered his sympathy to the families. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Mr Roberts for his attendance and he left the meeting (7.13 pm).

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 A Gowan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, since the last meeting of Council.

In particular, Councillor Gowan highlighted the following:

- the Mayor's Dinner which had raised £27,500 for the Mayor's Charity, Cancer Fund for Children. The Mayor thanked all those involved for their hard work in making this event such a huge success, as well as his Elected Member colleagues for their support and donations; and
- the Mayor's Community Awards, which had been a celebration of the work carried out by the community of volunteers throughout the Council area. He extended his thanks to the capable, passionate team of staff for their efforts in making this such a successful event.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, Alderman M Gregg, Councillors J Gallen, S Lowry, U Mackin and C McCready and the Acting Director of Environmental Services.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor G Hynds and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 February, 2024 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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 D Bassett and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Profile Tree Web Design and Digital Marketing – Award Letter to deliver the Digital Academy (T23/24-019);
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and DFPE Ltd t/a People 1st – Award Letter to deliver the Into Employment Programme (T23/24-014)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City and Skillgate Ltd – Contract for Learning Management System (T23/24-013); and
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Martson (Holdings) Limited – Contract for the provision of car parking management/off street parking enforcement and penalty charge processing service for a consortium of 8 councils in NI.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees**Communities and Wellbeing Committee****5 March, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor R T Beckett

Seconded by Councillor B Higginson

Environment and Sustainability Committee**6 March, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor R Carlin

Seconded by Alderman J Baird

Regeneration and Growth Committee**7 March, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor J Laverty

Seconded by Councillor A Martin

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Corporate Services Committee

13 March, 2024

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith

Seconded by Councillor A P Ewing

The Chair of Corporate Services Committee, Alderman O Gawith, advised that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on 11 April, 2024, not 10 April as previously scheduled.

Governance and Audit Committee

20 March, 2024

Proposed by Councillor R McLernon

Seconded by Councillor D Bassett

The Chair of Governance and Audit Committee pointed out that the above minutes remained subject to the call-in procedure until 10.00 am on Friday, 29 March, 2024.

Planning Committee

5 February, 2024

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 5 February, 2024 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 March, 2024. It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive9.1 Department for the Economy Adverse Weather Financial Package

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to:

- (a) note the additional scheme outlined in the Chief Executive's Report; and
- (b) give approval to Officers administering the DfE Scheme in line with the prescribed eligibility criteria.

9.2 Council Remote/Hybrid Meetings

The Chief Executive reported that an amendment to Standing Orders was required to reflect the current legislative position in relation to remote meetings, which had changed with effect from 7 March, 2024. Suspension of Standing Order 27.2 was required to allow for consideration of this amendment.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor R Carlin and agreed that Standing Order 27.2 be suspended for consideration of the amendment to Standing Orders.

Standing Order 27.2 was suspended at this juncture.

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9.2 Council Remote/Hybrid Meetings (Contd)

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that:

- (a) the amended Standing Orders, as circulated, be adopted;
- (b) the conditions applied to Members who chose to observe meetings via zoom, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (c) Chairs, in consultation with their Committees, may alter the start time of Committee meetings to 6.30 pm; and
- (d) the consultation response on the Draft Local Government (Remote Meetings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024 for submission to the Department of Communities, as set out in the report, be noted.

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 Anti-Poverty Strategy

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C Kemp, had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“That this Council recognises that poverty is a pervasive issue across Northern Ireland. The Department for Communities reported in October 2023 that 60,000 children were living in absolute poverty – and 1 in 4 children are living in relative poverty.

Council acknowledges the high cost of living – particularly fuel, housing, essential goods, childcare and transport, combined with a low wage economy have created particularly dire economic conditions for many. This combined with the austerity budget of 23/24 has had devastating consequences for the most vulnerable in society.

Council recognises that the Assembly still does not have an Anti-Poverty Strategy “based on objective need” – almost 20 years after the St. Andrew’s agreement placed a legal requirement on the Executive to enact a Strategy.

12.1 Anti-Poverty Strategy (Contd)

Council commits to supporting the call by the Equality Coalition, NI Anti-Poverty Network (NIAPN), Barnardo's and others for the creation and implementation of an Anti-Poverty Strategy based on objective need to be a priority for the Northern Ireland Executive.

Council will:

1. Invite a representative from NIAPN or the Equality Coalition to present to the council about the key asks for an anti-poverty strategy
2. Endorse the recommended vision for the anti-poverty strategy:
"Northern Ireland is an equal society where poverty and its impacts are eradicated, and that respects, protects, promotes and fulfils the rights of those at risk of poverty to ensure they achieve their aspirations."
3. Increase the visibility of the council's anti-poverty action plans, including the resources available to those within the council area experiencing poverty".

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor C Kemp and seconded by Alderman H Legge.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be referred, without debate, to the Communities and Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

12.2 Abolitionist Frederick Douglass

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

"Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council:

Recognises the historic impact of the abolitionist Frederick Douglass' visit to Ireland in 1845 as he campaigned against slavery, including an address at Lisburn First Presbyterian Church on Monday 29th December 1845;

Acknowledges that despite the district having the third highest population of an ethnic minority group in Northern Ireland (Census 2021), there are currently few examples of public commemoration for ethnic minority people or their history;

Condemns all forms of slavery and commends those involved in contemporary efforts to end modern day slavery; and

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12.2 Abolitionist Frederick Douglass (Contd)

Resolves to undertake a feasibility study, including planning considerations and costings for further review by Members, to erect a statue or memorial in Market Square, adjacent to Lisburn First Presbyterian Church, in commemoration of Frederick Douglass' address there in 1845."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor P Catney and seconded by Councillor P Burke.

Councillor P Catney stated that Frederick Douglass had spent the first two decades of his life as a slave and, at the age of 20, had taken the courageous step to escape. At the age of 27 he had begun a tour of Ireland, raising funds for the abolitionist cause by selling copies of his first autobiography "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass". On 29 December, 1845, he had made a historic anti-slavery speech in Lisburn First Presbyterian Church, with Minister Alexander Henderson welcoming him and stating that the Lisburn congregation had a heart to feel for the oppressed. Mr Douglass had stated that, since arriving in Ireland, he had spent some of the happiest moments of his life, had undergone transformation and had lived a new life. When he had come to Lisburn, Mr Douglass had not come to a town ignorant of the abolitionist movement; from the early 19th century, Lisburn had an active and committed anti-slavery movement, which was not the case for all towns and cities in Ireland at that time.

Councillor Catney stated that Lisburn City was rich in history, with working men and women of the linen industry commemorated in the Irish Linen Museum and soldiers of the First and Second World Wars immortalised in war memorials. This showed who the people of Lisburn were – generational hard workers who stood up in the face of oppression – and this was what Frederick Douglass did. Modern slavery was on the rise and Councillor Catney stated that his proposal to commemorate Frederick Douglass would send a clear message that the people of Lisburn did not tolerate oppression or slavery of any kind, be it sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced labour or criminal exploitation.

In seconding the proposal, Councillor P Burke emphasised the rich history of the city of Lisburn, the impact it and its citizens had on the promotion of equality and diversity and the important role that the ethnic population played in society. He stated that Frederick Douglass was best known for his anti-slavery writings and campaigning, was also an early campaigner of women's rights and was an influential leader not only now, but of his time. His values and beliefs were as relevant now as they were in the 19th century and, by commemorating him in Lisburn, this would demonstrate the Council's desire to link together the past, present and future. It would go a long way in providing a better understanding for people of the positive and progressive role he played in not only the city's early development, but the role Lisburn and the surrounding areas had played in global events and it becoming a bedrock for many historical figures, some of which Councillor Burke went on to refer to. He stated that Lisburn's history should be embraced and utilised in promoting everything Lisburn, Castlereagh and the surrounding areas had to offer. The Council area had the basis of something unique and different to offer, with Hillsborough Castle, the River Lagan and a

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12.2 Abolitionist Frederick Douglass (Contd)

deep-rooted history of the British Military, amongst many other attractions. In order to entice people to want to visit, the Council needed to be welcoming and inviting to everyone and work in partnership regardless of differing political opinions and personal beliefs for the common good. Identity was important and no-one should fear another person's identity, as long as it was expressed in a respectful manner. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council was becoming more diverse and that should be welcomed, embraced and nurtured. The Council had a responsibility to ensure its shared society was one where diversity was celebrated and he urged everyone to find innovative ways to capture all that the Council had to offer, making the slogan "A City For Everyone" a reality.

Councillor A McIntyre, on behalf of the Alliance Party, voiced support for the Notice of Motion. Recognising the impact of Frederick Douglass' visit to Lisburn would mark a key moment in the Council's journey towards inclusivity. Mr Douglass set an example that could be followed – to lobby and fight against injustices regardless of your situation in life. Commemorating Mr Douglass would provide an opportunity for the Council to use the city's heritage to promote its tourism offering and an opportunity to acknowledge a wider breadth of the communities' experiences. Slavery still existed today in form of human trafficking, sexual exploitation and forced labour. The Council should offer its unwavering support to those in the front-line of tackling those issues. Whilst it was recommending that a feasibility study be presented to Members for consideration at a future date, Councillor McIntyre urged everyone to support the Notice of Motion to pay tribute to a champion of freedom and as individuals, as parties and as a Council, to reaffirm values of diversity, equality and justice for all.

Councillor A Givan spoke of how formidable a man Frederick Douglass had been, surviving a childhood of slavery to become a great leader in the anti-slavery movement. However, he pointed out that in order to have blue plaques erected, the Ulster History Circle required certain criteria to be met, and he considered that a statue would require even stricter criteria. He stated that the proposal did not meet the necessary criteria for the erection of a blue plaque and went on to outline the reasons why. Many famous people had passed through Lisburn, some of whom Councillor Givan mentioned, and there were no statues of them in place even though they had had a profound effect on Ulster. Councillor Givan advised that Frederick Douglass had been commemorated in his own country, with 12 full-sized statues of him having been erected throughout the USA. He suggested that perhaps the Council could recognise him in some way other than a statue, eg. an educational event in the museum or Lisburn First Presbyterian Church could be asked if it wished to erect a plaque to acknowledge his presence in that building. Councillor Givan stated that he could not support the Notice of Motion.

Councillor N Trimble, on behalf of the UUP, expressed support for the Notice of Motion. He stated that it was right and proper that Frederick Douglass be acknowledged in some way. The Notice of Motion was calling for a feasibility study and he was fully supportive of that; however, he would not wish the study to be limited to only the options of a statue or plaque. Thought was required on

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what was appropriate and what was cost-effective, given that statues were expensive and the Council was a steward of ratepayers' money.

Councillor G Hynds stated that Frederick Douglass was a significant figure in history and Lisburn had a significant history that should be tapped into a lot more. He voiced his support for the Notice of Motion but concurred with Councillor Trimble that the feasibility study should not be limited.

Alderman S P Porter thanked Councillor Catney for bringing forward the Notice of Motion. There may be issues around what form or recognition would come forward but he was content for a feasibility study to be carried out on a wider basis than was called for in the Notice of Motion. He stated that it may be more beneficial for the museum to run an event for people to learn about the wonderful life of Frederick Douglass. Alderman Porter also pointed out that there was already a statue of Mr Douglass 8 miles away in Belfast.

Councillor R T Beckett stated that modern day slavery was an issue. He referred to legislation that had been passed in the last term of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the work of Lord Morrow in the House of Lords to address this issue. Councillor Beckett also referred to the existing statue of Frederick Douglass in Belfast and stated that there were many ways in which he could be commemorated by the Council, including the possibility of locating something in Lisburn First Presbyterian Church.

Councillor P Catney confirmed that he would be liaising with Lisburn First Presbyterian Church. He stated that Frederick Douglass' family had carried on his traditions and suggested that perhaps the family could be invited to come to Lisburn. Given the comments made regarding the widening of the feasibility study, Councillor Catney agreed that the last paragraph of his Notice of Motion be amended to read "Resolves to undertake a feasibility study, including planning considerations, and other options, and costings for further review by Members, to erect a statue or memorial in Market Square, adjacent to Lisburn First Presbyterian Church, in commemoration of Frederick Douglass' address there in 1845".

The Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor P Burke, with the amendment to final paragraph outlined above, was unanimously agreed.

Prior to considering confidential business, The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that Any Other Business would be taken at this time.

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13. Any Other Business

13.1 Best Wishes to the Princess of Wales Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter referred to the recent announcement of the ill health of the Princess of Wales and stated his disappointment at media coverage in advance of that time. He asked that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, write a letter on behalf of the Council passing on the thoughts and prayers of the people of Lisburn & Castlereagh to her and her family at this time and looking forward to her visiting in the future. Councillor G Hynds concurred with the sentiments of Alderman Porter.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, confirmed that he had already sent such a letter, as well as a letter to His Majesty King Charles III.

13.2 Reception for Emerge Counselling Services Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds referred to having attended a 5th anniversary event at Emerge Counselling Services, a wonderful charity that had gone from strength to strength almost entirely through community donations. Councillor Hynds proposed that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, host a reception for Emerge Counselling Services to celebrate its anniversary and this was seconded by Alderman S P Porter. Councillor Gowan agreed to host such a reception.

14. Confidential Business

The matters contained 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 items be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The livestream was paused at 8.17 pm.

14.1 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2023/0292/F (Report would be available after the Agreement was signed and sealed)

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

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- 14.2 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2023/0662/F
(Report would be available after the Agreement was signed and sealed)

The Chief Executive pointed out a typographical error under the Finance and Resource section of the report.

It was proposed by Alderman H Legge, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that approval be given to the signing and sealing of the Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

At this stage, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, asked if Members wished to raise any other business of a confidential nature. No Members had anything to raise.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The live stream of the meeting was recommenced at this stage (8.21 pm).

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.21 pm.

Mayor

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Thursday 4th April, 2024 at 6.00 pm****PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER:**

Councillor J Laverty BEM (Chairperson)

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, M Gregg, A Grehan and S P Porter

Councillors K Dickson, J Gallen and N Parker

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Regeneration & Growth

Head of Economic Development

Head of Assets

Project Co-Ordinator, Portfolio Office

Member Services Officers (BS and EW)

IT Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor J Laverty, extended a welcome to all present at the April meeting of the Committee and reminded those present that the meeting was being audio recorded unless the item was being considered under confidential business.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that in accordance with the revised regulations for meetings, Members were now required to be physically present in the Council Chamber. However, for observational purposes, Members were permitted to view meetings remotely via Zoom but a) would not be recorded as present or included as part of the quorum, b) would not be permitted to interact with the meeting in any way, speak or vote, and c) would not be permitted to use the 'raised hand' function or the messaging function on Zoom.

Aldermen A Grehan and S P Porter entered the meeting at 6.03 pm.

At this point in proceedings, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairperson asked that any Member entering or leaving the meeting advise the Member Services Officer accordingly so that this might be accurately reflected in the minutes.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, Alderman M Guy, Councillors P Burke, U Mackin, A Martin and C McCready.

2. Declarations of Interest

Alderman A Grehan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4.2 Grove Activity Centre – Disposal Under Community Asset Transfer due to her involvement as a volunteer in fund raising and lobbying on behalf of the organisation concerned to find suitable premises for their project.

3. Report of Head of Economic Development

3.1 Tourism Major Events – Refresh on Approach

The Head of Economic Development's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Council's tourism major events strategy and in particular the refresh on approach following discussion at the meeting of the Committee in February 2024. Issues raised had been regarding the reporting methodology used for the outcome of the assessment, and also in relation to consistency of reporting grant outcomes across Committees.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the following related documents:

- current guidance documents and application form,
- assessment criteria and scoring matrix,
- post-event evaluation form, and
- the agreed current governance arrangements.

The Head of Economic Development outlined the proposed changes for implementation of the tourism major events approach, from the final quarter in 2024/25 onwards, namely:

a) the following additional information be presented in the revised approach from the October 2024 call (for the 2025/26 year) onwards:

- Event Promoter
- Brief Event Description
- Event target outputs
- Total number of applications received, the number of unsuccessful or withdrawn applications, with a high level general summary narrative as to why they were unsuccessful or withdrawn

3.1 Tourism Major Events – Refresh on Approach (Cont'd)

- b) when the outcome of the application process is presented to the committee for noting (usually around March each year), that a summary of the evaluation outcomes of the previous year's Major Events Programme is also reported to the Committee for noting. That is, the evaluation of the 2024/25 Major Events Programme performance would be presented for noting to the March 2025 Committee meeting alongside the outcome of the applications for funding for the 2025/26 year. It should be noted that there would need to be some flexibility built in around the reporting dates to take account of the actual event dates should they fall in the Spring.

It was noted that Officers had also reviewed the existing scoring criteria and had proposed that no changes be recommended.

The Head of Economic Development responded to a number of questions from Members in connection with:

- the scoring criteria in regard to the visitor number target
- the non-applicability of charitable organisations to apply for tourism major event funding. In order to ensure consistency of approach, the Head of Economic Development undertook to amend wording on page 1 of the Application for Tourism Events funding. The amended wording to read "Where the main purpose of the event is to raise money for a charity and/or charities, financial assistance will not be provided by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.'
- the cost of advertising the scheme in the Belfast Telegraph and any evidence of gain. In view of the comments raised by a number of Members, the Head of Economic Development undertook to give consideration to the matter of advertising in the Belfast Telegraph. The Chairperson commented also the need for the other Directorates to follow the same approach on this matter.

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the proposed changes by way of a refresh of the approach as outlined above be approved.

3.2 Labour Market Partnership – potential 'Multiply Programme'

The Head of Economic Development's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with the UK Government's £560 million numeracy programme branded as the "Multiply" Programme, the aim of which was to improve adult numeracy skills. Funding from this programme had been obtained for Northern Ireland to deliver bespoke adult numeracy programmes targeted at specific groups of people, the details of which were set out in the Officer's report.

3.2 Labour Market Partnership – potential ‘Multiply Programme’ (Cont’d)

The Head of Economic Development advised that the forecasted budget for programme delivery for Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area up to 31 March 2025 was £200,000, and furthermore, the Department for the Economy had offered each Labour Market Partnership, including Lisburn & Castlereagh, a separate additional funding allocation to support delivery of the programme in the sum of £50,000 for the year. A letter of offer had been received by the Council for this aspect of the proposed Programme.

The Head of Economic Development elaborated on the regional approach to delivery of this initiative that was currently being considered by the Labour Market Partnerships, Universities, Further Education Colleges, the Department for Communities and the Department for the Economy. A definitive proposal on how best to proceed had not as yet been fully developed.

There were five possible initiatives currently under discussion and the Department for the Economy had provided summary information which had been appended to the Officer's report. It was noted that the detailed project plans for these initiatives were currently being developed as part of the wider Labour Market Partnership initiative and an update on activity and proposed outcomes would be reported to the Committee for noting in due course.

The Head of Economic Development responded to a comment from a Member in regard to the cost per head of this numeracy programme.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the offer of the £50,000 Multiply Grant be accepted, and that the proposed delivery of the initiatives summarised in the appended document, which would involve the procurement of appropriate third party delivery organisations, be approved.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Toilet Facilities in Lisburn City Centre Alderman J Baird

Following a request by Alderman J Baird on an update on the provision of toilet facilities in Lisburn City Centre the Director of Regeneration & Growth and the Head of Economic Development responded to a number of comments and concerns from Members in regard to toilet provision in Lisburn City Centre. A number of points were highlighted including:

- toilet provision was the remit of the Environment & Sustainability Committee with input from the Communities and Wellbeing Committee in regard to maintenance of facilities
- Lisburn Square's covenant which included the requirement to provide toilet facilities

4.1 Toilet Facilities in Lisburn City Centre (Cont'd)

- the signage programme for toilet provision which was being progressed in conjunction with the Council's recent scheme in regard to the promotion of the private sector's toilet facilities in the City Centre. It was noted that the Council's Walkability Strategy included toilet provision in Lisburn City Centre,
- new facilities had been created on the ground floor of Bow Street Mall.
- the importance of toilet facilities being available in the City Centre, including possibly Bow Street, in view of the walking distance to the existing facilities in the Lisburn Museum, Bow Street Mall and Castle Gardens.
- the Council's Changing Places policy. Councillor N Parker asked that it be noted that Changing Places toilet facilities were located in the Island Civic Centre and in the new facilities in Bow Street Mall; and that a new Changing Places facility in Wallace Park required to be progressed as a matter of urgency.

Following further comments from the Chairperson, the Director of Regeneration & Growth undertook to bring forward an update report on the issues raised. In addition an update on the above-mentioned Signage Programme would be provided to the next meeting of the Committee. The Chairperson requested that the relevant Officers from other Directorates be invited to the Committee meeting to provide input where appropriate.

5. Confidential Report from Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Chairperson advised that the Confidential items were confidential 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 Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The audio recording was paused at this stage in proceedings (6.37 pm).

5.1 Food & Drink Programme – 2022-2023 Evaluations and Business Case for 2024-2026 (Report to be published at the end of the contract period – post March 2026)

The Head of Economic Development outlined the background and key issues in regard to the Council's Food & Drink Programme 2022/2023 and also the Business Case for the 2024/2026 programme.

The Committee had been furnished with executive summaries of the evaluation reports for the 2023 Food and Drink Programme, with full reports available, if required, from the Economic Development Unit.

5.1 Food & Drink Programme – 2022-2023 Evaluations and Business Case for 2024-2026 (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Councillor J Gallen, seconded by Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the Executive Summary evaluations of the 2023 Food and Drink Programme, including consideration of the associated recommendations in the delivery of the next phase of the programme, be noted,
- b) the 2024-2026 Business Case, be agreed, and
- c) the 2024-2026 proposals be publicly tendered.

5.2 Grove Activity Centre – Disposal under Community Asset Transfer (Redacted report to be published June 2024)

Councillor G Hynds left the meeting at 6.47 pm.

The Head of Assets outlined the background and key issues in connection with the disposal of Grove Activity Centre as a pilot under the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy, the heads of terms having been outlined and approved by the Regeneration and Growth Committee on 7 December 2023. The Director of Regeneration & Growth also addressed the Committee on issues raised including the differentiation of this being an Asset Transfer under a pilot informing the now agreed Community Asset Transfer Policy.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the organisation's updated business case and addendum together with a map outlining the lease area.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the new Heads of Terms associated with the lease for Grove Activity Centre be agreed which would be presented for signing and sealing by Council post approval from the Department for Communities.

5.3 Update on Asset Management Improvement Plan (Redacted report to be published March 2025)

The Head of Assets outlined the background and key issues in connection with the update on the Council's Asset Management Improvement plan.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the summary of the recommendations from the Audit review, along with a copy of the confidential report that had been

5.3 Update on Asset Management Improvement Plan (Cont'd)

considered by the Governance & Audit Committee in September 2023 and the Action Plan with updates on actions.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the update on the Asset Management Improvement plan be noted.

5.4 Contract for Funding Agreements regarding BRCD (Belfast Region City Deal Destination Royal Hillsborough)

(Redacted report to be published post the signing and sealing of the documents relating to the contract for works as well as the award of the HRP related works contracts)

The Director of Regeneration & Growth outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Contract for Funding Agreements in connection with the BRCD Destination Royal Hillsborough project.

The Director commended the efforts of the project manager and the Head of Portfolio, IT and Commercialisation in connection with the BRCD Destination Royal Hillsborough project.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the draft Contract for Funding between the Council, Belfast City Council and also the draft Funding Agreement between the Council and Historic Royal Palaces for BRCD Destination Royal Hillsborough.

Alderman S P Porter and Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 7.41 pm and 7.43 pm respectively.

Having responded to a number of questions from the Committee, the Director undertook to speak directly with two Members of the Committee in connection with issues raised.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the contract for funding agreement as circulated be approved,
- b) in parallel, the funding agreement, as outlined, between HRP and the Council, be approved,
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Chairperson of the Regeneration & Growth Committee and the Chief Executive to accept minor amendments in favour or the

Council before presenting for signing and sealing at the appropriate Council meeting with any minor amendments highlighted for transparency, and

5.4 Contract for Funding Agreements regarding BRCD (Belfast Region City Deal Destination Royal Hillsborough) (Cont'd)

- d) the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and HRP, creating a strategic partnership, be noted.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business for consideration the meeting was concluded at 7.51 pm.

Chairperson

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 18:00**

PRESENT: Councillor J Gallen (Vice-Chairperson)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan

Aldermen A Grehan, H Legge and S P Porter;
Councillors D Bassett, D J Craig, N Eaton,
B Higginson, S Lowry, A McIntyre, T Mitchell
and G Thompson.

ALSO ATTENDED: Councillors G Hynds and C Kemp.

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Head of Communities
Acting Head of Parks and Amenities
Head of Sports Services
Member Services Officer (BF & EW)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of the Chairperson (Councillor R T Beckett), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor G McCleave), Alderman S Skillen and Councillor R Carlin.

2. Declarations of Interest

- The Right Worshipful the Mayor declared an interest in item 4.2 re: D-Day Grants Scheme in that family members were associated with an organisation which had applied for funding under the scheme.
- In respect of item 5.1, re: Lisburn Féile – Use of Wallace Park, Councillor A McIntyre indicated that he would be conducting a tour for the organisation as part of a programme of events.

3.0 Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

3.1 Anti-Poverty Strategy

At the meeting of the Council on 26th March, the following notice of motion, which was moved by Councillor C Kemp and seconded by Alderman H Legge, was, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1., referred to the Committee for consideration:

"This Council recognises that poverty is a pervasive issue across Northern Ireland. The Department for Communities reported in October 2023 that 60,000 children were living in absolute poverty – and 1 in 4 children are living in relative poverty. The Council acknowledges the high cost of living – particularly fuel, housing, essential goods, childcare and transport, combined with a low wage economy have created particularly dire economic conditions for many. This combined with the austerity budget of 23/24 has had devastating consequences for the most vulnerable in society.

The Council recognises that the Assembly still does not have an Anti-Poverty Strategy “based on objective need” – almost 20 years after the St. Andrew’s agreement placed a legal requirement on the Executive to enact a Strategy. The Council commits to supporting the call by the Equality Coalition, NI Anti-Poverty Network (NIAPN), Barnardo’s and others for the creation and implementation of an Anti-Poverty Strategy based on objective need to be a priority for the Northern Ireland Executive. The Council will:

1. Invite a representative from NIAPN or the Equality Coalition to present to the council about the key asks for an anti-poverty strategy;
2. Endorse the recommended vision for the anti-poverty strategy: “Northern Ireland is an equal society where poverty and its impacts are eradicated, and that respects, protects, promotes and fulfils the rights of those at risk of poverty to ensure they achieve their aspirations; and
3. Increase the visibility of the Council’s anti-poverty action plans, including the resources available to those within the council area experiencing poverty.”

Councillor C Kemp presented the notice of motion. She pointed out that, within the Council area, 17.3% of the population was aged over-65 and that Age NI had estimated that almost 40% of pensioners were living below the poverty line. She added that poverty impacted adversely on people with disabilities and that the current cost-of-living crisis had exacerbated the situation. She sought the Committee’s endorsement for the creation of an anti-poverty strategy and concluded by that it was vital that the Council promoted the visibility of its ongoing anti-poverty work for the benefit of those in most need of support.

Councillor A McIntyre formally proposed the motion to the Committee.

In seconding the motion, Alderman H Legge added that there existed a deep sense of frustration across society since an anti-poverty strategy for Northern Ireland had been first proposed in 1998. She emphasised that poverty impacted on all age groups and particularly the most vulnerable. She referred also to the rising cost of food prices and the valuable work undertaken by food banks to alleviate such costs. She thanked Councillor Kemp for bringing the motion before the Council.

Councillor D Bassett, on behalf of the Sinn Fein party grouping, endorsed the motion as presented.

The Committee agreed that the course of action outlined within the motion be approved and it was noted that a further report would be submitted in due course.

4.0 Head of Communities

4.1 Community Bursary Scheme

The Head of Communities reminded the Committee that, at its meeting on 5th March, it had approved the DEA Investment Programme for 2024/25, in respect of which provision had been included for the delivery of a Community Bursary Scheme. She outlined the principal aspects of the scheme and gave an overview of its aims and objectives, the types of projects that would be eligible for support, together with the criteria that would be applied within the application process.

It was moved by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Committee:

- notes the content of the paper in regard to the Community Bursary Scheme and the outline guidance notes with a view that the scheme be launched in May/June of 2024;
- delegates authority to the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, to approve applications received on an ongoing basis within the cycle of the scheme; and
- notes also that applicants and the outcome of the decisions be placed on the Information and Correspondence Schedule in the month in which the applications had been assessed, or as soon as possible thereafter.

(Councillor G Hynds entered the Chamber at 18:14).

4.2 D-Day Grants Scheme

The Head of Communities informed the Committee that, in response to an open call for applications for support under the above-mentioned scheme, 47 had been received and assessed against pre-agreed criteria, all of which have been deemed successful, with a total amount of £23,400 recommended for award.

It was moved by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed that the Committee approve the payment of the grants as set out.

Arising from discussion, the Committee noted that there remained an underspend of £11,600 in respect of the original budgeted amount of £35,000. Accordingly, the Committee agreed that a request be submitted to the Corporate Services Committee, at its meeting on 11th April, that permission be granted to utilise the underspend with a view to increasing the participation of schoolchildren at planned D-Day events.

4.3 Arts Grants

The Committee agreed to note the outcome of the assessment processes for the awarding of grants in the following categories:

1. Arts Organisations
2. Individual Artist
3. Making Art in the Communities Grant Scheme
4. Tyrone Guthrie Bursary
5. John Hewitt Summer School

5.0 Acting Head of Parks and Amenities

5.1 Lisburn Féile – Use of Wallace Park

The Acting Head of Parks and Amenities reported that a request had been received from Lisburn Féile for the use of Wallace Park on Friday 26th July for the purposes of a family fun day.

On the proposal of Councillor D Bassett, which was seconded by Councillor G Thompson, the Committee acceded to the request, and it was noted that, in accordance with the Council's infrastructure policy, small scale support would be provided to the organisers in the delivery of the event.

6.0 Any Other Business – Non-Confidential Matters

6.1 Lisburn Pickleball Club

The Committee noted the comments of the Head of Sports Services in relation to the successful hosting of the Kukri Pickleball Ireland National Championships at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex from 5th to 7th April, which had been attended by participants from across the island of Ireland.

The Committee commended those staff officers who had been involved in the delivery of the event.

6.2 Aberdelgy Golf Course

Councillor G Hynds extended his thanks to those members of staff who had been involved in the opening of the new driving range at Aberdelgy Golf Course.

7.0 Confidential Report of the Director

The Chairperson advised that the reasons for confidentiality for the following matters were by virtue of the Section 6, Part 1, of the Local Government Act (2014) Northern Ireland, namely, in that it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council holding that information).

It was moved by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor D Bassett, and agreed that the confidential report of the Director be considered 'in committee'.

7.1 Static Attendants – Variation of Contract

It was moved by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Committee approve a variation to the contract for Cobra Services for the provision of the above-mentioned service.

7.2 Hanging Baskets Contract

It was moved by Alderman H Legge, seconded by Councillor D Bassett, and agreed that the Committee approve the contract value for the delivery of the Council's Hanging Baskets Scheme until September 2024.

8.0 Any Other Business – Confidential Matters

8.1 Santos Football Club

The Director and the Head of Sports Services provided clarity in relation to the former use of a Council pitch at 698 Saintfield Road by Santos FC. In addition, it was noted that the future use of the site would be considered under the pitches' strategy.

8.2 Council Funding Streams

The Director answered a query in relation to the overall provision of funding streams by central government and how the Council was preparing for any reduction in such funding.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was moved by Councillor D Bassett, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

The meeting ended at 18:51.

Chairperson

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6.00 pm.**

PRESENT: Alderman O Gawith (Chair)

Councillor A Ewing (Vice-Chair)

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor A Gowan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor G McCleave

Aldermen A Ewart MBE, M Guy and H Legge

Councillors T Beckett, P Burke, K Dickson, N Eaton,
A Givan, B Higginson, C Kemp and The Hon N Trimble

OTHER MEMBERS: Alderman A Grehan

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Organisation Development & Innovation
Director of Regeneration & Growth
Head of Assets
Head of Corporate Communications & Administration
Head of Finance
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Capital Accountant
Member Services Officers (RN & BS)

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that it would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

The names of those Elected Members in attendance at the meeting were read out by the Member Services Officer.

The Chair stated that unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders. The Chair also reminded everyone to ensure that mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency. Finally, the Chair asked that any Member entering or leaving the meeting alert the Member Services Officer accordingly so that this might be accurately reflected in the minutes.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillors R Carlin and U Mackin.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair invited Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard which had been provided with the papers for the meeting and which were also available in the Chamber.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Report of Head of Corporate Communications & Administration

3.1 D-Day 80: 6 June 2024

Aldermen A Ewart, A Grehan and H Legge entered the Chamber during this item of business. (6.06 pm)

3.1.1 Progress Report

In addition to the narrative report, copies of the undernoted items had been provided and were duly noted:-

- minutes of meeting of the D-Day Working Group held on the 20th March 2024;
- the rolling D-Day Programme and required budgets (as of March 2024);
- Equality screening document.

3.1.2 Additional Events

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, advised of two additions that he would wish to have made to the programme of events, namely:-

- the illumination of the LVI building on the day of the Beacon lighting, ie 6th June 2024;
- the reallocation of the underspend in the budget that had been set aside for small grants associated with the D-Day commemorations, such a reallocation to be directed to the Museum Service so that financial assistance might be provided to schools to enable them to have pupils brought into Lisburn City Centre for the D-Day commemorations on the 6th June 2024. This underspend had been reported to the Communities & Wellbeing Committee on the 9th April 2024. That committee had agreed that a request for the reallocation of the underspend be presented to the Corporate Services Committee on the 11th April 2024.

On a Proposal made by The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, and seconded by Alderman H Legge, it was unanimously agreed that the two additions referred to above be accepted.

4. Any Other Business – Non-Confidential

There were no items of a non-confidential nature raised.

5. Confidential Report from Director of Finance & Corporate Services

The reasons for confidentiality were as set out in the agenda, ie:-

5.1 Report on Tender Awards

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

Redacted report to be available following ratification and signing of contracts.

5.2 Management Accounts – Period 11 of 2023/2024

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

Redacted report to be available following full Council meeting on 23rd April 2024.

5.3 Capital Programme Update

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

Report will never become available.

In Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor A Ewing and agreed that the Confidential Report of the Director be considered "in Committee". (Recording was paused at this stage in proceedings.)

5.1 Report on Tender Awards

Presented by the Head of Assets.

The Head of Assets corrected typographical errors in Tender T23/24-022 – "Framework for Select List of Graphic Design Services".

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor B Higginson and agreed to recommend that – subject to the corrections in T23/24-022 - the tenders awarded in regard to the following contracts, together with the attendant tender reports, be noted:-

- T23/24-022 - Framework for Select List of Graphic Design Services;
- T23/24-021 – Aghalee Traffic Calming Works;
- T23/24-016 – Planned Preventive Maintenance Inspections for Legionella Prevention;
- T23/24-023 – Framework of Photographic Services.

It was further agreed to recommend that the signing and sealing of the Tender documents be approved.

5.2 Management Accounts – Period 11 of 2023/2024

Presented by the Head of Finance.

The Management Accounts for the period ending the 29th February 2024, together with an extensive narrative report by way of explanation, were provided.

Officers responded to Members' questions.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor N Eaton and agreed to recommended that the Management Accounts for Period 11 of 2023/2024 be noted.

5.3 Capital Programme Update

Presented by the Head of Planning & Capital Development.

In addition to the narrative report, the Capital Programme review as of March 2024 had been provided. Such a report would be presented to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

Officers responded to Members' questions.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Alderman H Legge and agreed to recommend that:-

- the current financial position of the Capital Programme as of March 2024 and as outlined in the report, is agreed;
- the current position whereby there are no movements of projects to Phase 2 of the Programme but that there are a number of projects in the process that will come forward during the current financial year, is noted.

6. Any Other Business – Confidential

There was no other confidential business raised.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to come "out of Committee". Normal business and audio recording were resumed.

7. Any Other Business

There were no further items raised.

The meeting concluded at 6.49 pm.

MAYOR/CHAIR

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 4 March, 2024 at 10.00 am****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Alderman M Gregg (Chairman)

Councillor U Mackin (Vice-Chairman)

Aldermen O Gawith and J Tinsley

Councillors S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, A Martin and G Thompson

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Councillor D Bassett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth (present remotely)
 Head of Planning & Capital Development
 Principal Planning Officers (RH and LJ)
 Senior Planning Officers (RT, MB and PMcF)
 Member Services Officers (CR and CH)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin) – Legal Advisor

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, 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.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

At this point, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

- in respect of planning application LA05/2023/0085/F, Alderman J Tinsley stated that he knew the applicant. The applicant had spoken to him; however, Alderman Tinsley had advised that he was a member of the Planning Committee and had not commented one way or another;

2. Declarations of Interest (Contd)

- in respect of planning application LA05/2021/1245/F, Councillor P Catney stated that he had previously spoken in favour of the application when he was an MLA and, at that stage also, had spoken to residents and the Minister for Infrastructure. He had sought and received speaking rights to address the meeting in relation to this application;
- in respect of planning application LA05/2022/0094/O, Councillor U Mackin stated that he had been contacted by a planning consultant on behalf of the agent. He had listened but had not commented one way or another;
- in respect of planning application LA05/2022/0018/F, Councillor D Bassett stated that he had been contacted by consultants; however, he had advised that he was a member of the Planning Committee and was not able to provide any information; and
- in respect of planning application LA05/2023/0662/F, Councillor D Bassett stated that this application was within his constituency, although he had not been contacted by anyone in relation to it.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 5 February, 2024

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 5 February, 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, advised that there were 1 major application and 7 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

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.

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- (i) LA05/2021/1245/F – Proposed Park and Ride facility including tarmacked parking area, landscaping, boundary fencing, CCTV and floodlighting (powered by solar panel array and associated battery storage building), cycle shelter building, storm water retention pond and widening of Station Road to facilitate right hand turning lane into site and footpath provision for pedestrian access to train station. Provision of drop off lay by and turning circle at existing train station car park at lands 65 metres north of (and including) Moira Train Station, Moira (between 4 and 6 Station Road)

Having declared an interest in this application, Councillor P Catney left the meeting (10.10.am).

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

The Committee received Mr R Agus, accompanied by Mr E Loughrey and Mr R McEvoy to speak in opposition to the application. Arising from discussion, during which the speakers indicated that they had not had sight of additional information submitted since the last meeting of the Committee, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a short period to allow the information to be circulated and the speakers to have time to consider the content of that correspondence.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10.33 am.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.04 am.

Having considered the contents of the additional submission, the speakers were afforded a further opportunity to address the Committee and responded to a number of queries raised by Members.

At this stage, the Committee received the following:

- Councillor P Catney (having returned to the Chamber following presentation of the application by the Senior Planning Officer) to speak in support of the application; and
- Mr A Stott, accompanied by Mr A Larkin, Mr S Warke and Mr K Hannah, to speak in support of the application.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by the speakers.

During discussion, Mr Stott stated that Translink would be content for planning permission, should it be granted, to include a condition requiring that, prior to any work commencing on the park and ride facility, works associated with the widening of the road, provision of a safe vehicular entrance, street lighting, footpaths would be carried out.

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In response to comments regarding safety issues at the Glenavy Road/Station Road junction, Mr Stott stated that Translink would be willing to work with colleagues in Roads Service to provide any technical assistance required in any works that may be forthcoming. Members welcomed this, whilst noting that it would not form part of the decision-making process on this application.

A number of queries were responded to by Planning Officers, as well as Roads Service representatives who were in attendance – Mr W Cardwell and Mr B Finlay.

During discussion:

- Mr Cardwell confirmed that, since the last meeting of the Committee, he had met with the Senior Traffic Engineer and the issue of providing a right-hand turning lane at the Station Road/Glenavy Road junction was being further considered by the Department;
- in response to a request that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit on Glenavy Road in the vicinity of its junction with Station Road, Mr Cardwell agreed to pass that request to the relevant Officer within DfI Roads;
- in response to a request that consideration be given to imposing a speed limit on Station Road in the vicinity of the proposed park and ride facility, Mr Cardwell agreed to pass that request to the relevant Officer within DfI Roads.

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Martin and agreed to go ‘into committee’ in order that legal advice could be sought on this application. Those members of the public in attendance, including Councillor P Catney, left the meeting (12.06 pm).

Advice was provided by the Legal Advisor in respect of this application.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (12.33 pm).

At this stage, questions to Planning Officers and Roads Service representatives resumed.

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Given the short notice objectors had had to have sight of additional information submitted, the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, afforded them the opportunity to rebut anything they had heard since receiving this correspondence earlier.

Mr Stott having requested an additional opportunity to speak, similar to the objectors, the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, declined the request as he explained that the objectors had only been afforded this opportunity given that they had not had sight previously of the additional submission provided since the last meeting.

Any additional queries raised after this were dealt with by the Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman J Tinsley stated that this application had been thoroughly debated, with many concerns having been raised and responded to by those both in opposition to and in support of the application. On balance, and given that the general commuter would welcome the park and ride facility being proposed, Alderman Tinsley would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
- Alderman O Gawith stated that he was reassured that DfI Roads was now reviewing the provision of a right-hand turning lane on Glenavy Road and that Translink would offer any technical assistance required, although he acknowledged that that was outwith this planning application. On balance, whilst not perfect the application was the best it could be and Alderman Gawith would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
- Councillor D J Craig stated that parking on Station Road had been a major road safety issue for many years and the provision of additional parking at the park and ride to take cars off Station Road, as well as the turning facility, could only result in improved road safety. On balance, despite his concerns regarding the junction at Glenavy Road/Station Road, he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission. He welcomed comments regarding Roads Service reviewing the right-hand turning lane at this junction, whilst acknowledging it was not part of the application. Councillor Craig further stated that he would be keen to have a condition applied requiring safety measures to be implemented prior to any work commencing on the park and ride facility, as alluded to earlier by Mr Stott;

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- Councillor A Martin stated that he too was encouraged by comments made by Roads Service representatives. The proposed facility would be a benefit not only to Moira village, but to Northern Ireland as a whole, and he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
 - Councillor G Thompson stated that she was encouraged by comments made by Roads Service representatives, as well as Translink representatives, and would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission; and
 - the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, also welcomed comments by Roads Service representatives regarding the right-hand turning lane at the Glenavy Road/Station Road junction, as well as comments by Translink representatives regarding a condition to ensure the implementation of safety measures prior to commencement of work at the park and ride facility. Alderman M Gregg would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant permission to this application, which represented a step towards sustainable transport.

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 Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned for lunch (1.09 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting resumed (1.47 pm).

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- (ii) LA05/2022/0018/F – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of residential development consisting of 24 dwelling units (12 detached, 4 semi-detached and 8 apartments), garages, associated access, internal road, parking, landscaping and associated works on lands at 126 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn

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

There was no-one registered to speak in respect of this application.

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

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor D J Craig commended the developer for having taken on board the request made previously by the Committee that the development should include an element of affordable housing. He also welcomed ecological elements of the application in relation to the protection of bats and other species. Councillor Craig would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
- Councillor P Catney echoed that he too appreciated that the developer had taken account of the Committee's previous request around affordable housing and he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
- Alderman O Gawith stated that he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission;
- Councillor A Martin stated that he appreciated that the developer had taken account of the Committee's previous request around affordable housing and stated this set a good example for other developers in the future. Councillor Martin would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission; and
- the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, concurred with the sentiments expressed by other Members regarding the developer and would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission.

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.

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- (iii) LA05/2023/0662/F – Amendments to planning permission reference Y/2009/0160/F: change of apartment type and plot boundary amendments to approved apartments on plots 106 to 117 inclusive to provide 12 CAT1 apartments. Retention of roads/footways and open space as approved by Y/2009/0160/F with minor amendments to landscape proposals at Baronsgrange Development (under construction) at Comber Road, Carryduff

The Principal Planning Officer (RH) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr D Worthington in order to speak in support of the application and answered a number of queries raised by Members.

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

During his address, Mr Worthington had indicated a degree of pressure to commence this development before the end of March. The Head of Planning & Capital Development stated that, should planning permission be agreed today, a Section 76 Agreement would then be required to be put in place. Whilst the Council was in receipt of a draft Agreement, there were a number of steps to be taken before the Agreement would be ready to be presented to full Council for ratification and he could not commit to being a position to present this at the March Council meeting.

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.

- (iv) LA05/2022/0493/F – Erection of 4 detached and 6 semi-detached dwellings with single storey garages, car parking, landscaping, associated site works and access arrangements from Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn (10 residential units in total) on lands approximately 100 metres southwest of 56 Saintfield Road and approximately 100 metres southeast of 147 Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn

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

The Committee received Dr J Bronte and Mr S McKee 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.

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- (iv) LA05/2022/0493/F – Erection of 4 detached and 6 semi-detached dwellings with single storey garages, car parking, landscaping, associated site works and access arrangements from Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn (10 residential units in total) on lands approximately 100 metres southwest of 56 Saintfield Road and approximately 100 metres southeast of 147 Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn (Contd)

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.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (2.54 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 3.00 pm.

- (v) LA05/2021/1169/F – Demolition of existing public house and construction of residential development of 12 apartments and associated car parking and landscaping as previously approved under S/2006/1608/F at 7-9 Rathfriland Road, Dromara

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

There was no-one registered to speak in respect of this application.

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

Debate

During debate, Councillor P Catney stated that, given that the proposed development did not have an impact on the village-scape, he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant planning permission.

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.

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- (vi) LA05/2023/0024/F – Erection of a dwelling on lands north and adjacent to 55D Balliesmills Road, Lisburn

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

The Committee received Mr G Thompson, accompanied by Mr Martin, 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, the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, stated that, whilst he had sympathy with the applicant, this application did not meet with policy COU16 and he would be supporting the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.

Vote

In favour: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor A Martin, Alderman J Tinsley, Councillor G Thompson and the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg **(9)**

Against: None **(0)**

Abstain: Councillor D J Craig **(1)**

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, declared that the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission was 'carried'.

- (vii) LA05/2022/0094/O – Erection of storey and a half farm dwelling and garage including paired access and laneway at a site approximately 140 metres south of 23 Corcreeny Road, Hillsborough

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

The Committee received Mrs B Erwin, accompanied by Mr R Magee, to speak in support of the application and a number of queries raised by Members were responded to.

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that this application be deferred for one month to allow for the submission of verified revenue accounts which could demonstrate that a horticultural enterprise had continued on the farm holding for the entire period of time since outline planning permission had been granted.

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At this point, the Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, indicated that he had to leave the meeting early. He referred to the fact that this was the last meeting at which Mrs Rachel Taylor, Senior Planning Officer, would be in attendance as she was leaving the Council to take up employment with the Planning Appeals Commission. Alderman Gregg thanked Mrs Taylor for her service to the Council and wished her well in her new post.

Councillor D Bassett left the meeting (4.59 pm).

The Chairman asked that item 4.2 on the agenda be considered at this point, before his departure from the meeting.

4.2 Notification Direction – LA05/2021/0033/F

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that, having considered the advice contained in the Officer's report, the test of the Regulations for the Department for Infrastructure to be notified of the Committee's decision on the above application not be met.

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, left the meeting at this point (5.06 pm) and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, took the chair.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Acting Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 5.11 pm.

The remaining planning application was considered at this point.

- (viii) LA05/2023/0085/F – Erection of dwelling on a farm including garage, outbuilding, animal pen and all associated site works at 16c Tansy Road, Drumanduff, Lisburn

Prior to presentation of the above application, it was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the application be deferred for a site visit as Members would benefit from physically viewing the site and getting clarification from Planning Officers in relation to existing buildings and previous planning approvals.

The Acting Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, advised that items 4.10 and 4.11 from the agenda would be considered at this point.

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4.10 LDP Quarterly Update

Members noted from the Officer's report, next steps on the preparation of the Local Development Plan. The updated timetable had been presented to the Regeneration and Growth Committee for approval and the programme of work accorded with the Planning Act (NI) 2011 and the Planning (LDP) Regulations (NI) 2015.

4.11 Enforcement Quarterly Update

Members noted the contents of an update in respect of the Planning Enforcement caseload.

It had been agreed previously that a workshop would be held to discuss enforcement issues with Members. Following discussion, it was agreed that:

- (a) as the Head of Planning & Capital Development, as well as the Principal Planning Officer, were required to attend proceedings in the High Court on the next scheduled date of the Planning Committee, i.e. 8 April, 2024, that meeting would be rescheduled, in consultation with the Chairman; and
- (b) the enforcement workshop would take place on the morning of the rescheduled meeting and that the Planning Committee meeting would commence in the afternoon, with the schedule of applications being drawn up to reflect this.

The remaining items on the agenda would be considered at this point.

4.3 Pre-Application Notice (PAN) – Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) 600MW, landscaping and ancillary development on lands approximately 230 metres east of 2 Moneybroom Road, Lisburn

Members having been provided with a copy of the above PAN, and the Head of Planning & Capital Development having responded to comments regarding a legal challenge in respect of a previous similar application, it was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that the PAN be noted and submitted in accordance with the relevant section of the legislation and related guidance.

4.4 Appeal Decision – LA05/2023/0062/O

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed to note the information set out in the report in respect of the decision of the Planning Appeals Commission regarding the above planning application.

4.5 Appeal Decision – LA05/2020/0496/F

It was proposed by Councillor G Thompson, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to note the information set out in the report in respect of the decision of the Planning Appeals Commission regarding the above planning application.

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4.5 Appeal Decision – LA05/2020/0496/F (Contd)

In response to a query from Councillor D J Craig, the Head of Planning & Capital Development agreed to provide information for next month's meeting on whether or not the neurologist's report provided to the Planning Appeals Commission had been made available to the Planning Committee prior to it making a decision on this planning application.

4.6 Statutory Performance Indicators – January 2024

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor G Thompson and agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for January 2024 be noted.

At this point, Councillor D J Craig, congratulated Mrs Taylor on her new appointment.

4.7 Update on DAERA Actions to Improve Planning Consultation Response Timeframes and Engagement on the Need to Facilitate Prioritisation Requests

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to note an update from the Head of Natural Environment Division in relation to actions taken to improve planning consultation response timeframes and engagement on the need to facilitate prioritisation requests.

4.8 Letter from Department in Relation to Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest – Blaris Radio Transmitter

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor S Burns and agreed to note the contents of the letter from the Department for Communities in relation to the above matter. The Council was currently investigating the need for a building preservation notice but would keep this under review with the Department.

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

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to note from the report, information regarding notifications by telecommunication operators to utilise Permitted Development Rights at several locations.

It was further agreed, at the request of Alderman Tinsley, that the Head of Planning & Capital Development write to Openreach to request if contact had been made with Dundrod Motorcycle Club to ascertain if the two locations in Dundrod where fixed line broadband apparatus was to be installed were part of the Ulster Grand Prix race circuit.

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5. Any Other Business

5.1 Date of Next Meeting

The Acting Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, advised that, as considered under item 4.11, the date of the next meeting would be notified to Members in due course.

The Acting Chairman also expressed his best wishes to Mrs Taylor in her new position with the Planning Appeals Commission.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Acting Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 5.51 pm.

Chairman/Mayor