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October 27th, 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, 27th October 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

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)

Attachment: Disclosure of Interests form Sept 24.pdf ***Page 4***

4.0 COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 Council Meeting - 22 September 2026

Attachment: MM 22 09 2026 Draft Minutes for Adoption.pdf ***Page 6***

4.2 Special Meeting of Council - 6 October 2026

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.0 DEPUTATION

6.1 To receive Mr Simon Wells, Divisional Roads Manager (Eastern Division) and Mr Graeme Salmon, Network Traffic Manager, DfI, in order to present on the Eastern Divisions' Annual Report 2026/2027

Attachment: DfI Roads Eastern Division - Annual report to L&CCC October 2026.pdf ***Page 25***

Attachment: DfI Roads' responses to Issues raised ahead of Roads Service presentation to Council on 27th October 2026.pdf ***Page 92***

7.0 BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

7.1 Signing of Legal Documents

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Belfast City Council, City Hall, Belfast BT1 5GS – Addendum to Collaboration Agreement between Belfast City Council and each of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Ards and North Down Borough Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council,

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Mid Ulster District Council, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in respect of The Northern Ireland Enterprise Support Service (NIESS)

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Eirevo, Eircom UK Limited, 1 Park Row, Leeds LS1 5AB – Contract for F27/27-005 – SOC & SIEM

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, c/o Garma Advisory Limited, 5th Floor, Metro Building, 6-9 Donegall Square South, Belfast BT1 5JA – Deed of Release

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Bassetts (Wolseley) Limited, 46 Lisburn Business Park, Hillsborough Old Road, Lisburn BT27 5EW, McNaughton Blair Ltd, 10 Falcon Road, Belfast BT12 6RD – Contract for T25/26-078 – Tender for the Supply of Plumbing Consumables Contract

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Graham Asset Management, 5 Ballygowan Road, Hillsborough BT26 6HX – Contract for T25/26-064 PPM & RM 10 – Legionella Management

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Special Governance & Audit Committee - 24 September 2026

Attachment: (S) G A 24 09 2026 Draft Minutes for Adoption.pdf ***Page 97***

8.2 Regeneration & Growth Committee - 1 October 2026

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8.3 Communities & Wellbeing Committee - 6 October 2026

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8.4 Environment & Sustainability Committee - 7 October 2026

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8.5 Corporate Services Committee - 14 October 2026

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8.6 Planning Committee - 7 September 2026 (for Noting)

Attachment: PC 07.09.2026 - Ratified Minutes FOR NOTING.pdf ***Page 133***

9.0 REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

9.1 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for a planning application on lands at the Baronsgrange development, Comber Road, Carryduff

For Decision

Attachment: S76 report - Full Council - LA05 2025 0390 F Baronsgrange Carryduff Draft.pdf ***Page 141***

Attachment: Section 76 Planning Agreement - 08.10.26 (Signed).pdf ***Page 143***

10.0 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON BOARDS

(None)

11.0 REPORTS ON DECISIONS SUBJECT TO THE RECONSIDERATION PROCEDURE

(None)

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 No. 1 on the subject of the Impact of Reduction in Further Education Provision in the name of Councillor G Thompson

For Decision

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13.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

(None)

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING

21st September 2026

Mayor to host reception for Carryduff Man Utd Supporters Club on their 25th Anniversary, LVI

22nd September 2026

Mayor to attend 2026 PiP Award Ceremony, La Mon Hotel

23rd September 2026

Mayor to attend Search and Rescue & Blue Light Services Event, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast

Mayor to attend Carer Support, Health & Wellbeing Morning, LVLP

24th September 2026

Mayor to attend Include Youth - Big Day Out, LVLP

Mayor to host reception for Lisburn Rangers on their recent success, LVI

25th September 2026

Mayor to attend Macmillan Coffee Morning, Ballymacash Community Centre

Mayor to attend LOL 1981 50th anniversary event, Masonic Hall, Belsize Road, Lisburn

26th September 2026

Mayor to host NMBVA Pantridge Memorial Service, LVI

Mayor to visit Ploughing Championships, Stanus Grove, Hillsborough

Mayor to attend Dundonald International Ice Bowl 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Mayor to visit the Marching Bands Tattoo, Market Square, Lisburn

Mayor to host reception for Ploughing Championships NI, LVI

28th September 2026

Mayor to visit Mrs Reid at Ballymacash PS on winning Spirit of Education Award

30th September 2026

Mayor to attend Belfast City Mission Harvest, Ballybeen

1st October 2026

Mayor to visit Lisburn Scouts Woodland Team, Lisburn

Mayor to attend Invictus Veterans Event, Island Hall, LVI

2nd October 2026

Mayor to attend Macmillan Coffee Morning, Lagan View Enterprise Centre

Mayor to attend First Friday Fellowship, Carryduff Free Presbyterian Church

3rd October 2026

Mayor to attend Autumn Fair, The Ballance House

Mayor to attend opening race of Lisburn Karting Club, Maze/Long Kesh

4th October 2026

Mayor to host UDR Lisburn Dedication of new Standard, ILC

5th October 2026

Mayor to host reception for cadets for National Cadets Week, LVI

7th October 2026

Mayor to attend ABF Engagement Reception, Ulster Reform Club, Belfast

8th October 2026

Mayor to open 2026 Local Government Conference, LVI

Mayor to attend World Mental Health Day 2026, Market Square, Lisburn

Mayor to host Seymour Street Methodist Church, LVI

9th October 2026

Mayor to attend South Belfast DUP Association Business Lunch, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast

Mayor to host reception for Lambeg Orange and Blue Flute Band, LVI

10th October 2026

Mayor to attend 'The Big Fry Up' Carryduff Church of Ireland

12th October 2026

Mayor & Cllr Magee to host reception for Lorraine Foster for her contribution to Special Olympics in the LCCC area, LVI

13th October 2026

Mayor to visit Lagan Valley Rural Transport, Lisburn

Mayor to attend Positive Ageing Fair, Lisburn City Library

Mayor to host retirement reception for 6 retiring Lisburn Principals, LVI

15th October 2026

Mayor to host reception for Free Presbyterian Church celebrating 75 years, LVI

17th October 2026

Mayor to attend Autumn Fair, Ballycarrickmaddy Primary School

Mayor to attend Craft Fair, St Mary's Church Ballybeen

Mayor to attend Installation Service for Rev Jonathan Currie, 1st Dromara Presbyterian Church

DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING

14th October 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Southeastern Trust Forget-Me-Not Service for Baby Loss Awareness Week, Stormont Hotel, Belfast

15th October 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Hourglass NI Launch Event, Haslem Hotel, Lisburn

16th October 2026

Deputy Mayor to visit Lagan Valley Rural Transport, Lisburn

17th October 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Ulster Baseball & Softball Club's 30th Anniversary Awards, Belfast City Hall

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

1. **Pecuniary Interests**

The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors under Section 6 requires you to declare at the relevant meeting any pecuniary interest that you may have in any matter coming before any meeting of your Council.

Pecuniary (or financial) interests are those where the decision to be taken could financially benefit or financially disadvantage either you or a member of your close family. A member of your close family is defined as at least your spouse, live-in partner, parent, child, brother, sister and the spouses of any of these. Members may wish to be more prudent by extending that list to include grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces or even close friends.

This information will be recorded in a Statutory Register. On such matters **you must not speak or vote**. Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, if such a matter is to be discussed by your Council, **you must withdraw from the meeting whilst that matter is being discussed.**

2. **Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests**

In addition you must also declare any significant private or personal non-pecuniary interest in a matter arising at a Council meeting (please see also Sections 5.2 and 5.6 and 5.8 of the Code).

Significant private or personal non-pecuniary (membership) interests are those which do not financially benefit or financially disadvantage you or a member of your close family directly, but nonetheless, so significant that could be considered as being likely to influence your decision.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, you must declare this interest as soon as it becomes apparent and **you must withdraw from any Council meeting (including committee or sub-committee meetings) when this matter is being discussed**.

In respect of each of these, please complete the form below as necessary.

Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

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Date of Meeting: _____

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

_____

Nature of Pecuniary Interest:

Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

_____

Date of Meeting: _____

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

_____

Nature of Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interest:

Name: Address:

Signed:	Date:

If you have any queries please contact David Burns, Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 22 September, 2026 at 7:02 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor B Higginson

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

Councillors J Bamford, D Bassett, R T Beckett, S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur, G Hynds, C Kemp, S Lowry, U Mackin, B Magee, A Martin, G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever, T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson and N Trimble

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Alderman S Skillen

Councillors J Laverty BEM and R McLernon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

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

Commencement of the Meeting

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded 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 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.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed Rev N Dark to the meeting of Council. Rev Dark addressed the meeting and said a prayer.

The Mayor, thanked Rev Dark for his attendance and contribution, following which Rev Dark left the meeting (7.12 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 and the Deputy Mayor since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman A McIntyre and Councillors R Carlin, K Dickson and D Lynch.

3. Declarations of Interest

Alderman J Baird declared an interest in respect of item 4.1 of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027' as he was a member of LOL 1662, which had received funding via this scheme. After the meeting concluded Alderman Baird submitted a written declaration of interest form on which he also declared an interest in item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord.

Councillor A P Ewing declared an interest in respect of item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord. Councillor Ewing also declared an interest in item 4.3 of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027' and item 5.3 of the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee held on 9 September 2026 'Request to Earmark Reserves' as he was a member of LOL 144 and Hillsborough Working Together.

Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in the following items within the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026, as he had assisted community groups and family members who were members of Dromara Village Football Club and Lisnagarvey Hockey Club with applications for funding:

3. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

- Item 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 4.2 'Addressing Poverty and Social Exclusion Grant'
- Item 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 5.2 'Sports Club Enhancement Fund'

Councillor Gowan also declared an interest in item 5.3 of the minutes of the Corporate Servies Committee held on 9 September 2026 'Request to Earmark Reserves' for the same reason as above, and in item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord.

Councillor C Kemp declared an interest in items 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027' and 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027' of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 and confirmed that she had also declared these interests when at the meeting.

Alderman S Skillen declared an interest in the following items within the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 and confirmed that she had declared these interests when at the meeting:

- Item 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 4.2 'Addressing Poverty and Social Exclusion Grant'
- Item 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 5.2 'Sports Club Enhancement Fund'

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 25 August, 2026

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 August, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August, 2026.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

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7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson advised that the first legal document on the agenda 'Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, c/o Garma Advisory Limited, 5th Floor, Metro Building, 6-9 Donegall Square South, Belfast BT1 5JA – Deed of Release' had been withdrawn pending further information.

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Kinnaird Mechanical Ltd, 175 Ballygomartin Road, Belfast BT13 3NA – Contract for T25/26-034 Tender for PPM & RM 5 – Sewage and Drainage Pump Systems

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and White Mountain Quarries, 5 Blackwater Road, Mallusk BT36 4TZ – Contract for Resurfacing Programme Phase 2

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Community Advice Lisburn & Castlereagh, Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street, Lisburn BT28 1XP – Contract for T25/26-070 Tender for Provision of Generalist Advice Services

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Councillor A Gowan (7.31 pm and 7.34 pm) and Councillor A P Ewing (7.33 pm and 7.35pm) left and returned to the meeting during this item. Alderman A G Ewart left the meeting during this item (7.35 pm).

Communities & Wellbeing Committee **1 September, 2026**
Proposed by Councillor S Lowry
Seconded by Councillor B Magee

Environment & Sustainability Committee **2 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman S Skillen
Seconded by Councillor N Parker

Regeneration & Growth Committee **3 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman J Baird
Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Matters Arising

Item 4.4 Page 417
Proposed 13 Space Car Park – Station Road, Lambeg

Councillor D J Craig spoke of a community consultation which he had attended with Councillor N Trimble in relation to the above item and that he felt

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees (Cont'd)

it was very clear the community's opinion was divided. Councillor Craig noted the response from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to the application of double yellow lines and stated that this was in direct contradiction to the information provided to the Council by Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Officers in the past. Councillor Craig proposed that the Council write to the Permanent Secretary for DfI seeking clarification, given that he felt the Council had been misled on the subject of double yellow lines by DfI Officers for decades. Councillor G Hynds seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Item 7.1.2 Page 422
Ravernet Primary School

"In Committee"

Councillor C Kemp advised that she wished to ask a question on the above item but it would require entering confidential business. It was proposed by Councillor Kemp, seconded by Alderman S P Porter, and agreed to go 'into committee' so this could be discussed (7.25 pm).

Following the question from Councillor Kemp, the Director of Regeneration and Growth provided Members with a verbal update.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (7.30 pm).

Corporate Services Committee **9 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman S P Porter
Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

Alderman S P Porter advised that the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Thursday, 24 September 2026.

Matters Arising

Item 4.4 Page 436
Armed Forces Day 2027 – Working Group

Councillor N Trimble advised that the minutes of the above item stated "the proposal was supported by all Members with no opposition" which he stated was correct. Councillor Trimble continued that he had been made aware that a statement had been made on social media by Councillor G Hynds which stated that he had objected to Councillor Hynds' nomination to the Armed Forces Day 2027 Working Group. Councillor Trimble advised that this was untrue. Councillor G Hynds stated that there was a language of opposition on the evening and that he stood by his comments. The Mayor advised that the

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees (Cont'd)

minute of the meeting had been confirmed as an accurate reflection of the committee decision.

Item 5.3 Page 437
Request to Earmark Reserves

Councillor A Givan thanked the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, Alderman S P Porter for the uplift allocated to the Communities Facility Fund and thanked Officers for their work on this.

Governance & Audit Committee **10 September, 2026**

Proposed by Councillor M McKeever
Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

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 Wednesday, 23 September 2026.

Planning Committee **3 August, 2026**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 3 August, 2026 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 7 September, 2026. It was proposed by Councillor D Bassett, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports from the Chief Executive.

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 Freedom of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for Yeoman Warder, Ryan Brown
Alderman J Baird

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Alderman J Baird had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

12.1 Freedom of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for Yeoman Warder, Ryan Brown (Cont'd)

"That Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council resolves to confer the Freedom of the City upon Mr Ryan Brown, in recognition of his commitment to Crown and Community but in also becoming the 423rd Yeoman Warder of His Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress the Tower of London and being the first person from Lisburn to achieve this distinguished honour."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Alderman J Baird and seconded by Councillor A Givan.

Alderman Baird elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he highlighted Mr R Brown's history of living in Lisburn, where he attended Laurelhill High School before joining the British Army in 1994. While in the British Army he served with the Royal Irish Regiment followed by the Royal Regiment of Artillery reaching the rank of Warrant Officer. Alderman Baird advised that although Mr Brown travelled a lot during his military career, Lisburn was always home and he bought a house in the city in 2003. Following retirement from the British Army in 2019 he returned to Lisburn to live and worked at Hillsborough Castle until 2024. Alderman Baird spoke of the community work undertaken by Mr Brown as a director of Ballymacash Sports Academy, a Trustee of Ballymacash Rangers Football Club, and as Club Development Officer for Ballymacash Rangers Youth Football Club, where he worked to improve facilities and increase participation. Mr Brown had been involved in ensuring Ballymacash Sports Academy reached high standards which resulted them in being awarded the King's Award for Volunteering. Alderman Baird informed of Mr Brown's success in being appointed the 423rd Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London in 2024, and that he was the first person from Lisburn to hold this position and only the second from Northern Ireland. He continued that while Mr Brown now lived in London, he still had a strong connection with Lisburn and that his service to his country and community should be recognised by the Council.

Councillor A Givan stated he was privileged to second the Notice of Motion and spoke of the honour for Mr Brown and his family in being appointed the 423rd Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London. Councillor Givan spoke of the stringent interview process for the coveted position of Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London, a position more commonly known as a Beefeater, of which there were only 34. Councillor Givan recalled when a delegation from the Regeneration and Growth Committee were in London at a conference and were given a tour of the Tower of London by Mr Brown. He continued to speak of his own experience when visiting the Tower of London and of the professionalism of the Yeomen Warders in carrying out their duties, and of the privilege of Lisburn in having one of its citizens hold the position of Yeoman Warder, concluding that it was appropriate for the Council to recognise this achievement.

Alderman A Grehan spoke on behalf of the Alliance Party in support of the Notice of Motion.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Alderman J Baird and seconded by Councillor A Givan, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

12.2 Street Cabinet Artwork Project
Councillor N Parker

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

> "Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council recognises the negative impact that graffiti such as tagging and the subsequent costs of removal, can have on our communities, public spaces and street furniture, while also recognising the positive benefits that public street art, such as painted utility boxes, can play in enhancing the local environment and fostering civic pride.
>
> Accordingly, Council agrees to explore the potential of a Street Cabinet Artwork Project including seeking out permissions, funding opportunities and working with local artists, community groups and youth organisations to design any future artwork.
>
> Furthermore, Council notes that such a scheme would be an opportunity to showcase local heritage and engage people of all ages and backgrounds across our council area."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor N Parker and seconded by Alderman H Legge.

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

12.3 Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh
Councillor J Harpur

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

> "Council notes the success of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to the age of five, supporting early childhood development, literacy and a love of reading.
>
> Council recognises the important role that early access to books and shared reading can play in improving children's educational outcomes, supporting parents and carers, and helping to reduce inequalities in early childhood development.
>
> Council further recognises the potential benefits of providing access to the Imagination Library to every child born within the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, regardless of their family's circumstances, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to benefit from a regular supply of books during their early years.
>
> Accordingly, Council agrees to:

12.3 Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh (Cont'd)

1. Request officers to investigate the potential costs of introducing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library across the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, with the scheme available to every child born within the Council area from birth until the age of five, including an estimate of the annual cost based on the number of eligible children.

2. Explore potential funding and partnership opportunities with but not limited to Libraries NI, Community Planning and Book Trust, including funding from relevant government departments, charitable trusts and foundations, local businesses, community organisations and other external partners, with a view to reducing or meeting the cost to Council.

3. Engage with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and relevant local stakeholders to establish the requirements for participation, potential delivery models and how registration could be incorporated into existing services supporting new parents and children within the Council area.

4. Bring a report back to the appropriate Council Committee outlining the above for Members' consideration."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor J Gallen.

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

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings
Councillor S Burns

Councillor T Mitchell left and returned to the meeting during this item (7.46 pm and 7.48 pm).

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

"That this Council notes with grave concern that the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust has been instructed to deliver savings of £50.7 million during 2026/27, including tighter controls on filling vacancies, reduced reliance on agency and locum staffing and reduced use of non-designated corridor beds.

Council recognises the immense pressure already facing health and social care services across the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area and is deeply concerned about the potential consequences for staffing levels, waiting times, patient safety and the accessibility of frontline services, particularly at Lagan Valley Hospital and Ulster Hospital.

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings (Cont'd)

Council further expresses concern that the Trust has determined that these measures do not require formal public consultation despite their scale and potential impact upon patients, staff and local communities.

Accordingly, Council agrees to convene a special meeting and invite the Minister of Health, together with senior representatives of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, to outline the proposed savings in full, explain their anticipated impact on services within this Council area and provide assurances that patient care, safety and access to essential services will not be diminished."

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

Councillor Burns elaborated on her Notice of Motion during which she acknowledged the financial pressures on the Health Service and that efficiencies must be found, however, she queried the consequences of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) making savings of £50.7 million, particularly in relation to:

- Whether staffing levels would be reduced with vacancies left unfilled for long periods, and a reduction in agency and locum staff, resulting in the remaining staff struggling to maintain appropriate staffing levels;
- Whether there would be fewer beds available for those that needed them; and
- The impact the changes would have on waiting times and patient safety.

Councillor Burns expressed concern at the lack of a public consultation despite the scale of the proposed cuts and potential impact they would have on services. She stated that regardless of the technical requirements around a public consultation, there needed to be meaningful engagement as the public deserve to know what was being proposed and how this would affect their local services.

Councillor Burns spoke of the Special Meeting of Council requested in her motion and advised that the Minister for Health and SEHSCT representatives needed to show transparency and accountability. She raised concern on the impact the savings could have on front line staff, who were already under great pressure, and stated that staffing levels could not merely be looked at as numbers on a spreadsheet. Councillor Burns concluded that she was seeking clarity on what the savings would mean for services provided at the Lagan Valley Hospital and Ulster Hospital and ensure the people of Lisburn & Castlereagh could have confidence in their health service.

Alderman Porter, having seconded the Notice of Motion, thanked Councillor Burns for bringing forward this Notice of Motion. Alderman Porter spoke of his personal experience of waiting for an operation and the delays, cancellations and long waiting lists experienced by so many people. He stated that as elected representatives, they should do all they could to support the Minister for Health in his challenging role and put party politics aside to fight for the health services the public need. In closing Alderman Porter advised that this motion was about

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings (Cont'd)

understanding the impact the savings would have on health services throughout the Council area.

Councillors G Thompson, J Gallen and N Trimble on behalf of their respective political parties spoke in support of the Notice of Motion. Councillor G Hynds also spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

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

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Lambeg Golf Club – Charity Day and Inter-club Ireland Success
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney thanked Councillors S Lowry and B Magee for attending the Lambeg Golf Club charity day in their capacities as Chair and Vice Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee. This had taken place at Aberdelghy Golf Course the Saturday prior and a substantial amount of money was raised for the charity. Councillor Catney also informed that Lambeg Golf Club had won its first ever Inter-club Ireland competition in the Ulster Senior Men's Fourball category at Scrabo Golf Club on 6 September 2026, a competition which had involved 176 teams, and requested the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception to recognise the achievement. The Mayor advised he would be happy to accommodate this request.

13.2 Congratulations to Ms Anita Rydout
Alderman A Grehan

Alderman A Grehan congratulated Ms A Rydout on completing the Belfast Half Marathon, raising money for Live Life Wellbeing and Sensibility charities in the process. Ms Rydout had set herself a goal of raising £2000 but had raised over £5000 to date. Alderman Grehan advised that Ms Rydout's achievement was especially impressive as she had been diagnosed with autism and severe global developmental delay, was a former pupil of Parkview Special School and now attends Live Life Wellbeing Centre. Ms Rydout's running journey began at the Park Run in Wallace Park, Lisburn, before joining Jog Lisburn Running Club. Alderman Grehan requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception for Ms Rydout, her family and team to recognise the achievement and celebrate the fantastic fundraising. The Mayor advised he would be honoured to host a reception for Ms Rydout.

13.3 Roadworks at Four Winds Roundabout
Councillor B Magee

Councillor B Magee advised that developer-led roadworks had commenced on 20 July 2026 at the Four Winds roundabout and were due to last for six months. She raised concerns with the impacts they were having on local residents and businesses, particularly those on Newton Park which had been closed since the

13.3 Roadworks at Four Winds Roundabout (Cont'd)

beginning of September. Whilst Newton Park was due to reopen on 2 October 2026, other roads off the Four Winds roundabout would then be closed for the next phases of work, creating further disruption for motorists along the busy route. Councillor Magee proposed that the Council write to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on behalf of the residents of Castlereagh South DEA to ensure that the roadworks complete more swiftly. Councillor J Gallen seconded this proposal. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson stated that he had met with DfI Officers on site earlier in the day and he agreed that more could be done to address the issues.

13.4 NILGA Conference
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge reminded Members that on 8 October 2026, NILGA were holding their conference at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn and that it was the only NILGA conference being held during the current Council term. Alderman Legge advised that she felt it was important Members should attend if they were available and thanked Officers for distributing the information about the event to Members.

13.5 Mr Lawrence Hooke, Anahilt Scout Leader
Councillor A Gowan

Councillor A Gowan informed the Council that Mr L Hooke had stepped down as a Leader of 1st Anahilt Scout Group during the summer months, after serving for 60 years in the role. Councillor Gowan spoke of the number of lives Mr Hooke had impacted through his leadership in the local community, and requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception to recognise Mr Hooke's service. The Mayor advised that he would be happy to accommodate this request.

13.6 Congratulations to Mrs Bernie Reid
Councillor T Mitchell

Councillor T Mitchell congratulated Mrs B Reid of Ballymacash Primary School, who had received the Spirit of Education Award at the recent Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards for making a positive impact on school life. Mrs Reid had been involved in football at the school for 25 years, in particular girls' football, encouraging those who would not normally be selected for the team to participate. Councillor Mitchell requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson write to Mrs Reid to congratulate her. The Mayor advised that he had been made aware of Mrs Reid's success earlier in the day and that it was his intention to visit Mrs Reid and give her a plaque to recognise her achievements.

13.7 Thanks to the Communities and Wellbeing Staff
Councillor S Lowry

Councillor S Lowry expressed her thanks to the Communities and Wellbeing staff ahead of the Dundonald International Ice Bowl's 40th Anniversary celebrations, which had been planned for the upcoming weekend, and welcomed the inclusion of local schools when preparing for the event.

13.8 Grass Cutting by Department for Infrastructure
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds referred to a letter that had been received from the Department for Infrastructure on the cutting of grass verges, particularly those at junctions where sightlines were important for road safety. Councillor Hynds proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure to request that they review the schedules of cutting, particularly how quickly verges are cut at junctions when the grass is growing rapidly. This proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed unanimously.

13.9 Congratulations to the Mayor
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready congratulated the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson on his recent skydive to raise money for his Mayoral Charity, Air Ambulance Northern Ireland. The Mayor thanked those who had donated and the Council's Communications Team for their help with the promotion. Alderman S Skillen congratulated the Mayor and spoke of two incidents in Dundonald when the Air Ambulance had been required to respond in recent weeks.

14. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business to discuss.

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.18 pm.

Mayor

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 6 October, 2026 at 8:00 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, M Gregg, H Legge, S P Porter, and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, R T Beckett, R Carlin, P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, J Harpur, G Hynds, C Kemp, S Lowry, D Lynch, U Mackin, B Magee, G McCleave, C McCready, N Parker, G Thompson and N Trimble

PRESENT REMOTELY: Alderman S Skillen and A Grehan, and Councillors D Bassett, S Burns, A Gowan, J Laverty BEM, M McKeever and R McLernon

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Member Services Manager (Acting)
Member Services Officer
Technician
IT Officer

Purpose of the Special Meeting of Council

The Special Meeting of Council had been convened following receipt of a letter signed by eight Members of the DUP requesting The Right Worshipful the Mayor to convene a Special Meeting of Council to consider a matter regarding the conduct of Elected Members on the Garvagy Road in Portadown, on Sunday 27 September 2026.

Commencement of the Meeting

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised 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.

Commencement of the Meeting (Cont'd)

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

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.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors A Martin and T Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To consider Concerns in relation to actions By Elected Members

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, advised that a letter dated 30 September 2026 signed by eight Members of Council had been received by the Chief Executive, requesting under Standing Order 3.2 that a Special Meeting of Council be convened as a matter of urgency. The letter stated that the reason for requesting the Special Meeting was to consider a matter of significant concern regarding the conduct of Elected Members on the Garvaghy Road in Portadown, on Sunday 27 September 2026 which was inconsistent with the Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors.

A copy of the letter had been appended to the agenda for the special meeting.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor also reminded Members that PSNI investigations are ongoing and in line with the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Members should refrain from making unsubstantiated statements in order to protect themselves and the Council from reputational damage.

Alderman J Tinsley addressed the Council during which he made a number of comments in connection with the on-going protest against the Portadown District Orange Order parade on the Garvaghy Road, Portadown, including:

- all Elected Members, on being elected to Council, affirm that they will abide by the Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors by signing an Acceptance of Office document.
- the rule of law applies to everyone equally
- being elected to this Council does not put anyone above the law, the same standards apply to all Members equally
- the issue is not about taking away anyone's right to protest
- blocking a public road is unlawful

3. To consider Concerns in relation to actions By Elected Members (Cont'd)

- Elected Members must lead by example

Alderman Tinsley proposed that:

- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council notes reports of councillors attending the Garvaghy Road protest on 27 September 2026 and subsequent protests. It also notes the Chief Constable's statement that a criminal investigation is under way regarding "unlawful protest on the Garvaghy Road".

- the Council resolves to write to the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards, asking the Commissioner to consider whether any councillor's conduct warrants investigation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and

- the Council also resolves to write to the Northern Ireland Policing Board requesting that it consider whether any Member of the PCSP, including Chairpersons, in attendance at the Garvaghy Road protest on 27 September 2026 warrants examination under its Code of Conduct.

Councillor A Givan seconded Alderman J Tinsley's proposal and made a number of comments in support of the proposal including;

- the reputation of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has been damaged by the actions of one or more of its councillors by acting unlawfully on the Garvaghy Road, Portadown
- paragraph 3.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct states that councillors in the course of their public duty should uphold the law and paragraph 4.1 of the Code of Conduct states that Councillors hold public office under the law must act lawfully
- It is Important this evening that the Council sends out a clear and unambiguous message that residents in the Council area are expected to behave lawfully without exceptions

A number of Members, on behalf of their respective political parties, addressed the Council.

Councillors J Gallen, D Lynch, R Carlin and P Catney spoke against Alderman Tinsley's proposal and outlined their respective political party's position in regard to the on-going situation on the Garvaghy Road.

Alderman S P Porter, and Councillors G Hynds, N Trimble, A P Ewing spoke in support of Alderman Tinsley's proposal.

Councillor C Kemp spoke about the current on-going issues on the Garvaghy Road which, she stated, were affecting all communities.

During his address Councillor Hynds referred the horrific verbal abuse of women outside courtrooms in recent days.

3. To consider Concerns in relation to actions By Elected Members (Cont'd)

Councillor D Lynch also put on record his personal condemnation of the verbal abuse of female politicians outside court in recent days.

Councillor C Kemp and Alderman M Gregg sought clarification on the wording of the proposal and asked, from a legal point of view, if the Council is content that the proposal did not identify any particular councillor. The Director of Communities & Wellbeing pointed out that the proposal did not name individual councillors.

At this juncture Councillor G Hynds proposed an addendum to Alderman Tinsley's proposal, namely;

- the Council also writes to the Chief Constable of the PSNI conveying the Council's support to the Chief Constable and the PSNI Officers in applying the law

Alderman J Tinsley indicated that he would accept the above addendum to his proposal, as did Councillor A Givan, being the seconder of the proposal.

Councillors J Harpur and S Lowry left and returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor read out proposal, as amended:

- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council notes reports of councillors attending the Garvaghy Road protest on 27 September 2026 and subsequent protests. It also notes the Chief Constable's statement that a criminal investigation is under way regarding "unlawful protest on the Garvaghy Road".

- the Council resolves to write to the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards, asking the Commissioner to consider whether any councillor's conduct warrants investigation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

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- the Council also writes to the Chief Constable of the PSNI conveying the Council's support to the Chief Constable and the PSNI Officers in applying the law

Alderman M Gregg proposed a further amendment to Alderman Tinsley's proposal following which it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes in order that the amended proposal be set out in an email and sent to all Members.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9.08 pm.

3. To consider Concerns in relation to actions By Elected Members (Cont'd)

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 9.15 pm.

Alderman J Tinsley agreed to accept Alderman Gregg's amendment to his proposal, namely;

- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council notes reports of councillors attending the Garvaghy Road protest on 27 September 2026 and subsequent protests. It also notes the Chief Constable's statement that a criminal investigation is under way regarding "unlawful protest on the Garvaghy Road".

- the Council resolves to write to the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards, asking the Commissioner to consider whether any *reported* councillor's conduct warrants investigation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

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- the Council also writes to the Chief Constable of the PSNI conveying the Council's support to the Chief Constable and the PSNI Officers in applying the law.

Alderman J Tinsley's proposal, as seconded by Councillor A Givan, and as amended by Councillor G Hynds and further amended by Alderman M Gregg, was put to the meeting and on a recorded vote being taken was declared carried, there being 32 votes in favour and 6 votes against. The recorded vote was as follows:

FOR: Alderman J Baird, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor D J Craig, Councillor K Dickson, Alderman A G Ewart MBE, Councillor A P Ewing, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan, Alderman M Gregg, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Harpur, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, Councillor G Hynds, Councillor C Kemp, Councillor J Laverty BEM, Alderman H Legge, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor B Magee, Councillor C McCready, Deputy Mayor, Alderman A McIntyre, Councillor M McKeever, Councillor R McLernon, Councillor N Parker, Alderman S P Porter, Alderman S Skillen, Councillor G Thompson, Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor N Trimble T**OTAL: 32**

AGAINST: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor P Catney, Councillor J Gallen, Councillor D Lynch and Councillor G McCleave **TOTAL: 6**

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 9.23 pm.

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Report to

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

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Foreword

I have pleasure in submitting the Roads 2026/27 Annual Report on the work of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads across the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area.

This report deals with works completed across the Council area during the year 2025/26 and sets out our initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2026/27.

The road network is Northern Ireland's largest and most valuable public strategic infrastructure asset valued at approximately £37bn. It provides real benefits for our citizens, our communities and the economy. It delivers for people every day by providing and maintaining the things that we all need to go about our daily lives. It is recognised that there is much more to do as we seek to improve and protect the vital road network. In an effort to do this we have published the new Road Maintenance Strategy that will put us in a strong position to progress a modern, data-driven approach to maintaining the road network, ensuring that resources are used as effectively and efficiently as possible. It seeks to raise maintenance standards by delivering higher-quality, longer-lasting repairs and targeting investment where it is needed most.

The Department will continue to prioritise delivery of essential services for maintaining public safety, protecting the transport network, and addressing regional imbalance. To help address historic underfunding additional funding has been allocated to essential maintenance and enhancing signs and lining and builds upon the existing level of service.

While a formal Budget has not yet been agreed by the Executive, for planning purposes, an opening indicative allocation for structural maintenance of approximately £98m is being provided, which is approximately £30m higher than the opening allocation in the previous year. From this allocation the Department has targeted approximately £12.5m towards a Roads Recovery Fund. This funding will enable the delivery of the highest priority resurfacing, roadside stability and drainage projects. Further details of those projects to be delivered within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area are contained within this report.

For many years, the Department has operated within a constrained resource budget and has continued to prioritise key essential services. This means that Limited Service policy will continue for routine maintenance activities such as defect repair, grass cutting and gully emptying. The Limited Service policy allows the Department to repair defects greater than 50mm on all roads including low trafficked rural roads and on high trafficked roads defects greater than 20mm will also be repaired, subject to available resources. The Department will

aim to cut all sightline grass at least twice between April and October on more heavily trafficked roads and once a year on other roads when it is safe to do so. This aims to balance the need for road safety while protecting our environment and encouraging biodiversity. However, sightlines at bends and junctions will be cut as frequently as required to ensure public safety. The Department has included additional funding towards improving the quality of patch repairs also increasing its Resourcing funding to continuing to improve the extent and quality of patch repairs, enhancing our ability to clean drainage, and enhancing signage repair and refreshing white lines.

To help prioritise, the Department is developing a Transport Strategy 2035, which sets out a long-term vision and strategic framework for the region. The Strategy aims to support economic growth, strengthen regional balance, and enhance connectivity, while promoting a more sustainable transport system. It brings together key transport policy objectives within a single overarching framework, providing greater clarity on the context for the Department's decisions and the actions required across government to support delivery of these strategic outcomes.

In parallel, Local Transport Plans are being developed alongside councils' Local Development Plans to ensure a more integrated approach to transport and land use planning.

The Department recognises the importance of investing in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and the Everyday Active Travel Urban Delivery Plan will provide a firm basis for the development of improved walking, wheeling and cycling networks in our towns and cities over the next ten years and beyond. The Department will also continue to invest in pedestrian enhancement measures that make our streets more inclusive and accessible for everyone and will continue to work closely with councils to better understand your five-year Greenway and active travel priorities.

Road safety also remains a high priority for the Department, and we are committed to working proactively to make our roads safer and address the needs of all road users.

In January this year the Department launched the Speed Limit Review consultation, and officials are now working through the responses to consider potential changes to speed limit policy on all our roads.

The Local Transport & Safety Measures (LTSM) programme continues to be an important

method of providing road safety schemes across the road network.

Requests for LTSM improvements, including the provision of footway schemes or upgrading works, will continue to be assessed with progression of priority improvements within the funding available.

The introduction of part-time 20mph zones at schools across the north is a significant intervention that has helped to ensure that children, parents and staff feel safer as they travel to and from school on a daily basis. In June 2025, it was confirmed that an additional 40 schools will benefit from this key safety measure bringing the total delivered since 2020/21 to 273 schools.

I hope that you find this report informative and I look forward to meeting the Council.

Simon Wells
Divisional Roads Manager (Acting)

Eastern Division - Senior Management Structure

DfI Roads wishes to build upon the good working relationships it has with Council Members and Officers. The Divisional Senior Management Team is listed below. Day to day operational matters should be raised with the relevant Senior Engineers whose details are listed at the start of each section.



Simon Wells
Divisional Roads Manager



Celine Duff
Network Planning Manager



Graeme Salmon
Network Traffic Manager



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Network Development Manager



Gareth McKibbin
Network Maintenance Manager



Philip Robinson
Network Telematics Manager



Karen Robb
Business Support Manager

About Eastern Division

Eastern Division is one of four Client Divisions within DfI Roads. It spans the local Council areas of Belfast City and Lisburn & Castlereagh City.

In Eastern Division we are responsible for approximately 2,564 km of public road together with 355 bridges, 68,532 streetlights, 257 controlled crossings (Pelican/Puffin/Toucan & Zebra type) and 264 traffic signalised junctions. We carry out functions under the headings: -

- **Network Planning** - Regulation of additions to the network proposed by developers
- **Network Development** - Improvements to the existing network to improve safety and traffic progression including Minor Works and Local Transport & Safety Measures.
- **Network Traffic** - Traffic Management minor improvements, pedestrian priority, traffic orders, signing, collision remedial schemes, resident and disabled parking, car parks and pay and display spaces, cycling and traffic calming.
- **Network Traffic Telematics -** Traffic signal control, operation of the Traffic Information and Control Centre, Traffic and travel information, TrafficWatchNI website, Motorway Control Systems, CCTV traffic cameras.
- **Network Maintenance** – Maintenance of the existing network. Maintenance activities include highway inspections, utility street works, street tree maintenance, public liability claims, emergency planning, resurfacing, surface dressing and drainage works as well as grass cutting, gully emptying, patching, embankment / verge maintenance, fencing and provision of the Winter Service.
- **Major Projects East** – Major capital projects (>£5M) on Key Transport Links.
- **Active Travel** - delivering projects that enable more people to walk, wheel and cycle for many of their shorter everyday journeys. In Lisburn & Castlereagh this involves developing a programme of priority projects in line with the Everyday Active Travel Urban Delivery Plan.

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Celine is responsible for the Development Control, Private Streets and Development Plans.

Celine is supported in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area by the following staff:

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1.1 Development Control

DfI Roads in its consideration of planning applications, takes into account aspects of development which could prejudice traffic progression and safety in terms of junction capacity, access arrangements, parking standards and provision, road width, radii, gradients, drainage and sight lines. This consideration usually involves site visits and technical work. Compliance with transport policy and compatibility with road infrastructure is taken into account as well as any need for developer-led improvements. Proposals are also checked for potential encroachment upon any future road corridors. A detailed Transport Assessment may be required for larger developments where potential traffic impact may extend to road junctions some distance from the development site and where infrastructure improvements are deemed necessary as mitigation. For smaller developments a Transport Assessment Form is required to be completed by the applicant in order to ascertain the likely impact.

In the case of housing developments, the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980 is applied if a planning application includes streets which are to become public and maintainable by the Department. Development Control along with the associated Private Streets Section determines the area to be adopted, arranges for the calculation of the bond amount, supervises construction of the streets and, following satisfactory completion by the developer, completes the process for adoption into the public road network. Should the developer not complete the street, DfI Roads can take appropriate enforcement action under the Private Streets Order to ensure satisfactory completion of works funded by the bond.

Other Development Control work includes participating in pre-application discussions and planning meetings, preparation of evidence and presentation of this at Planning Appeals. Assistance is given with enforcement cases associated with breaches of planning control. Input is provided for the use of planning case officers at Council Planning Committee meetings with attendance by Development Control Officers as required.

TABLE 1: Planning Consultations

Consultation Details	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area
Number of consultations	635
Number of consultations replied to within 21 days	407
Number of Pre-Planning Enquiries	13

Examples of major applications being dealt with are included in Table 2.

TABLE 2: Example Planning Consultations – Major applications

Application Reference	Location
LA05/2025/0252/O	Lands at Blaris
LA05/2025/0334/F	Lands North of Chestnut Hall Avenue and Maghaberry Road
LA05/2025/0384/F	Lands at Belfast Road

Roads (NI) Order 1993, Article 80

Article 80 applies to new vehicular accesses or agricultural accesses onto unclassified roads. It covers proposals such as new driveway entrances or alterations where planning permission is not required. During the reporting period DfI Roads dealt with **20** Article 80 applications.

Development Control also provides evidence in respect of associated Article 84 appeals which are determined by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Development Control also gives advice on various ad-hoc matters such as placing of planters and signage.

1.2 Private Streets

Private Streets Section inspects and manages the adoption of roads infrastructure in new developments. It also manages enforcement proceedings against developers who fail in their responsibility to provide road bonds before commencement of work on site. This takes the form of a series of warning letters followed, if necessary, by enforcement action.

DfI Roads will afford a developer every opportunity to fulfil their responsibilities in completing development infrastructure works to an adoptable standard. Where it becomes evident that a developer is either incapable or unwilling to complete the work, DfI Roads will consider initiating legal proceedings. This may result in the need for DfI Roads to complete the works and recover the costs.

DfI Roads has a finite contracting resource at its disposal and given the variation in annual funding levels, the availability of contracting resource to deliver private street enforcement works cannot be assured. In addition, DfI Roads has no control over the interests of other stakeholders, primarily Northern Ireland Water (NIW), which impact on the delivery of the completion of adoption works.

Completed Works 2025 – 2026

TABLE 3: Private Streets - Adoption Numbers

Adoption Details	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area
Number of adoptions	15

TABLE 4: Adoption Locations

Adoption locations	Date of Adoption
Ayrshire Drive/Ayrshire View	18/02/26
Blackquarter Meadows	04/12/25
Causeway End Road/Causeway End Crescent	30/05/25
Causeway End Road	10/09/25
Causeway Manor	10/09/25
Coopers Mill Green	09/10/25
Coopers Mill Heights, Link & Way	09/10/25

Earlsfort Manor	10/09/25
Glebe Park / Magherahinch Road	06/02/26
Gravelhill Road @ no 24	04/12/25
Magheralave Road	11/04/25
St James Place	11/04/25
Wellington Park View/Wellington Park Walk	01/07/25
Woodfall Manor	28/07/25
Yew Tree Walk/Yew Tree Mews	25/09/25

During the reporting period Private Streets Section has been successful in adopting a total of 15 private developments comprising 2367.5m of carriageway and 454m of footway, into the publicly maintained road network.

1.3 Private Streets - Enforcement

Private Streets Section continues to invoke enforcement proceedings against developers who fail in their responsibility to provide road bonds before commencement of work on site. This takes the form of a series of warning letters followed, if necessary, by enforcement action.

Private Streets Section continues to work with developers on backlog housing sites with the objective of having work completed to an adoptable standard. Where it becomes evident that a developer is either no longer trading or is incapable or unwilling to complete the work, DfI Roads will consider initiating enforcement action. This may result in the need for DfI Roads to complete the works and recover the costs from the road bond under Articles 13 and 15 of the Private Streets Order 1980.

The Planning Portal which was launched in December 2022 can be used to submit, view and comment on planning applications online by accessing the following link: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/planning-portal.

1.4 Local Development Plans

Advice

The Department provides advice to the Council area as requested, on road safety and traffic progression issues for Local Development Plans and Community Plans as well as work on strategic development planning applications.

There were no consultations dealt with during the reporting period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area.

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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY MEASURES

The Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) identified the importance of Local Transport and Safety Measures (LTSM) and highlighted some of the principal initiatives to be addressed, including:

- Local improvements in towns to assist pedestrians and cyclists.
- Local highway infrastructure measures to improve safety, such as collision remedial schemes and traffic calming schemes; and
- Network Development schemes (minor works).

LTSM expenditure tends to be widely spread and most communities benefit, as individual schemes are relatively low cost in comparison with projects delivered through the Strategic Works Programme. They are usually very visible measures and provide good value for money in terms of a safer road transport system, which benefits society, the economy, the environment; and actively contributes to everyone's quality of life.

Types of LTSM projects include:

- Minor Works and Micro Schemes
- Traffic Management
- Pedestrian Measures
- Traffic Calming
- Collision Remedial
- Safer Routes to School
- Bus Priority Measures
- Cycling Measures

2.1 Completed Works 2025– 2026

TABLE 5: Transportation - Bus Priority

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
Various	Experimental Scheme	Bus Lanes - Introduction of an operational time change to AM/PM peak periods on both inbound & outbound bus lanes on southern radial routes to Belfast City Centre and draft associated legislation.	Complete

TABLE 6: Transportation - Park & Ride

Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
Cairnshill Park and Ride	Provision of the first phase of height restriction barriers	Substantially Complete
Cairnshill Park and Ride	General annual maintenance	Complete
Sprucefield Park and Ride	New access arrangement to accommodate Knockmore Link Road, extend and reconfigure the existing layout with a net gain of 7 spaces.	Outline design Complete
Sprucefield Park and Ride	General annual maintenance	Complete

TABLE 7: Road Signs, Markings, Bollards

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C300	Carr Road, Carryduff	Provision of 2no. ‘Horse in road’ warning signs	Complete
B101/ B154	Dundrod crossroads	Provision of yellow-backed ‘Give way’ sign	Complete
U0199	Cluntagh Road	Provision of road marker posts	Complete
U0071	Gravelhill Road, Maze	Provision of yellow-backed advance stop sign	Complete

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A3	Moira Road/ Aghnatrisk Road, Royal Hillsborough	Provision of '200 yds 'plate to existing junction warning sign	Complete
U0414	Eglantine Road	Provision of 2no. 'Road narrows' warning signs	Complete
B104	Ballinderry Road/ Kilcorig Road, Lisburn	Provision of 2no. yellow-backed chevrons	Complete
B6	132 Saintfield Road, Lisburn	Provision of 2no. yellow-backed chevrons	Complete
U0146	30 Ballycoan Road, Belfast	Provision of 2no. yellow-backed 'Bend' warning signs and yellow backed chevron	Complete
B154	46 Quarterland Road, Dundrod	Provision of yellow-backed chevron	Complete
B103	Lambeg Road/ Tullynacross Road	Corner restrictions	Complete
U7650	Old Moira Road/ Greenhall Park, Glenavy	Edge of carriageway/ parking bay	Complete
B177	Lisburn Road/ Kensington Gardens, Royal Hillsborough	Provision of double yellow line corner restrictions	Complete
C306	Dromara Road / Raffertys Hill, Drumlough	Provision of 2no. new 'SLOW' road markings	Complete
U270	Knockbracken Road / Clontonacally Road, Carryduff	Provision of new 'SLOW' road marking	Complete

TABLE 8: Legislation - Speed Limits

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C298	Drumbo Road	30mph speed limit	Complete

TABLE 9: Legislation - Waiting Restrictions

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
U7006	Drumlough Gardens	'No waiting at any time' waiting restriction	Programmed
U7106	The Cutts, Dunmurry	New Single and Double Yellow Lines	Under review

A22	Comber Road, Dundonald	Proposed limited waiting restrictions within layby	Under review

2.2 Planned Works 2026 – 2027

Please note that the delivery of the schemes listed below will be dependent on availability of Contractor resources.

TABLE 10: Carriageways / Minor Works Planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
U509	Millreagh Drive, Castlereagh.	Pedestrian link to Carrowreagh Road.	Programmed. (Carried forward from 2025/26.)
A512	McKinstry Road/ Derriaghy Road/ The Cutts	Junction improvement, carriageway widening, upgrade and widening of footways, shared use cycle tracks. Control of all vehicle movements with the signal phasing. (On the boundary of Belfast and Lisburn Council areas)	Complete

TABLE 11: Transportation - Bus Priority Measures

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
Various	Experimental Scheme	Bus Lanes – Following the introduction of an operational time change to AM/PM peak periods on both inbound & outbound bus lanes on southern radial routes to Belfast City Centre it is now proposed to extend the duration of this scheme for a further 6 months.	Ongoing

TABLE 12: Transportation - Park & Ride

Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
Cairnshill Park and Ride	Provision of the second phase of height restriction barriers	Ongoing
Cairnshill Park and Ride	General routine maintenance	Programmed

TABLE 13: Traffic Calming

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
	No schemes currently programmed		

TABLE 14: Collision Remedial

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A49	Saintfield Road, Lisburn	Provision of high friction surfacing and upgraded signage	In Progress
B101 / B154	Dundrod Crossroads – Leathemstown Road & Carnaghliss Road	Provision of high friction surfacing and upgraded signage.	In Progress

TABLE 15: Safer Routes to School - Part time 20mph limits

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
U0059	Brookfield School, Halfpenny Road, Moira	Part Time 20mph Speed Limit	In Progress
C300	Carr PS, Carr Road, Lisburn	Part Time 20mph Speed Limit	In Progress
A1	St Joseph's PS, Seymour Street, Lisburn	Part Time 20mph Speed Limit	In Progress

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C005	Parkview Special School, Brokerstown Road, Lisburn	Safer Routes to School signs & associated road markings	In Progress

TABLE 16: Road Signs, Markings and Bollards

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C270	Knockbracken Road, Castlereagh	Provision of road marker posts	Programmed
B101/ B154	Dundrod crossroads	Provision of yellow-backed advance give way sign	Programmed
B38	Hannahstown Road/ Ballycolin Road, Divis	Provision of yellow-backed advance stop signs	In Progress
B178	Comber Road/ Cadger Road, Carryduff	Provision of 'Junction on left' warning sign	Programmed
B103	Ballyskeagh Road at driving range bridge, Lambeg	Provision of 'Road narrows' warning sign	Programmed
C005	Brokerstown Road, Lisburn	Provision of 2no 'Series of bends' warning signs	Programmed
U071	Gravelhill Road/ Lurganure Road, Maze	Provision of yellow-backed stop sign	Programmed
B178	Comber Road, Royal Hillsborough	Provision of 4no yellow backed chevrons	Programmed
U1062	Old Road, Maghaberry	Provision of Crossroads warning sign	Programmed
C360	Clarehill Road / Redhill Road, Moira	Provision of '120 yards' plate	Programmed
A3	Moira Road / Cross Lane, Lisburn	Provision of junction warning sign	Programmed
C297	61 Ballykeel Road, Moira	Provision of junction on bend warning signs	Programmed
B007	Dundrum Road / Moneynabane Road, Dromara	Provision of junction warning sign	Programmed
B2	4 Dromore Road, Ballynahinch	Provision of Crossroads warning sign	Programmed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A24	Ballynahinch Road / Muskett Road, Carryduff	Provision of 'No through road' warning sign	Programmed
A24	Ballynahinch Road / Meadowvale Park, Carryduff	Provision of 'No through road' warning sign	Programmed
U193	Manse Road / Beechmount Road, Carryduff	Provision of junction warning signs	Programmed
U136	Lisleen Road South, Moneyreagh	Provision of Advance Stop warning sign	Programmed
C006	12 Lissue Road, Lisburn	Provision of additional Low bridge warning sign opposite Coca Cola exit	Programmed
A3	Moira Road/ Lissue Road, Lisburn	Provision of additional Low bridge warning sign	Programmed
A3	Moira Road / Meadow Road, Lisburn	Provision of yellow-backed crossroads warning signs	Programmed
B178	131 Comber Road	Provision of 'Series of bends' warning sign	Programmed
U2108	Backwood Road/ Langtry Lodge, Moira	Provision of 2no. 'Pedestrians crossing' signs	Programmed
U400	88 Blaris Road, Lisburn	Provision of 2no. chevrons	Programmed
A49	Magheraknock Road/ Laurel Road	Provision of yellow-backed staggered junction warning sign	Programmed
B178	Comber Road, Carryduff	Provision of 2no. 'Hidden dips' warning signs	Programmed
C0008	Hillsborough Road/ Thornbrook Road, Royal Hillsborough	Provision of 'Staggered junction' warning sign	Programmed
A3	Lisburn Road/ Glen Road, Maze	Provision of additional 'Drivers of Large and SLOW' blue information sign	Programmed
A49	Saintfield Road/ Plantation Road, Lisburn	Provision of 5no. 'Saintfield Road P&R' signs	Programmed
U0201	Ballynagarrick Road (approach to Mealough Road - northbound)	Provision of 1no. new 750mm 'Horse in Road' warning sign	Programmed
B105	Soldierstown Road (Both approaches to No. 65), Aghalee	Provision of 2no. 'Series of bends' warning signs	Programmed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C0299	Leverogue Road/ Mealough Road	Provision of 1no. new 750mm 'Horse in Road' warning sign	Programmed
U0071	Dagger Road/ Cross Lane, Lisburn	Provision of additional low bridge sign	Programmed
B12	Lurgan Road/ Aghadolgan Road/ Chapel Road	Provision of 2no. crossroads warning signs	Programmed
U0176	Killynure Road, Carryduff	Provision of 'Road narrows' sign	Programmed
B104	Lower Ballinderry Road/ Gortraney Road	Provision of 'side road on right' warning sign (A26 direction)	Programmed
B104	Lower Ballinderry Road/ Gortraney Road	Provision of Advance stop with distance plate	Programmed
C269	Upper Braniel Road/ Gilnahirk Road West, Castlereagh	Provision of 1no. advance GW sign + 300 Yards plate on	Programmed
C0013	Lough Road/ Crewe Road/ Killultagh Road	Provision of 2no. Staggered junction warning signs	Programmed
U0072	School Lane on each app. to Magheragall Presbyterian	Provision of 2no. '!' Peds crossing' signs	Programmed
U7600_22	Lyngrove Hill Glenavy	Provision of 'Playground' warning sign	Programmed
U7600_24	Killultagh Walk, Glenavy	Provision of 'Playground' warning sign	Programmed
C293	Dundrum Road / Park Road, Dromara	Provision of 2 new 'SLOW' road markings	Programmed
B6	Saintfield Road / Knockany Road, Castlereagh	Provision of new 'SLOW' road markings	Programmed
U7006	Hertford Crescent, Lisburn	Extension of 'School - Keep clear road' marking	Programmed
A1	Hillsborough Road, Royal Hillsborough	Provision of 'I' bar entrance marking	Programmed
C353	Bridge Road/ Bottier Road, Moira	Provision of 3no. 30mph roundels	Programmed
B12	Crumlin Road at No. 22a, Glenavy	Provision of new 'SLOW' marking	Programmed

TABLE 17: Legislation - Waiting Restrictions

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
U7006	Drumlough Gardens	'No waiting at any time' waiting restriction	Programmed
U7106	The Cutts, Dunmurry	New Single and Double Yellow Lines	Under review
A21	Comber Road, Dundonald	Proposed limited waiting restrictions within layby	Under review

TABLE 18: Legislation – Weight Restrictions

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
B177	Royal Hillsborough Village	7.5T weight limit – Traffic impact assessment commissioned on Alternative Routes	In Progress

TABLE 19: Legislation – Traffic Orders (Road & Lane Closures)

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
B23	Hillhall Road / Largymore Drive	Banning of right turn movement	Deferred

TABLE 20: Pedestrian Measures

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
B177	Ballynahinch Street at Downshire PS, Royal Hillsborough	Puffin crossing	At design stage
A26	Main Street, Glenavy	Puffin crossing	At design stage
U400	Blaris Road, Lisburn	Toucan Crossing at Greenway	At design stage
A1	Queensway at St Colemans, Lisburn	Puffin Crossing	At design stage

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
B104	Ballinderry Road, St Aloysius Lisburn	Puffin Crossing	Programmed

Accessible Parking Bays – General

Individual Accessible Parking Bay applications are assessed in line with policy and before the necessary legislative process. Successful applications are required to be notified in local newspapers offering the opportunity for the public to submit their views.

Any objections must be fully considered before the application can progress to the Legislative Stage. Due to the processes involved, approved applications are required to be grouped and processed in batches of two or maybe three occasions during the year.

De-illumination of signs

The Department is continuing to develop a programme of replacing internally illuminated bollards with retroreflective bollards, as resources permit, thus helping to reduce energy costs.

Legislation

All proposals to introduce or amend legislation are subject to successful completion of the necessary processes. This includes Accessible Parking Bays, Speed Limits, Traffic Regulation Orders (such as one-way), Parking and waiting restrictions (such as yellow lines) etc. A notice of intention of proposals is published in local papers which offers the opportunity for the public to submit their views on the proposals. Objections, when received, must be fully considered and addressed before any scheme can be taken forward for implementation.

2.3 Street Lighting

The total number of streetlights in Eastern Division is approximately 68,250, of which 22,493 (33%) are in the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area.

Completed Works 2025 – 2026

TABLE 21: Street Lighting – completed

Location	Scheme Description	Status
Knockcairn Road, Dundrod	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete
Hill Street/Ivan Street Area Lisburn	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete
High Grove, Shelling Court, Glen Court, Ravernet	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete
Elm Corner, Pine Cross, Woodside, Dunmurry	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete
Eglantine Road, Crescent & Court Lisburn	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete

Street Lighting Maintenance

Since April 2015, in line with reductions in available staff, DfI Roads only repairs those defective streetlights reported by the public or their representatives. In order to facilitate this process, reports of defective lights can now be made directly online via the NI Direct website at the web address: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/report-street-light-fault

Reports made via this web page automatically generate a works order to the appropriate contractor to have the defect repaired.

Reports can also be made by telephone at 0300 200 7899.

Priority is given to emergency defects i.e. those defects posing a direct structural or electrical hazard, then to groups of lights out, groups of lights burning continuously and finally to individual lights out.

Repair of faults to streetlights

Our response times are: -

Emergency, responded to a Road Traffic Collision within an hour and a half to site (1.5 hrs) where a streetlighting column has been damaged. This is only to make safe and protect the public from danger to exposure of live cables or the column falling.

Urgent, respond within twenty-four hours (24 hrs). This is to reinstate a knockdown of a column possibly at a critical junction.

Normal lamp maintenance within five days (5 days). It is not always possible to fulfil the 5-day response. This can be down to a combination of factors. The number of outages on the system, cable faults on the cable network or staff shortages. We also try to ensure that at least 95% of streetlights are recorded as working on the LMS at anytime, subject to budget being available.

Planned Works 2026– 2027

Street Lighting – planned

Location	Scheme Description	Status
Royal Lodge Castlereagh	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Ongoing
Winchester Park, Carryduff	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete
Danesfort, Earlsfort, Kingsfort Lodge, Moira	Street Lighting Renewal Scheme	Complete

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NETWORK TRAFFIC TELEMATICS

The Traffic Information & Control Centre (TICC) operates 24/7 and carries out a variety of functions, including traffic control; dissemination of traffic and travel information; incident management; and out of hours incident handling.

TICC manages and co-ordinates the control of traffic on Belfast's urban road network and on our motorway networks. TICC is also responsible for control of traffic signals in some other towns, such as Bangor, Newry Carrickfergus and Lisburn.

Operators use a computerised Urban Traffic Control (UTC) system which allows them to monitor and control the traffic signals at junctions in Belfast and make changes to timings, if necessary, to help traffic flow more freely and prevent queues building up, wherever possible.

Our recently renovated and upgraded Control Room allows staff to manage and co-ordinate the control of the road network. More space and enhanced ergonomics help make this role more efficient, particularly during Special Events, such as the Fleadh and the annual Balmoral Show, as well as the increasingly frequent and intense Storm Events.

There are permanent CCTV traffic cameras throughout Northern Ireland and these provide a visual aid to monitor the network. The cameras cover Belfast City Centre, the motorway network and other strategic routes, including the A1 to Newry and the Belfast Rapid Transit routes. Additional cameras have recently been installed in Coleraine, Derry, Omagh, Cookstown and on the A6 Belfast to Derry route.

A Motorway Control System allows operators to add information to the overhead signs and set advisory speed limits on the motorway network, Westlink, A1, A6 and A8.

When incidents occur on the road network, they inevitably result in traffic congestion, unreliable journey times and have an adverse effect on air quality. Staff in TICC work closely with other organisations to manage incidents as effectively as possible, to ensure that the network is safe and is operating at its optimum capability.

Incident and event management are integral parts of the TICC operation. Regular meetings are held with stakeholders including PSNI, Belfast City Council, SSE Arena, Titanic Belfast and Belfast Harbour Police. Through these forums, planned events have special traffic management plans developed and implemented with the aim of ensuring that journey times are optimised for road users.

It is also responsible for the provision of traffic information throughout Northern Ireland and a key aspect of monitoring and managing the road network is the provision of up-to-date and accurate information to the public and local radio stations.

This is facilitated via the TrafficWatchNI website, email alerts and a X account (formerly Twitter) to which increasing numbers are now subscribing. All dynamic information on the

website is verified visually by the operators or through communication with the PSNI. The number of Twitter followers has increased from 29,000 in January 2017 to over 84,000 currently.

Other work areas within TICC's remit include the:

- Network Management team that manages the computer systems behind the traffic signal control operation;
- Motorway Control team that manages installation, maintenance and the computer systems behind motorway signs, signals and emergency telephones;
- Traffic signal installation and maintenance team; and
- Contract Management

3.1 Completed Works 2025 – 2026

TABLE 22: Network Telematics Completed Works

Scheme Description	Status
TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL INFORMATION	
We have increased the number of CCTV sites available on the website to provide coverage at critical network junctions and improve traffic control capabilities.	Complete
Ensure systems remain maintained and up to date	Complete
We have upgraded the TrafficWatchNI website to ensure it remains robust, secure and fit for purpose.	Complete
URBAN CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS	
We will continue to identify new locations where the provision of cameras will enhance the coverage of the CCTV network to improve traffic control capabilities.	Ongoing
We have upgraded a number of our Westlink and motorway CCTV cameras from analogue to digital.	Complete
Deployed mobile CCTV at numerous events.	Complete
TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS	
We will continue the rollout of Server to Server Bus priority on Quality Bus Corridors throughout Belfast.	Ongoing

Scheme Description	Status
Commenced a project to examine fibre shortfall on the network, subject to funding and resource.	Ongoing
Upgraded CCTV instation hardware	Ongoing
We have implemented software improvements for the M1 and M2 Busway signs.	Complete
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	
Utilise TICC's communications and control infrastructure together with the CCTV network to ensure traffic flows are monitored and effectively managed on the urban and motorway networks.	Ongoing
We will monitor traffic signal timings to ensure they are appropriate for the prevailing traffic conditions.	Ongoing
Purchased new equipment to replace some of the aging infrastructure currently on the network.	Complete
Subject to adequate funding being made available we will upgrade equipment at traffic signal-controlled junctions as required.	Ongoing
MOTORWAY NETWORK SAFETY	
Investigate future technologies and infrastructure needed for C-ITS implementation	Ongoing

3.2 Planned Works 2026 – 2027

TABLE 23: Network Telematics Planned Works

Scheme Description	Status
TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL INFORMATION	
We will upgrade and enhance the TrafficWatchNI website to ensure it remains robust, secure and fit for purpose.	Ongoing
We have plans to further increase the number of CCTV sites available on the website from 150 to 160 to provide coverage at critical network junctions and improve traffic control capabilities.	Ongoing

Scheme Description	Status
We will install additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras on the network. Any new ANPR cameras will be high quality and use the latest optical recognition technology which will continue to provide reliable and timely journey times to Road Users.	Ongoing
Integrate the new TTR system to the TrafficWatchNI website to automatically populate roadworks data.	Ongoing
We will continue to identify new locations where the provision of cameras will enhance the coverage of the CCTV network to improve traffic control capabilities.	Ongoing
Continue design phase for Union Bridge CCTV replacement.	Ongoing
Subject to funding and resource investigate the upgrade of the remaining analogue CCTV cameras to digital throughout the network.	Ongoing
Deploy mobile CCTV at various events	Ongoing

Scheme Description	Status
Upgrade camera analytics where feasible	Ongoing
Upgrade the CCTV instation provider due to obsolescence of existing system	Ongoing
URBAN CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS	
We will continue to identify new locations where the provision of cameras will enhance the coverage of the CCTV network to improve traffic control capabilities.	Ongoing
Continue design phase for Union Bridge CCTV replacement.	Ongoing
Subject to funding and resource investigate the upgrade of analogue CCTV cameras to digital throughout the network.	Ongoing
Deploy mobile CCTV at various events	Ongoing
TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS	
We will continue to upgrade and add to our Urban Traffic Control System (UTC) to ensure the system remains robust and secure.	Ongoing
We will undertake a Gov Assure audit of our UTC system	Ongoing
We will commence design on IP to the Roadside for our Motorway network to enable growth in Intelligent Mobility and Connected Vehicles, when feasible.	Ongoing
We have commenced a project to address the fibre shortfall on the motorway network.	Ongoing

Scheme Description	Status
We will upgrade the communications infrastructure to all UTC sites on the network.	Ongoing
We will investigate new platforms and technologies to be able to communicate with infrastructure on the network.	Ongoing
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	
We will utilise TICC's communications and control infrastructure together with the CCTV network to ensure traffic flows are monitored and effectively managed on the urban and motorway networks.	Ongoing
We will monitor traffic signal timings to ensure they are appropriate for the prevailing traffic conditions.	Ongoing
We will seek to purchase and install new equipment and replace aging infrastructure on the network, when funds and resource are available.	Ongoing
We have commenced a review of our ITS infrastructure to ensure that we are delivering the best service possible to the public.	Ongoing
Complete refurbishment of the Traffic Control room, server room and associated infrastructure.	Ongoing
We have commenced a review of the ITS Strategy for DfI.	Ongoing
MOTORWAY NETWORK SAFETY	
Subject to adequate resource and funding being available we will undertake a trial for a new Emergency Roadside Telephone (ERT) system on the network. This will replace the existing end-of-life ERT system.	Ongoing
We will undertake feasibility into upgrading access to sites for maintenance personnel and subject to adequate funding commence design and construction on improving health and safety going forward.	Ongoing
We will improve communication resilience to assets on the network.	Ongoing
We will examine options for the control of the motorway infrastructure when resource is available.	Ongoing

Scheme Description	Status
We will investigate future technologies and infrastructure needed for C-ITS implementation.	Ongoing
Develop, procure and award a new contract for the control of the motorway instation	Ongoing
Develop, procure and award a contract for the maintenance of all aspects of the motorway ITS infrastructure to include, signs, signals, MIDAS, CCTV, ERT, communications networks and associated	Ongoing
Develop a new system to control the motorway infrastructure	Ongoing
PEDESTRIAN MEASURES	
Subject to adequate funding being made available we will upgrade controlled pedestrian crossing equipment as required.	Ongoing
Controlled crossing equipment upgrades incorporating extra low voltage equipment and puffin crossing facilities at Hillsborough Road/	Complete

SECTION 4 - NETWORK MAINTENANCE

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EXPLANATION OF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Resurfacing and Strengthening

Roads generally fail by cracking and rutting. They usually do not fail suddenly, but gradually deteriorate due to the impact of traffic, age and weathering. Wear normally appears as either excessive permanent deformation of the whole or part of the carriageway structure or is associated with the cracking of the bituminous layers.

Roads are normally designed for an operational life of 20 years. During this period and beyond, there is a need for the highway authority to intervene at times to either treat or replace the top layer of bituminous material known as the "surface course" or to provide additional depth to preserve the underlying structure of the road and extend its life.

Resurfacing is the application of a layer of this mixed material of 40mm minimum thickness. It strengthens the road, seals it against the ingress of water, and improves skidding resistance and riding quality.

Surface course Bitumen Macadam (Bitmac) has an expected life of 7-12 years which can be extended by subsequent surface dressing. Bitmac is a more flexible material than Asphalt and more suitable for the deformation and movement associated with weaker underlying ground conditions.

Asphalt resurfacing is more appropriate to heavily trafficked roads and junctions having a robust roadbase. It is more expensive and has a longer expected life of 15-20 years.

Resurfacing of existing roads can usually be carried out on top of the existing surface (overlay) but where drainage or kerb levels or bridge heights are restricted the existing surface may need to be removed before the resurfacing takes place.

Surface Dressing

This process involves spraying a bitumen emulsion binder onto the existing road surface, followed by a layer of stone chippings, which is then rolled. This seals the road preventing ingress of water thus extending the life expectancy of the road and also helps to improve the skid resistance on the surface.

Drainage Works

The quick and effective drainage of surface water from the carriageway contributes significantly to road safety and helps to prevent damage to the road itself. Improvement works carried out include the upgrading of the existing drainage facilities to ensure effective dispersal of surface water and prevent as far as possible the occurrence of standing water or flooding

of the road. In many cases the provision of new drainage facilities has to be undertaken including the installation of road gullies, pipes and manholes leading to a suitable discharge point.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is carried out for road safety reasons rather than for amenity purposes. The Department's grass cutting policy has evolved to focus on protecting wildlife and promoting biodiversity when managing roadside verges. A single swathe will be cut along the verges on the strategic road network twice per year. Other areas that are needed for road safety purposes, such as sightlines at junctions, will also be cut at least twice each year with additional cuts as and when needed. A similar approach will be introduced on heavier trafficked rural roads and on lighter trafficked rural roads, one cut will be carried out late in the growing season.

Gully Emptying

In 2026/27, as in the previous year, the Department currently aims to maintain the level of service and inspect and clean, where necessary, all gullies once annually.

Dealing with Correspondence / Public Interface

The Department, and in particular DfI TRAM, receives a large volume of correspondence from the public and public representatives throughout the year. The level of correspondence has been increasing in recent years at a time when staff resources have been reducing.

In a large number of cases the correspondence relates to reports of individual defects on the road network, such as potholes, blocked gullies, defective streetlights etc. In order to improve efficiency, the Department now deals with correspondence which is only reporting routine defects differently from other general correspondence. Therefore, if a member of the public, or public representative, writes to the Department by letter or e-mail, reporting a routine defect then our staff will simply log this information onto our work systems and an automated response detailing the query reference number will issue to the correspondent. Staff will then deal with the query received in accordance with our maintenance standards.

If the initial letter relates to a more general roads issue rather than simply reporting a defect, a substantive reply will issue in the normal way.

In an effort to reduce the volume of correspondence reporting routine defects, we are encouraging the reporting of defects through the on-line "Report a Fault" section on our website. Alternatively, a phone call can be made to one of our telephone operatives who will

record the details directly onto the "Report a Fault" system. You can report a fault on-line at https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/ or by telephone to 02890 540540.

It is noted that the vast majority of dealings with the public are by phone or email and the number of visitors to our offices has reduced considerably as communication methods have improved. However, Section Offices will remain open to the public from 10am - 12noon with meetings outside of this able to be arranged by appointment also.

Defects

Section Office staff regularly inspect the local network for actionable defects in accordance with the Road Maintenance Guidelines. These guidelines classify the local roads according to traffic volume and establish corresponding deadlines for the repair of any defects identified. Also, in an effort to maximise our effectiveness in delivering key road maintenance functions, we ask that members of the public and elected representatives who have access to the internet to please report road defects via the DfI online reporting facility provided by NI Direct; https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets. Alternatively, faults that are considered to be an emergency can be reported by telephone as shown on Page 67.

Street Tree Maintenance

DfI TRAM Eastern is responsible for over 14,500 street trees throughout the Division.
The management and maintenance of these trees is undertaken through a longstanding arrangement with Belfast City Council (BCC). A Project Management Agreement is in place to allow the Department to draw on the advice and expertise of BCC arboriculturists to manage street trees (trees on adopted carriageways). This partnership with BCC dates back over 40 years. Belfast City Council employs three Woodland Officers, funded by the Department, dedicated to managing the street tree population.

Street trees are inspected on a 2-year cyclical programme by BCC arboriculture staff. Regular monthly meetings are held with BCC arboriculturists, as well as informal daily/weekly contact to discuss any street tree issues or problems that may arise. Where the need for tree maintenance works is identified this is progressed by BCC on a priority basis, in liaison with DfI Eastern Division, subject to the availability of the necessary resources. This maintenance work, and any required replacement tree planting, is completed using the BCC arboricultural contract. This arrangement is in place throughout Eastern Division and may on occasions include necessary DfI TRAM tree maintenance located within the Lisburn and Castlereagh

City Council area. In 2025/26 routine tree maintenance costs within DfI TRAM Eastern Division were £435,351. A further £121,000 was spent on reactive and storm related tree works. An additional £121,000 was allocated to address tree works at Creightons Road.

During 2025/26 110 replacement heavy standard trees were planted.

Open Sites / Planters

The DfI / BCC Project Management Agreement also includes the maintenance of 81 DfI Open Sites / Planters throughout the BCC area, which are mainly located in Belfast City Centre and gateway areas. Open Site maintenance is undertaken three times per year (April, August, and November) by BCC arboricultural staff, using the BCC horticultural contract. Works include trimming and pruning of bushes and vegetation, grass cutting, landscaping and litter picking, as well as any required replacement planting. In 2025/26 open site maintenance costs within DfI TRAM Eastern Division were £214,700.

4.1 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2025 – 2026

Structural Maintenance - Carriageway

TABLE 24: Structural Maintenance Cost and Length Completed

Structural Maintenance Cost	
£4,339,000	
	Total Length Completed
Road Network	18.43 km
Road Recovery	13.61 km

TABLE 25: Resurfacing Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065U7024_23	Llewellyn Avenue, Lisburn
7035U0511_17	Lenaghan Avenue, Lisburn
7065A0003_04	Moira Road, Lisburn (Hulls Lane to Lissue Road)
7065U7650_02	Peel Gardens, Ballinderry
7065A0003_03	Moira Road - Rosevale Meadows to Ballycreen Drive
7065C0297_08	Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn
7065C0006_03	Lissue Road, Lisburn
7065C0018_01	Knockcairn Road, Dundrod*
7035C0302_08	Newtownbreda Road
7035U0180_01	Beechill Road Phase 1
7065U0060_22	Halfpenny Gate Road Phase 1
7035A0020_12	Upper Newtownards Road*
7065b0006_12	B6 Saintfield Road*
7065B0178_10	Comber Road, Hillsborough*
7065U0417_21	Carnreagh Road, Hillsborough*
7065A0001_03	Queensway, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_11	Hollymount, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_12	Ashlea Bend, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_01	Rowan Drive Cul-de-sac, Dunmurry*

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065U7105_05	Elm Corner, Dunmurry*
7065U7013_13	Abercorn, Hillsborough*
7065U7001_08	Ashcroft Park, Lisburn*
7065B0177_12	Dromore Road, Hillsborough*
7065B0177_11	Main Street, Hillsborough*
7065B0178_10	Comber Road*
7065c0294_05	Laurel Road*
7065U7300_01	Rawdon Place, Moira*
7065U7006_21	Ballinderry Gardens, Lisburn*
7065U7006_05	Tirowen Drive, Lisburn*
7065U7006_09	Ballyknockan Park Cul-de-sacs*
7065U0423_21	Spirehill Road, Hillsborough*
7065U7105_21	Woodside, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_15	Birch Green, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_07	Beech Grove, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_08	Pine Cross, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_13	Willow Gardens*
7065U7018_01	Hillview Park, Lisburn*
7065U7018_02	Hillview Gardens, Lisburn*
7065U7018_21	Ashbourne Park, Lisburn*
7065F7105_16	Larch Grove, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_22	Oakland Way, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_02	Cypress Close, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_24	Riverside, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_36	Hornbeam Cul-de-sacs, Dunmurry*
7065U7105_37	Riverside, Dunmurry*
7065U7017_03	Cloverdale Crescent*
7065U7017_04	Cloverdale Road*
7035U0521_12	Muskett Court, Carryduff*

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7035U0521_08	Muskett Avenue, Carryduff*
7035U0521_11	Muskett Mews, Carryduff*
7035U0521_07	Muskett Gardens, Carryduff*
7065A0049_09	Old Ballynahinch Road*
7065U0071_24	Cross Lane*
7065U7005_51	Rushmore Gardens, Lisburn*
7065U7005_34	Rushmore Crescent, Lisburn*
7065U7008_27	Monaville Gardens, Lisburn*
7065U7008_26	Monaville Drive, Lisburn*
7065F7007_01_4	Gortmore Park, Lisburn*

TABLE 26: Surface Dressing Completed

Total area completed
249,610m² (45.51km)

TABLE 27: Surface Dressing Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065U0173_21	Middle Braniel Road
7065U1127_04	School Road
7035U0173_02	Houston Road
7035U0136_01	Lisleen Road
7035U0100_01	Lisleen Road South
7035U0135_01	Lisleen Road East
7035U0114_01	Manns Road
7035U0133_02	Ballyrussell Road
7065U0266_41	New Line Road
7065U0092_22	Hillhead Road
7035U0134_01	Eden Road

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7035U0133-03	Peartree Hill - New Line Road to Hillhead Road
7035C0269-04	Peartree Hill -Gransha Road to Ballyrussell Road
7035U01269-05	Peartree Hill – Ballyrussell Road to Hillhead Road
7065U0147_21	Dows Road
7065U0152_21	Lisnode Road
7065C0296_07	Drennan Road
7065U1201_21	Lougherne Road
7035C0269-06	Hillhead Road
7065U0447_21	Artanagh Road
7060C0307_06	Springmount Road
7020U4021_01	Croft Road
7065C0299_03	Fort Road
7065U0038_22	Garlandstown Road
7065U0096_21	Clontarriff Road
7065U0058_21	Lecky Road
7065U2107-01	Old Legmore Road
7065U0403_21	Taughblane Road
7065U1073_22	Budore Road

Structural Maintenance - Footways

TABLE 28: Footway Resurfacing Completed

Total length completed
6.16 km

TABLE 29: Footway Resurfacing Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065U7024_23	Llewellyn Avenue
7035U0511_17	Lenaghan Avenue
7065A0003_04	Moira Road - Hulls Lane to Lissue Road
7065U7650_02	Peel Gardens, Ballinderry
7065A0003_03	Moira Road - Rosevale Meadows to Ballycreen Drive
7065C0297_08	Ballynahinch Road
7035U0828_67	Richmond Court
7035U0514_24	Torrin Walk*
7035U0514_22	Elenor Park East*
7065B0038_01	Belfast Road, Glenavy*
7065U7600_07	The Grange, Glenavy*
7035U0521_06	Muskett Road, Carryduff*
7035U0521_08	Muskett Avenue, Carryduff*
7035U0521_14	Muskett Glen, Carryduff*
7035U0521_07	Muskett Gardens, Carryduff*

Structural Maintenance - Drainage

TABLE 30: Drainage Sites Completed

Number of Sites Completed
30

TABLE 31: Drainage Completed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065U0035_24	Rushey Hill Road, Stoneyford
7065B0101_04	Rock Road, Stoneyford
7035U0114_01	Manns Road, Gilnahirk
7065U0124_21	Mill Road, Hillhall
7065B0038_01	Belfast Road, Glenavy
7065U0048_25	Chapel Road, Glenavy
7065A0026_14	Glenavy Road, Moira
7065B0178_10	Comber Road, Hillsborough
7065U7111_10	Queensway, Dunmurry
7065C0016_01	Tullynewbank Road, Glenavy
7065U0139_22	Tullynacross Road, Lisburn
7065U0033_21	Pond Park Road, Lisburn
7065U0022_22	Old Park Road, Lisburn
7035B0178_03	Comber Road, Carryduff
7065A0049_12	Saintfield Road, Lisburn
7065U0407_22	Artifinny Road
7035U0520_61	Old Mill Heights, Dundonald
7065U7105_06	Laurel Way Dunmurry
7065A0003_10	Main Street, Moira
7035C0302_05	Purdysburn Road
7035U0519_30	Baronscourt, Carryduff
7065C0305_01	Hillsborough Old Road
7065C0298_06	Mealough Road

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065C0018_01	Knockcairn Road
7065U0411_21	Trench Road
7065U0155_21	Ballymullan Road
7065U0211_26	Sandy Lane
7065U0422_22	Windmill Road, Hillsborough
7065B0007_23	Hillsborough Road, Dromara
7065A0049_09	Old Ballynahinch Road

Structural Maintenance – Verge Strengthening

TABLE 32: Verge Strengthening Sites Completed

Number of Sites Completed
6

TABLE 33: Verge Strengthening Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065B0038_04	Hannahstown Road, Lisburn
7065U0449_22	Dromore Road, Dromara
7065B0178_10	Comber Road, Hillsborough
7065A0049_09	Old Ballynahinch Road
7035A0022_01	Comber Road, Dundonald
7065B0006_14	B6 Saintfield Road

Structural Maintenance – Carriageway Refurbishment

TABLE 34: Carriageway Refurbishment Sites Completed

Number of Sites Completed
16

TABLE 35: Carriageway Refurbishment Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
7065A0026_15	Main Street, Glenavy
7035U0512_01	Breda Park, Belfast
7065U0422_22	Windmill Road, Hillsborough
7065B0007_22	Ballynahinch Road, Dromara
7065B0101_02	Leathemstown Road, Dundrod
7035C0302_05	Mill Road, Purdysburn
7065U0163_21	Crossans Road
7065C0297_06	Upper Ballynahinch Road
7065B0178_07	Comber Road, Lisburn
7035U0143_03	Upper Mealough Road
7065C0299_03	Fort Road, Hillhall
7065U7036_03	Rathdown Road, Lisburn
7065U7006_05	Tirowen Drive
7065U7006_06	Ballyknockan Avenue
7065U0419_21	Cabra Road, Hillsborough
7065U0166_21	Moss Road, Carryduff

4.2 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROPOSED WORKS 2026 – 2027

Proposed Surfacing

TABLE 36: Structural Maintenance Cost and Length Proposed

Structural Maintenance Cost	
£3,992,000	
	Total Length Proposed
Road Network	18.87 km
Road Recovery	7.03 km

TABLE 37: Carriageway Resurfacing – Proposed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7035U0180_01	Beechill Road Phase 2	Completed
7065U0060_22	Halfpenny Gate Road Phase 2	Completed
7035A0023_10	Ballygowan Road	Completed
7065A0003_10	Moira Main Street	Completed
7065A0003_05	Moira Road A3, Lisburn	Programmed
7065C0298_06	Mealough Road	Programmed
7065B0012_06	Crumlin Road	Programmed
7065C0005_06	Nettlehill Road	Programmed

TABLE 38: Surface Dressing – Proposed

Total Area Proposed
89,910m² (21.63km)

TABLE 39: Surface Dressing - Proposed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7065B0177_15	Dromore Road	Completed
7065C0294_02	Bawnhill Road	Completed
7065U0433_21	Grove Road	Completed
7065U1201_21	Lougherne Road	Completed
7065C0297_05	Ballykeel Road	Completed
7065U0202_23	Ballycrune Road	Completed
7065C0297_06	Upper Ballynahinch Road	Completed
7065U0422_21	Beatties Road	Completed
7065U0422_22	Windmill Road	Completed
7065U0163_21	Crossans Road	Completed

Proposed Footway Resurfacing

TABLE 40: Footway Resurfacing Proposed

Total length planned
2 km

TABLE 41: Footway Resurfacing - Proposed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7035U0180_01	Beechill Road Phase 2	Completed
7065U7019_02	Aberdelghy Park	Completed
7065U7019_04	Aberdelghy Gardens	Completed
7035A0023_10	Ballygowan Road	Completed
7035U0514_18	Endler Park East	Completed
7035U0514_04	Inchmarnok Drive	Programmed
7035U0514_12	Cromarty Place	Programmed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7035U0514_37	Dalkeith Gardens	Programmed

Structural Maintenance - Drainage

TABLE 42: Drainage Sites Proposed

Number of Sites Proposed
17

TABLE 43: Drainage Sites – Proposed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7065U2079_22	Bushfield Road	Completed
7065U7013_07	Parkland Avenue	Programmed
7065F7001_09	Halftown Road	Programmed
7065B0012_09	Ballinderry Road	Programmed
7065B0105_01	Soldierstown Road	Completed
7065B0012_07	Aghalee Road	Completed
7065C0005_05	Nettlehill Road	Programmed
7065U0059_21	Lurganure Road	Programmed
7065U7018_13	Greenburn Way	Programmed
7065C0004_01	Belsize Road	Programmed
7065U7000_52	Dundrod Walk	Programmed
7035C0262_01	Grahamsbridge Road	Completed
7065C0327_01	Edentrillick Road	Programmed
7065B0178_07	Comber Road	Programmed
7035C0296_03	Ballyknockan Road	Programmed
7035U0520_61	Old Mill Heights	Completed
7035B0023_10	Hospital Road	Programmed

Structural Maintenance – Carriageway Refurbishment

TABLE 44: Carriageway Refurbishment Sites Proposed

Number of Sites Proposed
11

TABLE 45: Carriageway Refurbishment Proposed Locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Status
7065A0519_03	Prince William Road	Completed
7035U0103_01	Ballyregan Road	Completed
7035C0302_08	Newtownbreda Road	Completed
7065U0423_21	Spirehill Road	Completed
7065B0178_07	Comber Road @Front Road	Completed
7035C0302_05	Purdysburn Hill	Completed
7065B0023_02	Hillhall Road	Completed
7065B0177_15	Dromore Road, Hillsborough	Completed
7065A0049_01	Lisburn Street / Main Street, Hillsborough	Completed
7065B0006_14	B6 Saintfield Rd	Completed
7065A0049_09	A49 Old Ballynahinch Road	Completed

4.3 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2025 – 2026

Grass Cutting

Grass verges along rural roads were mowed according to the Department's policy.

TABLE 46: Grass Cutting Completed

Total cut
Total rural swathe cut of 3870km. Total area cut 676,160 m2

Defects

Section Office staff regularly inspect the local network for actionable defects in accordance with the Road Maintenance Guidelines. These guidelines classify the local roads according to traffic volume and establish corresponding deadlines for the repair of any defects identified.

TABLE 47: Defect Details

Description	Detail Total
Total priority defects recorded	40,385

Public Liability Claims 2025-26

TABLE 48: Public Liability Claims Details

Description	Detail Total
Total claims received in Eastern Division	**1362**
- vehicular damage	1092
- personal injury	245
- property damage	25
Total claims settled	**733**
Total claims rejected	**362**

Please note that statistics above for total claims settled are claims where compensation was paid, and statistics for total claims rejected are for claims where no compensation was paid.

The Department's road related claims data between 2019/20 to 2024/ 25 can be accessed via the following webpage; https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/road-asset-maintenance-directorate-management-information-roads-related-claims-period-20202021-20242025

The link to general information relating to road related claims on NI Direct is via the following webpage; https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/claim-compensation-due-road-or-street-problem

4.4 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Structures Section manages 355 bridges and culverts within the Division, 228 of which are in the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area. Typically, these have a span of 1.8m and greater. Smaller structures are managed by the local Section Office.

Completed Works 2025 – 2026

Four structures projects were completed within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area during 2025/26 at a cost of £339,000.

TABLE 49: Structures Schemes Completed 2025/26

Location	Scheme Description
M1 Bridge over River Lagan, Moira (Bridge No. BR90480)	Completed
STM 2016 Dromore Road (Bridge No. BR90131)	Completed
Glen Road (Bridge No. BR90308)	Completed
Knocknarea (Bridge No. BR90464)	Completed

Proposed Works 2026 – 2027

19 structures projects are proposed within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area during 2026/27 at an estimated cost of £770,000.

TABLE 50: Structures Schemes Proposed 2026/27

Location	Status
Quarterland Bridge Structural Repairs (Bridge No. BR90433)	Planned
Dromara Culvert Replacement (Bridge No. N/A)	Planned
65 Old Ballynahinch Rd (Retaining Wall No. RW20002)	Planned
Ballycanal Bridge Moira (Bridge No. BR90468)	Planned
Knockmore Road (Bridge No. BR90414)	Planned
Quarry Corner (Bridge No. BR20216)	Planned

Location	Status
Trummery Lane (Bridge No. BR90439)	Planned
McKinstry Road and Derriaghy Road (Bridge No. BR90670)	Planned
Kilwarlin Road Lisburn (Bridge No. BR90481)	Planned
Kilwarlin Road Lisburn (Bridge No. BR90479)	Planned
Leopogues Road (Bridge No. BR90139)	Planned
Wolfenden's Bridge Lambeg (Bridge No. BR90243)	Planned
The New Bridge, Corkhill Rd, Moira (Bridge No. BR90437)	Planned
Glen Road, Hillsborough (Bridge No. BR90472)	Planned
Fort Road, Dundrod (Bridge No. BR90290)	Planned
Derriaghy Halt Footbridge (Bridge No. BR90392)	Planned
752 Upper Newtownards Road (Retaining Wall No. RW20001)	Ongoing
Hillsborough Road Bridge (Bridge No. BR90423)	Ongoing
Grand Prix (Bridge No. BR20211)	Ongoing

Bridges are inspected routinely. This generates an ongoing programme of maintenance / repairs to bridges and other structures.

4.5 MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

Completed Works 2025/26

Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) works undertaken within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council during 2025/26.

TABLE 51: Vehicle Restraint Systems Completed 2025/26

Name, Location	Status
Moira Road, West Section	Completed
Moira Road, East Section	Completed
Hillsborough Road West Section	Completed
Stockdam Road	Completed

Proposed Works 2026/27

Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) works proposed for the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area during 2026/27.

TABLE 52: Vehicle Restraint Schemes Planned 2026/27

Name, Location	Status
Upper Newtownards Road	Planning
Beechdene Park, Lisburn	Planning
Hillsborough Road, Moneyreagh, parapets	Planning
Hillhall Road Parapets	Completed
Queens Road Lisburn	Completed

4.6 WINTER SERVICE

TABLE 53: Winter Service - dates of operations

Description	Start date	Completion date
Official winter maintenance period 2025-2026	13/10/25	29/03/26
Salting Operations in this period	68.7	

TABLE 54: Winter Service - details of operations

Description	Details
Depot locations for Eastern Salting Operations	Airport Road Depot, Belfast Sprucefield Depot, Lisburn Balloo Depot, Bangor
Number of gritters used during 1 gritting action	35
Number of personnel involved in gritting operation in Eastern Salting Operations	135
Length of roads salted in Eastern Salting Operations	1306
Total volume of salt used during 2025-2026 winter season in Eastern Salting Operations.	12,064.34



SECTION 5 – MAJOR PROJECTS EAST

MAJOR PROJECTS EAST

5.1 M1/A1 Link at Sprucefield

District Council area(s)	Lisburn Castlereagh City Council
Location	M1 and A1 in vicinity of Sprucefield
Scheme description	This scheme will provide a high standard link between the M1 motorway and the A1. It will be of major benefit to strategic traffic in reducing journey times, by avoiding delays in the Sprucefield area.
Scheme length	Approx. 4km
Scheme estimated cost	TBC
Scheme website	M1/A1 Sprucefield Bypass | Department for Infrastructure (infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)
Any related schemes?	It is intended that the proposal will also consider congestion at the junction on the A1 at Hillsborough.
Current stage	DfI Roads commissioned consultants to consider a range of options and an evaluation of all the viable options for capacity enhancement along this route. This first stage of this has been completed and the findings published in a Stage 1 Report, which determined route corridors within which further options would be examined. The Stage 1 Report was published in March 2011. Due to funding constraints, no further development work has been undertaken since then.
Current position	On 14 August 2023 the Department published a prioritised list of major road schemes that will continue to be progressed. No funding has been identified for this scheme and no further development work is being undertaken. Any decision on its progression will be informed by the Department's emerging transport policies and plans and decisions by a future Minister.

5.2 A1 Junctions Phase 2 (A1J2)

Location	A1 between Hillsborough Roundabout and Loughbrickland
Scheme description	This scheme will involve the construction of four grade separated junctions (flyovers) to facilitate the closing up of all openings in the central median and installation of a continuous central median concrete safety barrier, improving road safety for all road users on the A1. The grade separated junctions will be located at: • Listullycurran Road • Gowdystown Road • Skeltons Road / Drumneath Road • Waringsford Road In addition, the proposal includes the provision of a northbound on-slip at Castlewellan Road at Banbridge, a link between the existing underpass junction at Hillsborough Road, Dromore and Milebush Road and the closing of nine minor road junctions along this section of the A1. All other roads will then operate on a left in - left out basis. A number of Private Accesses onto the A1 are also proposed for closure.
Scheme length	25km
Scheme estimated cost	£120-130m (Approved OBC)
Scheme website	A1 Junctions Phase 2 - overview | Department for Infrastructure (infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)
Any related schemes?	A1 Hillsborough to Sprucefield
Current stage	The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and draft Statutory Orders were published in March 2019 and the Public Inquiry into the scheme was held in March 2020. The Public Inquiry Inspector issued his report to the Department on 19 October 2020. Following the publication of the Departmental Statement on 28 January 2021, the Statutory Orders for the scheme were then made, with the Stopping Up (of Private Accesses) Order coming into operation on 24th June 2021 and the Direction Order on 16th July 2021. On-site works for the advance ground investigations and archaeological investigations are now complete.
Current position	The scheme remains a mature and well-developed project, with the statutory processes completed, including the Public Local Inquiry, and an approved Outline Business Case in place. In July 2024, the project was confirmed to proceed as a single coherent package of works and moved into procurement.

	In February 2025, a restricted list of tenderers was put in place to allow the scheme to progress efficiently when appropriate. Following the A5 judgment, the restricted list was extended by one year, until February 2027, to protect the viability of the scheme during the legal uncertainty. The Department's position is that issues being examined in the A5WTC case are relevant to all major infrastructure projects, including the A1, and therefore key decisions should await clarity from the final determination of those proceedings. The extension is intended to preserve work already completed, avoid unnecessary delay or additional cost, and maintain flexibility to move to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage when appropriate. Officials continue to monitor safety on the A1 corridor, while maintaining that the long-term solution is delivery of the full Phase 2 scheme.

5.3 A1 Hillsborough to Sprucefield

Location	A1 between Hillsborough and Sprucefield
Scheme description	The potential closure of central median crossings and provision of central median barrier.
Scheme length	2km
Scheme estimated cost	TBC
Scheme website	None
Any related schemes?	A1 Junctions Phase 2
Current stage	Feasibility stage. A feasibility study has been carried out on the section of the A1 between Hillsborough and Sprucefield. This was to consider the potential closure of central median crossings and provision of central median barrier where possible. The outcome of this will be considered further.
Current position	On 14 August 2023 the Department published a prioritised list of major road schemes that will continue to be progressed. No funding has been identified for this scheme. Any decision on its progression will be informed by the Department's emerging transport policies and plans and decisions by a future Minister.

5.4 Belfast Rapid Transit Phase 2 – BRT2

District Council area(s)	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Belfast City Council, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Location	The G3 route will run along the Antrim Road in the north, and along the Ormeau Road and Saintfield Road in the south. The existing City Centre to Titanic Quarter Glider service will also be extended to connect with Queen's University and the City Hospital.
Scheme description	The BRT2 project is the further development of the Belfast Bus Rapid Transit system to serve North and South Belfast with an extension of the existing G2 route to serve Queen's University and Belfast City Hospital.
Scheme estimated cost	£124.5m
Scheme website	Belfast Rapid Transit - Glider | Department for Infrastructure (infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)
Current stage	Design Development. The estimated cost of the North Belfast to South Belfast Glider route is currently in the range of £124.5m. To date, £35m of funding has been secured through Belfast Region City Deal and an additional £13 million allocated from the Department of Infrastructure. As such, a considerable shortfall remains.
Current Position	On 25 February 2025 Minister Kimmins announced the next steps for project, which will see the Glider service extended to north and south Belfast. Given the current funding shortfall, the project is being progressed in a phased approach using the £35m funding within the Belfast Region City Deal, with an additional £13 million allocated from the Department of Infrastructure. The Outline Business Case was approved in December 2025 and consultants were appointed in April 2026 to progress the design phase.

SECTION 6 – ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel deputy Director: Peter McParland

Active Travel Manager: Rosemary Fennell

Rosemary is responsible for the delivery of Active Travel schemes in Eastern Division, and is supported in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area by the following staff:

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Email: Activetravel@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Active Travel teams are responsible for making walking, wheeling and cycling an attractive travel option for many everyday journeys. In Lisburn, focus is on delivering the Everyday Active Travel Urban Delivery Plan. More information on Active Travel can be found at: Active travel | Department for Infrastructure.

Three Active Travel projects are within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area.

TABLE 55: Active Travel Schemes

Scheme	Scheme Description	Status
Lisburn, Boomers Way to Wallace Park	3km active travel route linking Boomers Way to Wallace Park via Prince William Road, Antrim Road, Westbourne Terrace, North Circular Road and Lisburn Train Station.	Preliminary Design
Moira Town to Moira Train Station	1.2km active travel route between Moira Town and Moira Train Station.	Preliminary Design

Scheme	Scheme Description	Status
Carryduff	1km active travel route along Church Road, Ballynahinch Road, Hillsborough Road to Lough Moss Leisure Centre.	Engineering Pack completed in 2025/26 by DfI and forwarded to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to consider as part of a public realm scheme.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Out of Hours Emergencies

Telephone: 0300 200 7899

Flooding Incident Line

Telephone: 0300 200 0100

Street Lighting Faults

Telephone: 0300 200 7899

Website: www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/report-street-light-fault

General Enquiries

email: DfIRoads.Eastern@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Website: www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 200 7899

Blue Badge Unit

Provides on-street parking concessions for Badge Holders who travel either as drivers or passengers.

Contact: BBU PO Box 64 Enniskillen BT74 0BL

email: bluebadges@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 200 7818

Parking Enforcement Processing Unit

Processes all penalty notices under Decriminalised Parking Enforcement.

Contact: Roads.Parking@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Website: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/parking-enforcement

Telephone: 0300 200 7895

Issues to be raised ahead of Roads Service presentation to Council on 27th October 2026

Name of Member	Issue to be raised at meeting on 27th October 2026
Councillor Thomas Beckett	Is the bitmac used to fill in potholes for rural roads different that that used for major roads such as motorways, dual carriageways, and roads like and equivalent to the main Moira to Nutts Corner Road. Very rarely is seen potholes on these roads. When rural roads have had potholes repaired within weeks the surface has deteriorated resulting in the re emergence of the problem. I give an example of the Chapel road in Aghalee which had a major re surface with an excellent job done with good quality bitmac. I am aware that Northern Ireland water did major work on this road due to their castor bay water project to Belfast and funding for this was factored into the programme. Is there a difference in tarmac used between roads for repairs as some rural roads have just as much traffic using them as the roads I have mentioned? The Council Report has a short section on Maintenance Operations that provides some explanation (page 39). There are two frequently used bituminous material types that are used for resurfacing. One is commonly known as bitmac (now classified as asphalt concrete) and the other is Hot/Warm Rolled Asphalt. There are many different bituminous mixes within these material types that are designed for different purposes, such as: • Motorways • A-Class Road • Residential roads • Footways • Pothole repairs Whilst the choice of material does make a difference, it is usually not simply the material itself, but: • Road construction depth (major roads have thicker pavement layers) • Quality control during laying • Drainage conditions • Traffic loading characteristics • Type of repair carried out

	Different bituminous mixes may be specified depending on the road type, traffic levels and the nature of the repair. However, the performance of a road is influenced by a range of factors, including the underlying road construction, traffic loading, drainage conditions and weather exposure. As a result, differences in the longevity of repairs are not solely attributable to the surfacing material used. DfI continues to use approved materials and specifications appropriate to the location and nature of the repair in order to achieve the best long-term outcome.
Alderman Martin Gregg	What is the average time from reporting of a surface defect, to it being marked out for repair, to it actually being repaired Data on pothole reporting is published each financial year from 2014 to date on the Department's Open Data platform: https://www.opendatani.gov.uk/@transportni/pothole-enquiries and can be downloaded and filtered by local council area, location details, date received, road name, investigation status and includes spatial coordinates, etc. While this reporting information is helpful, it does not always provide a reliable measure of the number of defects requiring repair or of overall road condition, as multiple reports may relate to the same defect, incorrect categories may be selected, or the location of the defect may be unclear. The local road maintenance team who check and verify reported road faults often do this during the next scheduled inspection. Remedial action will then be arranged if the defect meets or exceeds the intervention threshold stated within the current maintenance policy. What is the average time before a repair has needed a follow-up repair Surface defects identified during routine highway safety inspections as well as during ad hoc investigation of customer reported faults, is also published each financial year from 2014 to date on: https://www.opendatani.gov.uk/@transportni/surface-defects Details on the data description meaning, priority and status definition are provided on the website. The prioritization of defects relies on different criteria as defined in the matrix on page 6 of DEM 160/21 Road maintenance standards for safety – limited service in 2021/2022 DEM 160/21 | Department for Infrastructure and therefore, the target repair timescales will vary. The surface defect data shows the defect status and the repair completion date, which can be used to establish the average repair duration time for each financial year.

Councillor Claire Kemp	• Any measures that can be put in place to improve management of pothole repairs (including quality of pothole repairs) and response times to reported defects Some explanation on materials is given in response to Cllr Beckett above. Emergency pothole repairs sometimes will be filled temporarily with a proprietary cold mix repair until the permanent repair can be scheduled. Permanent repairs should be completed to full specification. The department is continuing to operate a limited-service policy to road maintenance, meaning defects are only repaired if they meet the intervention level. This means some reported surface defects that do not meet the intervention level (eg. sufficient depth of pothole) are not scheduled for repair. • Strengthening engagement with elected representatives and local communities on planned works and future priorities Local staff are happy to engage with elected representatives, but conscious of staff resource limitations. • Improvements in digital infrastructure for online reporting portal to send notifications if a reported defect has an update. Unfortunately, there is insufficient resources to investigate each reported defect individually therefore faults are prioritised with lower risk issues often being set aside to be reviewed during the next planned highway safety inspection of the area, or to await treatment during the next scheduled routine maintenance programme of the area. Limitations on road maintenance funding also means that the ordering of repair work is subject to the defect meeting the intervention level set out in the departments limited-service policy. In other cases, some faults may involve identifying apparatus or land belonging to a third-party organisation, such as a utility or council who are responsibility for any repairs and will involve departmental staff notifying them. DfI continues to monitor the system and consider any changes that might help with the reporting of road and lighting defects and with how these are managed. However, there are no major systematic changes planned at this time.
Councillor Jamie Harpur	Developer-led works / Four Winds What engagement does the Department undertake with local communities and elected representatives when infrastructure works are being delivered by developers, such as the ongoing improvements at the Four Winds roundabout? In particular, what oversight does DfI have to ensure that temporary arrangements, including pedestrian access, are safe, accessible and properly communicated throughout the works?

	In advance of any developer led works, DFI Roads hold meetings with the developers' representatives to agree traffic management proposals, for all road users. DFI Roads will also request the contractor erect advanced notification signage and inform residents in the vicinity of the closure by letter drop. All developer sites will be set up as per the agreed traffic management plans and it is the developer's responsibility to maintain a safe site throughout the construction work, however DFI Roads will continue to hold regular meetings with the developers' representatives and deal with correspondence generated from road users and elected representatives. With regards to Fourwinds Roundabout, numerous elected representatives were informed of the upcoming works both by the developer's consultant and DFI Roads directly. This included providing programme of works, design drawings and addressing any concerns raised. Strategic planning / joined-up approach What strategic planning does the Department undertake to ensure that the cumulative impact of development in an area is considered? At present, it can appear that individual planning applications and associated transport requirements are considered in isolation, without sufficient joined-up consideration of the wider road network, pedestrian infrastructure and the cumulative impact of multiple developments. How is DfI addressing this? Consideration of traffic impacts upon the local road network as a result of residential developments is considered as an integral part of the planning process. The local area plan defines the areas considered suitable for development and identifies key site requirements necessary to ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support the development levels identified. The Department acts as a statutory consultee in the planning process and for each planning application of an appropriate scale a detailed transport assessment is carried out to ensure that the development does not adversely impact the local road network. The assessment process takes account of completed and committed developments and includes modelling of affected junctions to determine whether proposals can be accommodated appropriately.
Councillor Declan Lynch	Speed ramps or speed reduction measures along Fairfields and leading to Magheralave The Department recognises the importance of traffic calming and road safety measures and is committed to exploring solutions that deliver better for communities and improve lives across Northern Ireland. The Department receives many requests for traffic calming and very much would like to be in a position to fulfil all valid requests. However,

	particularly in the context of severe and challenging budget cuts, those areas requiring most urgent attention must be prioritised. For consistency and fairness, the current criteria through which this is assessed includes factors such as speed and volume of traffic, the most up to date three years personal injury collision statistics and environmental factors such as the proximity of public buildings and the nature of the road. The assessment indicates that Magheralave Road/ Fairfields Glen is currently placed 495th on the list of sites that have been assessed for traffic calming measures within the Eastern Division area. Given the number of other areas competing for inclusion within the Traffic Calming Programme that are deemed to be a greater priority, I do not envisage being able to provide traffic calming measures at Magheralave Road/ Fairfields Glen for the foreseeable future. The prioritisation of work within any particular area is never easy, but I can assure you that the Department does attempt to do this in a fair and equitable manner, concentrating its limited finances to those areas where the need is greatest. If residents believe there is a persistent speeding problem or persons driving inappropriately in this area, they may wish to report such incidents to the PSNI on their non-emergency number 101. Filter lights. Issue of overgrown hedges on main roads along Lisburn North that are now impacting driver's vision. A DfI roads inspector carried out an inspection of hedges along Wilmar Road/ Boomers Road and will organise for a contractor to cut any hedges obstructing the road. Environmental works carried out on this road means that the department are responsible for the hedges here. However, the majority of hedges along road verges are the responsibility of the landowner. Where landowners don't maintain their boundary hedge departmental staff can issue a notice under the Roads Order NI.

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Thursday, 24 September, 2026 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:	Councillor M McKeever (Chairperson) Aldermen O Gawith, A Grehan and J Tinsley Councillors D J Craig and A P Ewing
PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:	Mr E Jardine (Independent Member and Vice-Chairperson) Aldermen S P Porter Councillors D Bassett, S Burns, B Magee and J Gallen
OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:	Councillor G Hynds
OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:	Councillor J Laverty
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive Director of Organisation Development and Innovation Director of Finance and Corporate Services Head of Finance Internal Audit Manager (Remote) IT Officer Member Services Officers (EW and BS) Northern Ireland Audit Office: Mr C McGeown RBCA Mr B Stewart

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor M McKeever, welcomed those present to the Special Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be recorded. In accordance with the Protocol for Remote Meetings, the Chairperson 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.

Commencement of the Meeting (Cont'd)

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

1. Apologies

Alderman J Tinsley joined the meeting during this item of business (6.02 pm).

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor A Bamford and Councillor D Lynch.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

At this point, the Chairperson extended a welcome to Mr C McGeown, Northern Ireland Audit Office, and Mr B Stewart, RBCA.

3. 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 Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the following matters be considered "in Committee" in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

3.1 Report of Head of Finance

3.1.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council - Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2026
(Report will never become available - Final certified accounts will be published)

Councillor D J Craig joined the meeting during this item of business (6.19 pm).

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with a copy of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026.

The Head of Finance presented the report and, together with Mr C McGeown, Northern Ireland Audit Office, responded to questions and comments from Members, it being noted that the next item on the agenda would address the issues raised.

3.1.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council - Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2026 (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026 (which included the Governance statement) be approved and submitted to the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

3.1.2 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council – Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance 2025-2026
(Report will never become available - Final certified accounts will be published)

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with the Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance 2025-2026 as issued by the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

The Head of Finance provided the Committee with a summary of some of the key issues contained in the Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance 2025-2026, it being noted that a final version would be presented to the Committee in December 2026.

Mr B Stewart addressed the Committee during which he highlighted some of the key points in the report. Mr Stewart, along with the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive, responded to a number of comments and questions raised by Members in connection with the report.

Mr C McGeown recognised the lateness of the report being made available to Members due to some additional assurance work. If possible, next year's report will aim to be with Council by the Tuesday before the meeting, at the latest.

The Report to Those Charged with Governance in regard to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for 2025-2026 was noted by the Committee.

Resumption of Normal Business

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

The Chairperson, Councillor M McKeever, thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

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Mayor/Chairman

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn and in remote locations on Thursday, 1 October, 2026 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER: Alderman J Baird (Chairman)

Alderman A G Ewart MBE (Vice Chairman)

Councillors J Harpur, C Kemp, J Laverty BEM, U Mackin, C McCready, T Mitchell, and G Thompson

PRESENT REMOTELY: Councillors K Dickson, J Gallen, S Lowry and D Lynch

OTHER MEMBER IN THE CHAMBER: Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE
Director of Regeneration & Growth
Head of Economic Development
Principal Planning Officer (PMcF)
Member Services Manager (Acting)
Member Services Officer (FA)
IT Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairperson, Alderman J Baird, extended a welcome to everyone in attendance at the October meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee.

The Chairperson reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded unless the item was being considered under confidential business.

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

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance on behalf of Councillor A Gowan.

Councillor S Lowry joined the meeting at 6.02 pm.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor K Dickson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.1 Committee for Infrastructure Call for Evidence on a Proposed Tree Protection Bill in view of him being employed as an Account Executive by Chambré Public Affairs. The Woodland Trust, which is supporting the True Protection Bill currently before the Northern Ireland Assembly, is a client of Chambré Public Affairs. Councillor Dickson withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

3. Report of Head of Economic Development

3.1 Balmoral Show

The Committee considered a report outlining the background and key issues in connection with the evaluation of the 2026 Balmoral Show. The report also set out a number of recommendations in connection with the next three years of the Balmoral Shows (2027-2030).

The undernoted documents had been appended to the Officer's report:

- Balmoral Show 2026 Evaluation Report which set out visitor and exhibitor engagement, project outcomes, lessons learned and recommendations for future participation.
- Equality/Good Relations Screening
- Rural Needs Impact Assessment

It was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that:

a) the Balmoral Show 2026 Evaluation Report and the positive outcomes achieved in terms of visitor engagement, business participation, destination promotion and support for local tourism and retail businesses, be noted,

b) the recommendations as set out in the evaluation report be approved as part of the future delivery and continuous improvement of the Council's Balmoral Show showcase, namely:

- maintain the destination-led approach, promoting the full breadth of the Council area's tourism and economic offering,
- retain the current networking hub configuration and visitor welcome area,
- liaise with RUAS to enhance external signage and wayfinding to increase visibility and attract additional visitors to the showcase area,
- review stand graphics to provide greater visibility and branding opportunities for participating businesses whilst maintaining a consistent Visit Lisburn & Castlereagh identity,

3.1 Balmoral Show (Cont'd)

- continue the use of interactive features and visitor engagement activities which proved successful during the 2026 event, and
- maintain exhibitor pricing at current levels where possible to ensure accessibility for local businesses.

c) Officers proceed with the procurement of a Delivery Agent and Shell Scheme Provider for the Balmoral Show showcase for the period 2027-2030, in accordance with Council procurement procedures and subject to the availability of approved budgets using the criteria outlined.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth requested that Members forward any further suggestions for future Balmoral Shows to Officers in Economic Development.

3.2 Food and Drink Programme Update and Proposals

Councillor D Lynch joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.12 pm).

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Economic Development which outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Council's Food and Drink Programme which continues to be a priority within the approved Tourism Strategy 2025–2030 and also remains a key mechanism for supporting local producers, driving visitor spend and promoting the Council area as a food and drink destination.

The Committee had been furnished with an executive summary of the evaluations for the 2024/2025 Food and Drink Programme for each of the Food & Drink events in Moira, Royal Hillsborough, Carryduff, and Dundonald.

In addition, the Committee had been furnished with an overall Food & Drink Programme Summary Performance, the Equality/Good Relations screening and the Rural Needs Impact Assessment documents.

It was noted that a number of practical recommendations had emerged from the evaluations which Officers propose to incorporate into future procurement specifications and programme delivery plans, the details of which had been outlined in the report circulated.

The Head of Economic Development and the Director of Regeneration & Growth responded to a number of questions and noted comments from the Committee in connection with a number of issues, including:

- available car parks at the Moira event
- advance communication and promotion of the Dundonald and Carryduff events

3.2 Food and Drink Programme Update and Proposals (Cont'd)

- timings of specific events, in particular those events involving primary schools.
- importance of ensuring there is no clash of dates with committee meetings
- visitor satisfaction levels,
- the number of traders at the Dundonald and the Carryduff community markets
- weather contingency plans.
- limited value of sales on the evening of some of the events
- need for more food and drink events in Lisburn City Centre.

Councillor J Laverty commended the Christmas markets events and the food festival events and thanked the team of Officers in the Economic Development Unit for their efforts behind the scenes with both these types of events.

Councillor S Lowry welcomed the success of both events in Dundonald and Carryduff.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor J Harpur and agreed to recommended that:

a) the evaluations of the Food and Drink Programme 2024-25 and the positive outcomes achieved in terms of visitor attendance, trader satisfaction, business growth, destination promotion and support for local food and drink producers be noted, and

b) Officers proceed with the procurement of a delivery partner for the Food and Drink Programme for the period 2027-2030 as outlined in the Officer's report.

4. Report by the Director of Regeneration & Growth

4.1 Destination Royal Hillsborough Gateway One Review and Associated Action Plan

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Regeneration & Growth outlining the background and key issues in connection with the Destination Royal Hillsborough (DRH) Gateway One Review and the associated Action Plan, a copy of both documents having been appended to the Director's report.

It was noted that following the review, a report had been compiled that had given DRH an 'amber' rating, similar to the outcome of the first review (Review Zero), and as before there were several recommendations to help the successful delivery of the programme.

The Director's report set out a summary of the recommendations from The Gateway Review.

4.1 Destination Royal Hillsborough Gateway One Review and Associated Action Plan (Cont'd)

The Director responded to questions and comments from the Committee in connection with a number of issues in respect of the Action Plan and the recent meeting with the Programme Board. The Director provided an update in relation to:

- the progress to date on the public realm works,
- the tender for Car Park A
- potential additional works, ie. the resurfacing on the whole of Main Street and the potential pedestrian crossing which was not included in the initial programme
- the need to consider how any resurfacing works would integrate with the public realm works. The Director undertook to come back to the Committee on these additional works in due course.
- land assembly issues that required to be resolved,
- the business case being particularly complex,
- continued discussions with DAERA, DfI, PSNI and HRP,
- the budget position and likelihood of a budget shortfall due to inflationary pressures.

The Director also reminded the Committee that Royal Hillsborough was a heritage village that required to be protected in the longer term.

The Committee agreed to note the positive assessment on the Destination Royal Hillsborough projects and the subsequent Gateway Review Action Plan.

Councillor D Lynch left the meeting during consideration of this item of business 6.41 pm).

5. Report by the Head of Planning & Capital Development

Councillor K Dickson left the meeting for the consideration of this item of business (6.45 pm).

5.1 Committee for Infrastructure – Call for Evidence on a Proposed Tree Protection Bill

In the absence of the Head of Planning and Capital Development, the Principal Planning Officer presented the above report.

The report by the Head of Planning & Capital Development set out the background and key issues in connection with the Call for Evidence on a proposed Tree Protection Bill. It was noted that the Committee for Infrastructure was seeking views on a draft Tree Protection Bill which had been proposed by Peter McReynolds MLA under Standing Order 30: Public Bills: Introduction and First Stage of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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5.1 Committee for Infrastructure – Call for Evidence on a Proposed Tree Protection Bill (Cont'd)

The undernoted documents had been appended to the Officer's report:

- Tree Protection Bill (Private Members Bill)
- Explanatory and Financial Memorandum
- Draft Council Response.

The Principal Planning Officer responded to questions from the Committee in connection with a number of issues including:

- are ancient trees currently protected by Tree Protection Orders across the Council area
- how many investigations the Planning Enforcement team had carried out when a tree had not been planted. The Principal Planning Officer undertook to forward details of investigations carried out to date by the Council's Planning Enforcement team to Councillor S Lowry.
- the additional bureaucracy, costs and administration for Councils as a result of this Tree Protection Bill as Councils already had powers to protect trees.
- trees affected by planning applications.

It was proposed by Councillor S Lowry, seconded by Councillor J Harpur, and agreed that the content the Members Bill be noted and that the Council's draft response as presented, be approved.

6.0 Any Other Business

Councillor K Dickson returned to the meeting (6.59 pm).

6.1 Removal of Two Car Parking Spaces, Lisburn Street, Royal Hillsborough Councillor T Mitchell

In response to comments from Councillor T Mitchell, the Director of Regeneration & Growth undertook to look into the matter of two on-street car parking spaces having been removed in Lisburn Street, Royal Hillsborough following resurfacing work that had taken place recently.

The Director also drew the Committee's attention to the fact that some Members had been approached about creating a business forum for local business owners. Officers are in the process of arranging the first meeting.

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6.2 Greenways Briefing Session
Councillor J Harpur

Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting at this point (6.59 pm).

In response from comments from Councillor J Harpur, the Director of Regeneration & Growth gave an assurance that a date for the Greenways briefing session would be confirmed to Members in the near future.

6.3 Dilapidation Bill and Vacant Buildings, Castle Street, Lisburn
Councillor G Hynds

In response to comments and questions from Councillor G Hynds regarding the current position on the dilapidated and vacant buildings in Castle Street, the Director of Regeneration & Growth advised that he was aware that the Building Control Officers Group had met with department officials recently regarding these matters. The Director also advised that there was ongoing dialogue with the property owners on the Future cities Growth fund. He also undertook to bring a report on the Future Cities initiative to the Committee in due course which would include a comprehensive update on the issues raised by Councillor Hynds.

Councillor J Harpur left the meeting and Councillor T Mitchell returned to the meeting at 7.01 pm.

6.4 Christmas Lights Programme - Update
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready requested an update on the Christmas Lights programme for Lisburn and also the surrounding villages. The Head of Economic Development advised that a chronology of events was in place as per the reports to the Communities & Wellbeing Committee in April and May 2026. Also the Committee had approved the business case for the tender exercise for new lights which was now complete and which included a number of new enhancements.

The Head of Economic Development also advised that the various events would be promoted in CityWide and that the various marketing initiatives were also in place.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth advised that a report on the car parking offering over the Christmas shopping period would be considered by the Environment & Sustainability Committee this month.

The Head of Economic Development hoped that some parts of the Lisburn Light Festival would be replicated in other villages across the Lisburn and Castlereagh areas. He stated, however, that there were some events that could not be replicated such as the Castle

6.4 Christmas Lights Programme – Update (Cont'd)
Councillor C McCready

Gardens Light Display which ran every evening up until Christmas Eve which required staff on duty each evening.

The Head of Economic Development also indicated that he would be content to have a further conversation off line with Councillor McCready on the issues he had raised.

Councillor J Harpur returned to the meeting at 7.03 pm.

7. Confidential Business

Councillor C Kemp left the meeting at 7.22 pm,

The Chairperson, Alderman J Baird, advised that the confidential reports were required to be considered under confidential business due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information). In addition, the report re item 7.1.1 was confidential due to containing information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor J Harpur, seconded by Councillor C McCready, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The video recording was paused at this stage in proceedings and the member of the press left the Council Chamber (7.05 pm).

The Vice Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, and Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

7.1 Confidential Report from the Director of Regeneration & Growth

7.1.1 Progress on Public Realm CCTV Integration
(Redacted report to be published following completion of new operating model)

The Director of Regeneration & Growth's report set out the background and key issues in relation to the progress on the Integration of the Lisburn Public Realm CCTV System.

A copy of the draft Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) had been appended to the Director's report.

Councillor S Lowry left the meeting at 7.24 pm.

Councillor C Kemp returned to the meeting at 7.25 pm.

7.1.1 Progress on Public Realm CCTV Integration (Cont'd)

The Vice Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, returned to the meeting at 7.26 pm.

The Director responded to a number of questions from the Committee on the key issues set out in the report circulated following which it was agreed that the Director's update report be noted, including the potential transfer of specialist server assets to the PSNI.

7.1.2 Tender Evaluation Criteria: PPM & RM 02 - Gas Detection Systems Maintenance; PPM & RM 04 - Boiler Plant & Combustion Systems; PPM & RM 09 – Lift Maintenance Services; PPM & RM 11 - CCTV Maintenance Services
(Redacted report to be published following ratification by Council)

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by the Vice Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed that the tender evaluation criteria for the above listed contracts, as outlined in the Director's report, be noted.

8. Any Other Business (Confidential)

8.1 Pink October
Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Director of Regeneration & Growth provided the Committee with an update in regard to the Pink October initiative which would be launched this week by the Chairman, it being noted that this charity initiative was primarily led by the City Centre business and supported by Council officers.

8.2 Car Parking Offering
Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Director of Regeneration & Growth referred to the report on the Council's car parking offering over the Christmas shopping period which would be considered by the Environment & Sustainability Committee this month.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor C McCready, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance. There being no further business for consideration the meeting was concluded at 7.46 pm.

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee held remotely and in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (COMMITTEE):	Councillor S Lowry (Chair) Councillor B Magee (Vice-Chair) Aldermen H Legge and J Tinsley Councillors T Beckett, R Carlin, J Craig, J Gallen, A Givan, C Kemp, G McCleave, T Mitchell, N Parker and G Thompson
PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION (COMMITTEE)	Alderman S Skillen
PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (NON-COMMITTEE)	The Right Worshipful The Mayor Councillor B Higginson Councillors J Harpur and G Hynds
IN ATTENDANCE:	Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing Head of Communities Head of Sports Services Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) Member Services Officers (HB & EW) I.T. Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor S Lowry, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that it would be recorded and live streamed on the Council website after the meeting, unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

Unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per 8.6 of the Council's Standing Orders. Mobile phones were to be turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting. Members attending remotely were asked to keep their cameras on. 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.

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

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1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Report of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

3.1 Notice of Motion: Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J Harpur had been circulated to Members:

i) "Request officers to investigate the potential costs of introducing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library across the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, with the scheme available to every child born within the Council area from birth until the age of five, including the estimate of the annual cost based on the number of eligible children.

ii) Explore potential funding and partnership opportunities with but not limited to Libraries NI, Community Planning and Book Trust, including from relevant government departments, charitable trusts and foundations, local businesses, community organisations and other external partners, with a view to reducing or meeting the cost to Council.

iii) Engage with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and relevant stakeholders to establish the requirements for participation, potential delivery models and how registration could be incorporated into existing services supporting new parents and children within the Council area.

iv) Bring a report back to the appropriate Council Committee outlining the above for Members' consideration."

Councillor J Harpur, who was not a Member of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee, was in attendance to present his Notice of Motion. He pointed out that:

- The idea of the 'Imagination Library' is that every child should have the opportunity to grow up with books;
- Children receive a free book every month from birth until the age of 5;
- Reading encourages the bond between parents and children;

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3.1 Notice of Motion: Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh *(ctd)*

- The request is for council officers to look at the feasibility and find out how many children in the area would be eligible, best delivery model and cost;
- The Imagination Library already operates in N. Ireland and the estimated cost is £26 for a child to receive a book per month through the letterbox;
- An alternative option could be a book per quarter for children;
- This scheme is an example of early intervention which tackles inequality, especially during the current cost of living crisis;
- Given that Council has responsibility for the Registration of Births, an option could be to ask parents about joining the Imagination Library when they are registering their baby.

This Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor J Gallen.

Councillor J Gallen elaborated on the Notice of Motion during which he highlighted the following:

- Reading improves literacy and learning;
- The interaction between parents / carers and children through reading is very important;
- Receiving books from a very young age develops a lifelong love of reading.

There was further discussion and Councillor G McCleave explained that Belfast City Council runs The Imagination Library in partnership with housing associations and Surestart.

Councillor A Givan pointed out his concern that education is not the remit of the Council but did not oppose the Motion and expressed his interest in reading the report from officers.

Alderman H Legge and Councillor J Craig both spoke in favour of the Motion and Councillor B Magee proposed the Motion which was agreed unanimously.

Councillor G Hynds entered the meeting during Item 3.1 at 6.07 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, entered the meeting during Item 3.1 at 6.19 pm.

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3.2 Notice of Motion – Street Cabinet Artwork Project

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor N Parker had been circulated to Members:

"Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council recognises the negative impact that graffiti such as tagging and the subsequent costs of removal, can have on our communities, public spaces, and street furniture, while also recognising the positive benefits that public street art, such as painted utility boxes, can play in enhancing the local environment and fostering civic pride.

Accordingly, Council agreed to explore the potential of a Street Cabinet Artwork Project including seeking out permissions, funding opportunities and working with local artists, community groups and youth organisations to design any future artwork.

Furthermore, Council notes that such a scheme would be an opportunity to showcase local heritage and engage people of all ages and backgrounds across our council area."

Councillor N Parker explained that:

- This project would give local artists an opportunity to showcase their work;
- Other local councils do similar projects;
- There is an opportunity to work with community groups and link into local history / heritage for the designs;
- The Street Cabinet Artwork Project would deter graffiti.

Alderman Legge seconded the proposal and felt that it would be beneficial to work with local community groups.

Further discussion ensued with Councillor J Gallen, G Hynds, A Givan and G McCleave all welcoming this initiative.

The Notice of Motion for the Street Cabinet Artwork Project was agreed unanimously.

Councillor R Carlin entered the meeting during Item 3.2 at 6.21 pm.

4. Report of the Head of Communities

4.1 Revised District Councils Good Relations Action Plan 2026/2027

The Head of Communities explained that the Good Relations Action Plan had been approved by committee in February 2026. However, in August, The Executive Office (TEO) advised of a reduction in funding of £83,911.14 therefore a revised Action Plan is required.

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4.1 Revised District Councils Good Relations Action Plan 2026/2027 *(ctd)*

A narrative report was provided in addition to the associated Draft Good Relation Action Plan 2026/2027, Equality Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

Councillor B Magee thanked officers for their work in ensuring the five programmes are still viable and also expressed her disappointment about the reduction in funding from TEO.

It was proposed by Alderman H Legge, seconded by Councillor J Gallen, and Members agreed:

- the revised Good Relations Action Plan 2026/2027; and;
- the use of any in-year funding uplifts from The Executive Office to support delivery against the agreed Action Plan priorities.

4.2 Castle Gardens - Tommy Project Initiative

The Head of Communities outlined the proposed pilot initiative known as the Tommy Project to enhance the Council's existing Civic Remembrance Programme for 2026.

The report highlighted linkages with the Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and promotion of wider use of both City Centre facilities and Castle Gardens.

It was proposed by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Mitchell to:

- approve the inclusion of the Tommy Project as a pilot initiative within Council's 2026 remembrance programme and;
- note that the pilot would include community engagement, creative participation, historical workshop activity and walking tours to support inclusive remembrance and shared learning.

5. Report of Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting)

5.1 Commemorative Trees – Moira Demesne

The Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) brought a narrative report to Members about requests to plant commemorative trees in Moira Demesne from two local groups.

It was proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Alderman Tinsley, and agreed to recommend that:

- a commemorative tree be planted in Moira Demesne by Moira Friendship Group (celebrating their 25th anniversary)

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5.1 Commemorative Trees – Moira Demesne *(ctd)*

- a commemorative tree be planted in Moira Demesne by Moira Presbyterian GB (celebrating their 50th anniversary).

Councillor J Harpur left the meeting during Item 5.1 at 6.25 pm and returned during Item 5.2 at 6.40 pm.

5.2 Ulster Grand Prix Update

A narrative report and proposal from the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (MCUI) were provided outlining how officers continue to work with MCUI to identify potential funding opportunities. The report was duly noted.

Alderman Tinsley explained that the last Grand Prix happened eight years ago in 2019; it did not take place in 2020 due to Covid so 2027 would be its return. He proposed that LCCC agrees to support the Grand Prix 2027 in principle, subject to all other financial support and governance being provided. This was seconded by Alderman H Legge.

Councillor J Gallen emphasised that a full analysis of the business case would be required.

Councillor A Givan suggested that Belfast City Council and Mid & East Antrim Council could also provide funding as they would benefit from bed nights.

The Director of Leisure, Communities & Wellbeing clarified that this evening's proposal is for support in principle but no investment decision is being made at this stage. The Grand Prix would also require cross-departmental work across Communities & Wellbeing and Regeneration & Growth Department.

6 Report of Head of Sports Services

6.1 Walking for All Officer – Request for Walking Champion

The Head of Sports Services presented a narrative report along with a 'Walking for All' progress report and the D'Hondt table.

The new Walking For All Officer was appointed in March 2026 and a great deal has been achieved in the first six months with 20 Walk Leaders being appointed and 10 new walking groups established.

Councillor G Thompson commended the new work carried out by the Walking For All Officer and explained that she had taken part in a walk at Hillsborough Forest Park

It was proposed by Councillor G Thompson and seconded by Councillor R Carlin that a Walking Champion be appointed, using the D'Hondt process, noting that this would be undertaken by a nominee from the Alliance Party.

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6.2 Provision of Supply, Delivery and Installation of Loose Furniture and Office Equipment at DIIB

A report had been provided to Members by the Head of Sports Services regarding the supply, delivery and installation of loose furniture and office equipment at Dundonald International Ice Bowl.

Alderman S Skillen asked when the new Dundonald International Ice Bowl would be opening. The Director confirmed that she will bring an update report soon to the committee.

It was recommended by Councillor B Magee and seconded by Alderman Legge that the tender evaluation award criteria in the report be agreed.

Councillor S Lowry thanked staff who organised the 40th birthday celebrations at Dundonald International Ice Bowl which was a great event.

7 Any Other Business (Non-Confidential)

7.1 Period Products
Councillor Parker

Councillor Parker asked for an update on the matter regarding period products she had raised last month and asked if the Council could look at a scoping exercise to provide reusable period products, similar to the reusable nappy scheme.

7.2 Glenmore Park, Hilden
Councillor N Parker

Councillor Parker explained that a resident contacted her about the bin at Glenmore Park which was overflowing. She asked if the bin could be emptied more frequently or if an additional bin could be installed.

Grass cutting had taken place recently which resulted in litter being shredded in the park.

7.2 Update on Lough Moss
Councillor B Higginson

The Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, asked for an update about Lough Moss Leisure Centre. The Director confirmed that feedback from the feasibility study has been received and a workshop for Members will be organised soon.

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7.3 Anti-Social Behaviour at Cairnshill
Councillor B Higginson

The Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) confirmed that the broken crossbars have been replaced and that they have engaged with PCSP, PSNI and Dreamscheme to put diversionary activities in place. Anti-social behaviour is currently down and they are monitoring the situation.

7.4 Dundrod Play Park
Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman J Tinsley explained that a consultation closed in 2023 about a new play park in Dundrod and asked if there was any update about this. The Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) will look into this.

7.5 Red Telephone Boxes
Alderman J Tinsley

The Head of Communities explained that they have received almost all of the contracts from BT and the condition of the old red telephone boxes needs to be assessed. This will be a phased approach working with Parks & Amenities staff who will assist with the redevelopment of phone boxes and then community consultation will take place.

7.6 Bell's Lane Car Park
Councillor J Craig

Councillor J Craig explained that there have been persistent rumours that the number of car park spaces at Bell's Lane Car Park will be reduced. The Director confirmed that she is not aware of any car park spaces being removed, but undertook to look into it.

7.7 Bins
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds explained that there seems to be an ongoing issue with the contractor who empties bins.

7.8 Telephone Boxes
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds suggested that the old red telephone boxes could be replaced with flower boxes which would brighten up the local area.

7.9 Aberdelghy Golf Course
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds asked for an update about Aberdelghy. The Head of Sports Services explained that there will be DEA briefings for Members about Aberdelghy similar to what was raised regarding Lough Moss.

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8 Confidential Report from the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

Confidential due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information). A redacted report will be available in April 2027.

8.1 Aghalee Changing Pavilion

The Acting Head of Parks and Amenities presented a narrative report and appendix about Aghalee changing pavilion.

Councillor C Kemp proposed the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor T Beckett to progress to award of contract and an uplift on the budget.

9 Any Other Business (Confidential)

There was no other confidential business.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor S Lowry, thanked those present for their attendance and - there being no further business - the meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, on Wednesday 7 October 2026 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:	Alderman S Skillen (Chair) Councillor N Parker (Vice-Chair) Alderman J Baird , M Gregg Councillors J Bamford, S Burns, A Gowan, G Hynds, B Magee, C McCready and M McKeever
PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:	Councillors P Catney and A Givan
OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:	Councillor J Harpur
IN ATTENDANCE:	Director of Environmental Services Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services) Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning) Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability) Member Services Officers (EW and BS)

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Commencement of the Meeting

The Chair, Alderman S Skillen, 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 Chair stated that unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Chair asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting.

In accordance with the Protocol for Remote Meetings, the Chair asked that those attending via zoom to 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 proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor R McLernon.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Givan joined the meeting via Zoom during this item of business (6.04 pm).

2. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

Councillor M McKeever declared an interest in item 4.1 Belfast City Council – Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation (NIHMO) Service Level Agreement as a member of his family is a HMO landlord.

3. Report by the Director of Environmental Services

3.1 Part A: Off Street Car Parking (OSCP) Update
Part B: Evaluation of Free Carparking Initiative during December and January and Proposed Pilot Scheme

The Director of Environmental Services delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

Councillor N Parker welcomed the report and expressed gratitude to the officers and staff for their work in compiling it.

In response to a query from Councillor C McCready regarding clarification on the free weekend parking initiative, the Director of Environmental Services advised that because Sunday parking was already free, the pilot scheme would extend free parking to Saturdays as well.

Councillor G Hynds welcomed the pilot scheme but expressed concern around people using the car parks for long stays without contributing to the city centre economy.

Alderman J Baird commented that the survey should have asked if patrons to our car parks used them to park their car and travel elsewhere. The director confirmed this question could be embedded into the pilot evaluation.

Councillor A Givan welcomed the initiative and advised it would be difficult to remove this scheme once the 14 months expire.

In response to queries from Councillor C McCready regarding car parking machines, contactless payments, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and barriers, the director advised that DfI was currently modernising on-street pay-and-display parking machines and introducing ANPR technology. She also advised that several machines within the council have reached their end-of-life cycle, and following the completion of this pilot the council will review its car parking strategy with a view to introducing new initiatives alongside machine upgrades.

Councillor C McCready requested that a report be brought to the committee detailing the lifespan of current machines and the specifications of their planned replacements.

Councillor P Catney enquired whether the council had contacted the commercial owner of the Lisburn car parks and if there would be an impact on jobs in respect of council owned car parks.

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3.1 Part A: Off Street Car Parking (OSCP) Update
Part B: Evaluation of Free Carparking Initiative during December and January and Proposed Pilot Scheme (Cont'd)

In response, the director advised that because a third-party contractor handles the monitoring and enforcement of the council's car parking this would not impact jobs. She further advised that no contact had been made with the car park's commercial owner, explaining that the pilot programme was being introduced specifically to boost city centre footfall and encourage longer visitor stays.

It was proposed by Councillor N Parker, seconded by Councillor C McCready, and agreed to:

- note the update report on OSCP;
- recommend approval of the progression of Option 4 to provide free of charge weekend car parking as a 14-month pilot beginning 1 December 2026 and concluding at end of January 2028 in all council owned off street carparks; and
- recommend approval of £8k expenditure for interim and post pilot evaluation of Option 4.

4. Report by the Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning)

4.1 Belfast City Council – Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation (NIHMO) Service Level Agreement

Councillor M McKeever left the meeting during this item of business (6.27 pm).

The Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning) delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed to recommend approval for the Chief Executive to sign the SLA between Belfast City Council and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to satisfy the requirements of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (NI) 2016 in delivering the mandatory licensing scheme.

4.2 Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) Service Level Agreement

Councillor M McKeever returned to the meeting during this item of business (6.28 pm).

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Gowan, and agreed to recommend approval for the Chief Executive to sign the SLA between The Drinking Water Inspectorate (on behalf of DAERA) and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for the purpose of undertaking risk assessments and sampling of private water supplies under the Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 on behalf of DWI.

In response to a query from Alderman M Gregg regarding risks to the council with testing because of the quality of drinking water coming from Lough Neagh, the

4.2 Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) Service Level Agreement (Cont'd)

Head of Service advised that the council carries out a risk assessment in relation to how a sample is taken and processed in approved testing facilities.

4.3 Consultation on Restricting Promotions of High Fat, Sugar and Salt Foods

Councillor G Hynds welcomed the report, stating that if the government intends to encourage healthier eating habits, it should promote discounts on nutritious food options.

Councillor C McCready raised concerns over costs, emphasising the need for an equal balance between healthier options and affordable pricing.

Alderman J Baird raised concerns regarding personal choice and food affordability, noting that fat, sugar, and salt frequently serve as preservatives. He stated that the best way to build a healthier society is to teach people how to cook and encourage better portion control.

Councillor C McCready commented on the council's past health and wellbeing eating event, highlighting its value in providing constituents with practical advice on healthy eating and live cookery demonstrations. He asked whether the event would be held again in the future. The Head of Service advised that several initiatives were held throughout the year supported by funding from the Food Standards Agency. He would follow up with details of any forthcoming events.

It was proposed by Councillor G Hynds, seconded by Councillor J Bamford, and agreed to recommend approval of the draft response, thereby enabling the council to respond to this consultation before the closing date of 21 October 2026.

4.4 Environmental Crime Update

In response to queries from Councillor G Hynds regarding dog fouling in Wallace Park, CCTV and graffiti, the Head of Service advised that CCTV was not utilised for dog fouling detections, instead enforcement relies on reports and evidentiary statements from council officers, Elected Members, or the public. Regarding graffiti, the council's hands are largely tied when it comes to prosecution as responsibility belongs to the DfI for street furniture, and to residents for private houses.

Alderman S Skillen welcomed the drop in dog fouling statistics but noted that the issue remains highly frustrating.

Councillor M McKeever noted that a low number of reports does not indicate a drop in activity and asked how the council could better publicise the reporting process. In response, the Head of Service highlighted that the council's website is fully equipped to handle complaints, compliments and enquiries, and committed to exploring additional channels for residents to submit reports.

Councillor M McKeever placed on record his appreciation to officers for the community impact initiatives.

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4.4 Environmental Crime Update (Cont'd)

The Director of Environmental Services advised she will liaise with the council's Communications team to better promote the methods the public can use to report these issues.

Councillor A Gowan suggested leveraging the council's social media platforms to raise awareness and combat the under-reporting of issues. Highlighting community-led solutions, he praised local constituent Tom McGrory, who voluntarily cleared more than 1,000 bags of rubbish across a one-mile radius over 330 days, exemplifying the vital impact of local volunteers.

Councillor C McCready welcomed the report but noted that the 16 litter penalties issued seemed relatively low.

Councillor A Givan expressed concern over large-scale dumping, stating that the current £400 fixed penalty was insufficient. In response, the Head of Service noted that the £400 penalty was introduced just two years ago, representing a substantial increase from the previous £75 fee.

Alderman J Baird asked if recognition could be given to Tom McGrory for his contributions, suggesting that highlighting his work could inspire and encourage more members of the public to volunteer.

The Director of Environmental Services noted that the previous Mayor had hosted a recognition event for volunteers. She suggested leveraging the work of volunteers across the borough, including Tom, in promotional campaigns to inspire more community members to volunteer.

The Head of Service advised that 'Live Here Love Here' will release a report next month. Additionally, an upcoming awards ceremony will be promoted through the council magazine and via colleagues in community services.

Councillor A Gowan stated that Tom had attended the Mayor's event. He suggested that highlighting Tom's story on council social media channels could encourage reflection within the local community.

Councillor G Hynds backed using social media advertising to address the issue, noting that the council's large following could help set standards for community group involvement.

The committee noted the annual update report on Environmental Crime across the council area.

5. Report by the Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services)

5.1 Christmas Waste Collection Arrangements and Recycling Centre Opening Hours

The Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services) delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

5.1 Christmas Waste Collection Arrangements and Recycling Centre Opening Hours (Cont'd)

In response to a query from Councillor A Gowan regarding the suspension of brown bin collections over the Christmas holidays, the Head of Service advised that the suspension would result in a four-week gap between brown bin collections, noting that this schedule would affect all residents equally.

The Head of Service assured Members that alternative Christmas bin collection dates would be followed as closely as possible.

The director stated that the council would promote both the operating hours for recycling centres and the revised schedule for bin collections.

In response to Members' concerns regarding Christmas bin collection publicity, the Head of Service confirmed that the schedule information would be distributed to all households via the winter edition of Citywide magazine. Additionally, the details will be actively promoted through the council's social media channels, official website, online collection calendar, and the Binformation mailing list.

In response to a query from Councillor C McCready regarding the quality of green food bags, the Head of Service clarified that the manufacturing specifications have not changed. He advised that these compostable bags have a natural shelf life after which the material begins to degrade and lose its structural strength.

The committee noted the alternative waste collection dates and alternative Household Recycling Centre opening hours over the Christmas holiday period.

5.2 Christmas Toy Reuse Scheme 2026

Councillor A Gowan praised the initiative and expressed his gratitude to everyone involved.

Councillor C McCready asked if the scheme could be extended to other areas. In response, the Head of Service explained that the council works together with Habitat to promote the initiative, noting that several pop-up events had already been introduced. He added that he would pass Councillor McCready's request along to Habitat to explore expanding into new locations.

Councillor J Bamford welcomed the report and asked if the scheme would also apply to drop-in centres. The Head of Service committed to investigate this and update Councillor Bamford.

Councillor P Catney welcomed the report and thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

The committee noted the information contained within the report.

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6. Any Other Business

6.1 Cemetery Benches
Councillor G Hynds

In response to a query from Councillor G Hynds regarding damaged cemetery benches, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the owners would be notified in advance of any bench being removed due to disrepair.

6.2 Public Bins in Carryduff
Councillor J Harpur

Councillor J Harpur highlighted the issue of overflowing public bins in Carryduff spilling onto the street and requested additional bins for the area. In response, the Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services) agreed to provide an update directly to Councillor Harpur.

6.3 Gateway at Lambeg
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney noted that the vegetation at the Lambeg gateway had been cleared and requested that a new feature be considered for installation in the area.

6.4 Layby at Queensway
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney thanked the Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services) for installing a new bin at the Queensway layby. He highlighted that it is encouraging to see commuters utilising the area for parking before catching the train to Belfast.

6.5 Translink
Councillor N Parker

Councillor N Parker advised that she had contacted Translink regarding the removal of overgrown vegetation at the Lambeg gateway. She noted that she will liaise directly with council officers on the matter and welcomed Councillor P Catney's proposal to create a focal point in the area.

The Chair, Alderman S Skillen, advised that the following item would be dealt with "In Committee"

7. Any Other Business (Confidential)

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the following matters be considered "In Committee," in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

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7. Any Other Business (Confidential) (Cont'd)

The member of the press seated in the public gallery left the Council Chamber (7.37) pm).

7.1 Off-street Car Parking
Councillor C McCready

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting during this item of business (7.37 pm).

The Director of Environmental Services responded to comments and questions from Members.

7.2 Kerbside Harmonisation Legal Update
Councillor C McCready

Alderman M Gregg left the meeting during this item of business (7.42 pm).

The Director of Environmental Services and the Head of Service (Waste & Operational Services) responded to comments and questions from Members.

Resumption of Normal Business

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

The Chair, Alderman S Skillen, thanked Members for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.53 pm.

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Chairperson

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held remotely and in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (COMMITTEE):	Alderman P Porter (Chair) Councillor R McLernon (Vice-Chair) Aldermen A Ewart and O Gawith Councillors J Bamford, T Beckett, R Carlin, A Ewing, J Harpur, U Mackin and M McKeever.
PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION (COMMITTEE)	Councillors K Dickson and J Laverty BEM
PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (NON-COMMITTEE)	Councillor G Hynds
IN ATTENDANCE:	Director of Finance & Corporate Services Director of Organisation Development & Innovation Director of Regeneration & Growth Head of Finance Head of Governance & Communications Head of HR & OD Head of Innovation IT Officer Member Services Officers (HB & EW)

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that it would be recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

Unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per 8.6 of the Council's Standing Orders. Mobile phones were to be set to silent mode for the duration of the meeting. Members attending remotely were asked to keep their cameras on. 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.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was accepted and recorded on behalf of The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor B Higginson and also Councillor McCleave and the Hon Nicholas Trimble.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Report of Head of Governance & Communications

3.1 Lagan Valley Island – Illumination Requests

The Head of Governance & Communications explained that there had been two illumination requests which while outside the application deadlines, both met the policy requirements.

A report had been provided to Members and it was proposed by Councillor J Harpur, seconded by Councillor A Ewing and agreed to recommend that:-

- Retrospective approval be granted for the illumination on 5th October for Cadets Week; and
- Approval be given to proceed with the illumination marking the 190th anniversary of the USPCA on 12th November.

The Chair, Alderman Paul Porter, explained that an additional request had been received from the NI Blood Transfusion Service to illuminate the building for their 80th anniversary week commencing 2nd November. Again, the request was not received during the call for illuminations but met the criteria set out in the policy.

Councillors agreed unanimously and this was added to the proposal by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor A Ewing.

3.2 Non-Corporate Communication Channels (NCCCs)

A narrative report and accompanying policy had been provided to Members regarding Non-Corporate Communication Channels. The Head of Governance & Communications explained that this policy aims to regulate the use of messaging apps and other non-corporate communication channels. This new policy will ensure that the Council complies with records management, data protection, transparency and information governance requirements.

3.2 Non-Corporate Communication Channels (NCCCs) *(C'td)*

There were further queries by Councillor J Bamford and Councillor R Carlin regarding consultation with the trade unions. The Director of OD & Innovation explained that it had been agreed all policies are presented to Corporate Services Committee before going into formal consultation with trade unions. If any substantive amendments are required then the policy would return for further approval by this Committee.

Councillor Mackin questioned how the policy could cover those who aren't employees of the council and Councillor Hynds reiterated his priorities of transparency and accountability.

Councillor Laverty asked for an amendment to be made at point 10 regarding Breaches and Non-Compliance so that the wording *'non-compliance may be investigated'* be changed to *'non-compliance will be investigated.'*

It was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor R McLernon and agreed to recommend the:

- Progressing of the implementation of this policy as the Council's formal position on the use of NCCCs for Council business.

Councillor K Dickson joined the meeting remotely during Item 3.2 at 6.14 pm.

4. Report of Head of HR & OD

4.1 Consultation LGSC – Code of Conduct & Working Relationship Protocol

A narrative report and several appendices had been provided to Members regarding the current LGSC Consultation:

i) Letter from the Local Government Staff Commission
ii) Schedule of Amendments
iii) Code of Conduct for LG employees – Consultation Version
iv) LG Employee and Councillor Working Relationship Protocol – Consultation Version
v) Consultation Questionnaire

The Head of HR & OD explained that the response to the LGSC consultation response had been presented at committee last month when Members suggested asking for an extension to the timeframe for a response.

He had emailed Members who attended committee last month and no comments had been received, therefore, the original draft response was presented with the report.

4.1 Consultation LGSC – Code of Conduct & Working Relationship Protocol *(C'td)*

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, pointed out that he had expected the verbal concerns and comments made at last month's committee to be incorporated into the consultation response which Councillor G Hynds concurred with.

The Head of HR & OD explained that the LGSC Code of Conduct & Working Relationship Protocol is purely guidance for local councils. He confirmed that the protocol is in keeping with the LCCC policy and that LGSG would not be writing to Council asking for our policy to be changed. The Chair, Alderman P Porter expressed his concerns that the document is not fully reflective of what was raised at last month's committee. The Head of HR & OD confirmed he would listen back to the minutes of the September committee meeting, and changes mentioned at that meeting would be reflected in an updated response.

It was proposed by Councillor Harpur, seconded by Councillor Bamford and agreed to recommend that:-

- The consultation response at appendix 5 be approved.

However, Councillor J Harpur said it would be helpful to see the amendments written down so they could be reviewed. Councillor A Ewing made an amendment that the recommendation be approved, subject to changes being approved at the monthly Council meeting. This was seconded by Councillor R McLernon.

Councillor R McLernon left the meeting during Item 4.1 at 6.28 pm and returned at 6.31 pm.

Councillor R Carlin left the meeting during Item 4.1 at 6.30 pm and returned at 6.34 pm.

5 Any Other Business (Non-Confidential)

5.1 Thanks to the Chief Executive
Alderman P Porter

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, extended his sincere thanks to the Chief Executive for his high level of service to this Council and the sacrifice made by him and his family in undertaking the role. The Vice-Chair, Councillor R McLernon also congratulated the Chief Executive on his new job with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

5.2 Underspend
Councillor G Hynds

Cllr Hynds proposed that a report on the yearly underspend since Lisburn Council and Castlereagh Council amalgamated would be prepared for a future meeting of this committee.

5.2 Underspend *C'td)*
Councillor G Hynds

This was proposed by Councillor A Ewing and seconded by Councillor R Carlin.

Alderman A Ewart left the meeting at 6.45 pm, before going into confidential business.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor A Ewing, seconded by Councillor R Carlin and agreed that the Confidential Report of the Chief Executive be considered "in Committee". (Recording was paused at this stage in proceedings. The press member left the meeting and there were no public present). (6.45 pm)

6. Report of Chief Executive

The reasons for confidentiality were as set out in the agenda, i.e. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

6.1 Internal Audit

Councillor U Mackin proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor R Carlin. Redacted report to become available following award of contract.

6.2 Report on Tender Awards

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

Presented by the Director of Regeneration & Growth.

- T25/26-089 Provision of Caretaker & Reception Services at Bradford Court
- T26/27-015 Gamified Essential Skills Learning Programme
- T26/27-010 Translations – Heritage & Language
- Q26/27-032 Supply of Confectionery Products for Vending Machines

The tender reports were duly noted.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth left the meeting at the end of Item 6.2 at 7.10 pm.

6.3 Mobile Voice and Data Services

The Committee had been furnished with an update report on the Council's Mobile Voice & Data Services contract, the content of which was duly noted.

Redacted report to become available following ratification and signing of the contract.

6.4 Debt Write-Off Request

Recommendation proposed by Councillor Ewing and seconded by Councillor Bamford. Redacted report to become available after Full Council.

7 Efficiency Review Steering Group (ERSG) meetings

Recommendation was proposed by Councillor Carlin and seconded by Councillor Mackin. Redacted report to become available following ratification.

8 Any Other Business (Confidential)

There was no other confidential business.

All officers, apart from the Head of HR & OD and the two Member Services Officers left the meeting at this point, before Item 9.

9 Confidential Report from the Head of HR & OD

Confidential under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, Schedule 6, Part 1: Exempt Information, no.4: Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the council or a government department and employees of, or office holders under, the council.

Redacted report to become available following ratification.

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor M McKeever and seconded by Councillor A Ewing.

It was proposed by Councillor R Carlin, seconded by Councillor U Mackin and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, thanked everyone for their attendance, and the meeting concluded at 7.37 pm.

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MAYOR/CHAIR

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 7 September, 2026 at 10.00 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER: Councillor D Bassett (Chair)

Alderman J Tinsley (Vice Chair)

Aldermen O Gawith and A Grehan

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

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION: Alderman M Gregg

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Regeneration and Growth
Principal Planning Officer (PS)
Senior Planning Officers (MB, GM and LMcC)
Member Services Officers (EW and FA)

Cleaver Fulton Rankin

Mr B Martyn
Ms C McPeake (Zoom)
Mr P Lockhart (Zoom)

Commencement of Meeting

Alderman M Gregg (Zoom) and Councillor N Trimble joined the meeting during this item of business (10.02 am).

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 Senior Planning Officer outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Councillor P Catney joined the meeting during this item of business (10.03 am).

No apologies were recorded.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, advised that by virtue of being Members of Council, all Members of the Planning Committee would have an interest in planning application LA05/2026//0512/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.

2. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

No other declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 3 August, 2026

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 3 August, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

In the absence of the Head of Planning & Capital Development, the Principal Planning Officer, Mr P Savage, presented the report. He informed the committee that item (iii) Application No: LA05/2026/0089/F (43 Edentrillick Hill) had been deferred from the current schedule. Following the submission of late supporting information on Friday afternoon, officers require additional time for assessment. The application will be presented at the October committee meeting.

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, advised that there were 4 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, she advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

(i) LA05/2024/0639/O – Replacement dwelling and retention of existing dwelling (with alterations) as farm building on lands approximately 180 metres north of 19 Ballycrune Road, Royal Hillsborough

Alderman M Gregg left and returned to the meeting during this item of business (10.31 am and 10.51 am respectively).

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

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

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor P Catney noted that noise, smells, and odours are inherent to any working farm. He stated that he had not seen or heard sufficient

Debate (Cont'd)

evidence to justify a setback or separation distance of 80 metres, regardless of whether a dwelling was present. Consequently, he indicated he would be voting in agreement with the officers' recommendation.

- Alderman O Gawith referred to a letter received from Mr Rutherford. Following advice from the legal advisor, he stated that he would be unable to vote as he felt he did not possess all the necessary information. He noted that if the information was valid, proceeding would be unfair, and enquired whether a further deferral could be granted to allow the applicant to properly collate the details. He concluded by advising that if the vote were to proceed, he would abstain due to uncertainty regarding the information currently available.

- Councillor D J Craig concurred with the point raised by Alderman O Gawith. He enquired whether it was necessary for the information to be formally presented before a legal expert and signed off, or if there would be merit in requesting that the information simply be supplied directly to officers and the committee.

- The Principal Planning Officer advised that if the building is formally accepted as a former dwelling, policy dictates it should be preserved and converted back into residential use. Specifically, the conversion and re-use of the building must comply with policy CUO4.

Following discussion, the Director of Regeneration and Growth recommended that the Committee move into confidential business. This was to allow Members to receive legal advice on the statutory declaration and to consider the related policy implications arising from the debate before determining the matter.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Martin, and agreed to go into committee.

Members of the public and press left the meeting at 11.13 pm.

During confidential business Members received legal advice on the statutory declaration and related policy implications.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (11.37 am).

Debate (Cont'd)

Members of the public and press returned to the meeting (11.37 am).

Councillor N Trimble spoke against a further deferral of the application, noting that the committee possessed sufficient information to make an immediate decision and that the matter had already been deferred previously. He observed that the case centred on two distinct debates: the nature of the proposed dwelling

Debate (Cont'd)

and its physical location. Regarding Policy COU3, Paragraph A, he highlighted that a replacement dwelling must be located within the established curtilage of the existing structure unless it is

demonstrated that either (1) the curtilage is too restricted to accommodate a modest dwelling, or (2) an alternative nearby location would deliver clear landscape, heritage, access, or amenity benefits. Councillor Trimble concluded that planning officers had correctly assessed the application, as he saw no evidence to satisfy the exception criteria under Point 2.

- Alderman O Gawith formally requested that the application be deferred so the Committee could consider complete and robust information before making its decision.

- Councillor D J Craig agreed with Councillor N Trimble that the application did not meet the criteria under Point 2. He stated that if there was merit in a deferral to gather more information, he would support it on that basis. Specifically, he would ask the applicant to provide evidence proving a viable legal reason for the 80m distance. Councillor Craig added that if the proposer accepted that a deferment would resolve both of these questions, he would be happy to second the motion.

A vote was taken on Alderman O Gawith's proposal of deferring the application, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, the voting being:

In favour: Councillor D J Craig, Alderman O Gawith and Councillor A Martin **(3)**

Against: The Chair, Councillor D Basset, Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor N Trimble and Alderman J Tinsley (Vice-Chair) (**7**)

Abstain: None (**0**)

As Alderman M Gregg was not present for the full item he did not vote.

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett advised that the proposal had fallen.

Vote

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

In favour: The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor N Trimble and Alderman J Tinsley (Vice-Chair) (**7**)

Against: Councillor A Martin (**1**)

Vote (Cont'd)

Abstain: Councillor D J Craig and Alderman O Gawith (**2**)

As Alderman M Gregg was not present for the full item he did not vote.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.48 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.54 am.

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

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

The committee received Ms S Kavanagh to speak in opposition of the application. A number of Members queries were addressed.

The committee received Mr N Coffey to speak in favour of the application. A number of Members queries were addressed.

Planning Officers responded to a number of questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor N Trimble noted that because this was a reserved matters application, it does not typically appear before the committee in this format. In evaluating the application against Policy COU16, specifically the criteria regarding rural character and Paragraph C, he questioned whether the proposal respected the area's traditional settlement pattern. He observed that if this were the only multi-storey building in the locality, it would fail to meet the requirements of Paragraph C. However, because he felt the application did ultimately satisfy these criteria, he supported the officer's recommendation to approve it.

- Alderman O Gawith expressed agreement with Councillor N Trimble. He noted that his decision was partly based on the two site visits he attended, and affirmed that he would back the planners.

- Alderman M Gregg stated that while he agreed with several points raised by Councillor N Trimble, he felt the application did not comply with policy COU16 C. He noted that the application failed to match the character of the surrounding area and indicated he would vote against the planning officer's recommendation.

Vote

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

In favour: The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Councillor D J Craig, Alderman O Gawith, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor A Martin and Councillor N Trimble and Alderman J Tinsley (Vice-Chair) (**10**)

Against: Alderman M Gregg (**1**)

Abstain: None (**0**)

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor D Bassett, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for lunch (12.43 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 1.24 pm.

(iv) LA05/2022/0634/F – Proposed residential development of 28 apartments in 4 blocks (6 no. affordable units) with associated private and shared public space, 42 car parking spaces, vehicle and pedestrian access from the approved development to the west and north from Mealough Road, and all other ancillary development including culverting of Carryduff River on land south of 615 Saintfield Road, Carryduff

The Senior Planning Officer (GM) 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 a number of questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Alderman M. Gregg raised two main concerns regarding the application. First, he noted that the documentation incorrectly aligns low-energy lighting and insulation with Policy RE2. He clarified that RE2 specifically governs the integration of microgeneration renewable energy technologies and focuses on design, rather than insulation or lighting efficiency. Second, he expressed strong reservations about the negative condition concerning wastewater management. Drawing on historical precedents, he pointed out that developers have occasionally given only superficial compliance to such conditions, compounded by historically slow enforcement responses.

Debate (Cont'd)

Consequently, he felt hesitant about the proposal and concluded that the application is, at best, premature.

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.

(v) LA05/2026/0512/F – Proposed erection of a Ball Stop Fence for a Softball diamond. Fence to be 6.0 metres high and 15.0 metres long with rigid steel mesh panels galvanised and powder coated, colour, green RaI 6005 at Barbour Memorial Playing Fields, 67 Ballynahnich Road, Lisburn

Councillor J Laverty and Councillor N Trimble left the meeting during this item of business (2.06 pm).

Alderman M Gregg left the meeting during this item of business (2.07 pm).

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

There were no speakers on the application.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Alderman J Tinsley, Vice-Chair, welcomed the council application, noting that it introduces a new softball offering by utilising existing facilities. He concluded that the initiative represents a highly positive development for the community.

- Councillor P Catney supported the application and highlighted how well-used the park is.

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 – July 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for July 2026 be noted.

4.3 Appeal Decision– LA05/2024/20/O

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, 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.

4.4 Pre-application Notice (PAN) for a proposed holiday park and associated ancillary works on lands adjacent to and west of 156, 158 and 160 Ballyskeagh Road and 12 to 18 The Hermitage Drumbeg

It was proposed by Councillor A Martin, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed to note the information on the content of the Pre-Application Notice attached and agree that it is submitted in accordance with the relevant sections of the legislation and related guidance.

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

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, 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.

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 2.22 pm.

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Chair/Mayor

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Committee:	Council Meeting
Date:	28 October 2026
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for a planning application on lands at the Baronsgrange development, Comber Road, Carryduff

1.0 **Background**

1. Section 76 (1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the Act) provides that any person with an estate in land may enter into an agreement with the relevant authority to:

   - Facilitate or restrict the development or use of land in any specified way;
   - Require specified operations or activities to be carried out in, on, under or over land;
   - Require the land to be used in a specified way;
   - Require a sum or sums to be paid to the planning authority or to a Northern Ireland government department on specified date/dates or periodically.

Key Issues

1. It was resolved at a meeting of the Planning Committee on 06 October 2025 to grant planning permission for a residential development comprising 113 dwellings, including a mix of detached, semi-detached, and apartment units (of which 24 units are affordable housing), a pedestrian link to Baronscourt Road, and a bus service roundabout to facilitate public transport connectivity, associated open space, landscaping, and infrastructure works.

2. The recommendation presented was subject to the developer entering into a Section 76 planning agreement to ensure that adequate provision is made for affordable housing as an integral part of the development in accordance with Policy HOU10 of the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Local Development Plan.

3. The Developer covenants with the Council at Schedule 1 of the agreement to provide twenty-four residential units as Affordable Housing.

4. The Developer also covenants that these affordable residential units specified as a block with four apartments at sites 528 to 531; two blocks with twelve apartments at sites 510 to 521; and a block with eight apartments at sites 592 to 599 (outlined in red on the drawing at Annex C) shall be constructed and available for occupation prior to the occupation of the sixty-fifth residential unit.

	5. The Developer further covenants to enter into a transport agreement with Translink (as per Annex B of the agreement) for the provision of a bus service which this must be fully operational prior to the operation of the sixty-fifth residential unit. 6. The wording of the affordable housing covenant at Schedule 1 is consistent with the recommendation at paragraphs 125 to 128 of the planning report agreed by the Planning Committee on 06 July 2026. 7. Under the Planning Act (NI) 2011 the Agreement must be sealed by the Council under the Council's constitution the signing of legal documents and the affixing of the corporate seal is delegated to the Chief Executive.	
2.0	**Recommendation** It is recommended that the Council consider the above and that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of this Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.	
3.0	***Finance and Resource Implications*** The Developers shall pay to the Council on completion of this Deed the legal costs of the Council incurred in the negotiation, preparation and execution of this Deed. The Developers shall also pay to the Council on completion of this Deed a fee as a contribution towards the Council's costs of monitoring the implementation of this Deed.	
4.0	***Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments***	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	N/A
4.2	This a legal agreement necessary for a planning decision. The policies that informed the decision have been subject to EQIA screening	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	N/A
4.4	This a legal agreement necessary for a planning decision. The policies that informed the decision have been subject to RNIA screening.	

Appendices:	**APPENDIX 1 –** Section 76 Agreement – LA05/2025/0390/F (includes relevant site location plan and drawings with the location of the affordable housing units)

Dated **2026**

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL (1)

and

FRASER HOMES LIMITED (2)

PLANNING AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 76 OF THE PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 RELATING TO PHASE 11 OF THE BARONSGRANGE DEVELOPMENT, COMBER ROAD, CARRYDUFF, BT8 8AN

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THIS DEED is made on the day of 2026

BETWEEN

(1) **LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL** of Civic Centre, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL ("the **COUNCIL**"); and

(2) **FRASER HOMES LIMITED** of 72-74 Omagh Road, Dromore, Omagh, Northern Ireland, BT78 3AJ (the "**DEVELOPER**").

BACKGROUND

(A) The Council is the local planning authority for the purposes of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for the area in which the Property is situated.

(B) The Developer is the freehold owner of the Property which is free from encumbrances.

(C) The Developer has made the Planning Application and is proposing to carry out the Development upon the Property.

(D) The Council having regard to the provisions of the Local Plan and to all other material considerations resolved at its meeting on 6th July 2026 to grant the Planning Permission on foot of the Planning Application for the Development, subject to the prior completion of this deed.

(E) The Council is of the opinion that in the event of the land being developed in accordance with the Planning Permission the Developer must commit to the Planning Obligations contained in this deed and also pursuant to Section 76 of the Planning Act to ensure that the Developer fulfils its obligations with regard to the delivery of Affordable Housing in accordance with the requirements of policy HOU10 of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Plan Strategy.

(F) The Council and the Developer accept by the terms of this agreement that the Development should not take place without the Developer entering into the obligations contained in this deed. The planning obligations insofar as they relate to Section 76 of the Planning Act on behalf of the Council and the Developer in this deed are binding upon the Property.

AGREED TERMS

1. INTERPRETATION

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this deed:

1.1 Definitions:

"Affordable Housing"	means: a) Social Rented Housing; b) Intermediate Housing for Sale; or c) Intermediate Housing for Rent; that is provided outside of the general market, for those whose needs are not met by the market. Affordable housing which is funded by Government must remain affordable or alternatively there must be provision for the public subsidy to be repaid or recycled in the provision of new affordable housing.
"Affordable Housing Units"	The 24 Residential Units to be used / Occupied as Affordable Housing outlined in red and numbered 528-531, 512-521 and 592-599 on the plan contained in **Annex C** to this deed.
"Available for Occupation"	Means together the following: a. available for Occupation; and b. the issuance of a Building Regulations Completion Certificate pursuant to the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended).
"Base Rate"	means the higher of 2% and the base rate from time to time of the Bank of England
"Certificate of Completion"	means confirmation from a duly authorised architect that the Property, or any part thereof, is capable of being used for the purpose for which Planning Permission was granted.
"Commencement of Development"	means the carrying out in relation to the Development of any material operation as defined by Section 63 of the Planning Act but disregarding for the purposes of this deed and for no other purpose, the following operations: • demolition works; • site clearance; • ground investigations;

- site or soil investigations;
- site survey works;
- temporary access construction works;
- diversion of services and installation of services for construction purposes only;
- remedial action in respect of any contamination;
- interim landscaping;
- archaeological investigation; and
- erection of any fences and hoardings around the Property and noise attenuation works for the erection of hoardings and fences.

Commence and **Commences** shall be construed accordingly.

"Commencement Date"	means the date the Commencement of Development occurs.
"Completion"	means the date when the Development has reached the stage at which a Certificate of Completion has been issued
"Default Interest Rate"	means 2% per annum above the Base Rate.
"Development"	means the development of the Property authorised by the Planning Permission.
"Intermediate Housing"	means Intermediate Housing for Rent and / or Intermediate Housing for Sale.
"Intermediate Housing for Rent"	means housing delivered by a Registered Housing Association that is made available at a cost lower than private market rent but higher than social rented housing rent, usually at a set percentage below prevailing local market rent and usually only made available to prospective tenants based on the household's total income or the proportion of the total income likely to be spent on housing costs.
"Intermediate Housing for Sale"	means shared ownership housing provided through a Registered Housing Association (e.g. the Co Ownership Housing Association) and helps households who can afford a small mortgage, but that are not able to afford to buy a property outright. The property is split between part ownership by the householder and part social renting from the Registered Housing Association. The proportion of property ownership and renting can vary depending on householder circumstances and preferences.
"Local Plan"	means Lisburn & Castlereagh Local Development Plan 2032 adopted in September 2023.

"Monitoring Fee"	The fee payable to the Council towards its reasonable and proper costs in monitoring compliance with this deed, with said such figure to increase by the rate of inflation of the Consumer Price Index on an annual basis from the date of this deed until the Commencement of Development.
"Occupation"	means actual occupation of the Development whereby occupants live in the Property but shall not include occupation by personnel engaged in construction or fitting out, or occupation for marketing and display, or occupation in relation to security operations. **Occupy**, **Occupied** and **Occupier** shall be construed accordingly.
"Occupation Date"	means the first date upon which any part of the Development is Occupied.
"Open Market"	Means all other types of housing, which are not Affordable Housing, are referred to as Open Market which is private housing for sale or rent where the price is set in the open market and occupation is not subject to control by the Council, the Department for Communities, the Department for Infrastructure, or a Registered Housing Association.
"Planning Act"	means Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.
"Planning Application"	means the application for full planning permission submitted to the Council on 29 May 2025 for "*Residential development comprising 113 residential units, including a mix of detached and semi-detached dwellings, and apartment units, associated open space, landscaping, a pedestrian link to Baronscourt Road, and associated 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. The development forms Phase 11 of the wider Baronsgrange masterplan approved under planning reference Y/2009/0160/F*" (Reference LA05/2025/0390/F).
"Planning Permission"	means the planning permission resolved to be issued by the Planning Committee of the Council on foot of the Planning Application and any such subsequent amendment, variation or modification under Section 54 of the Planning Act, provided that said amendment, variation or modification does not constitute a material change to the planning permission and unless the Council, acting reasonably, considers that such an amendment, variation or modification ought to require a fresh planning agreement.
"Property"	means the freehold lands outlined in red on the plan at Annex A and comprised in Folios DN28104L DN130143, DN247124, DN254927, DN263150, DN130143.

"Registered Housing Association"	An organisation, independent of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, which is registered and regulated by the Department for Communities as a social housing provider.
"Residential Unit(s)"	means a building or part of a building constructed pursuant to the Planning Permission intended for use as a separate dwelling in the occupation of one household and which shall include, without prejudice to the generality for the foregoing, an apartment, a maisonette, a semi-detached dwelling, a town house or terrace property or a detached dwelling house.
"Social Rented Housing"	means housing provided at an affordable rent by a Registered Housing Association; that is, one which is registered and regulated by the Department for Communities as a social housing provider. Social rented accommodation should be available to households in housing need and is offered in accordance with the Common Selection Scheme, administered by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, which prioritises households who are living in unsuitable or insecure accommodation.
"Translink"	means the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company Limited or such other body from time to time charged with he delivery of public transport in Northern Ireland.
"Transport Agreement"	An agreement relating to the Bus Service and made between: (1) Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company and (2) Fraser Homes Limited contained at **Annex B** of this deed and entered into prior to the completion of this deed.
"Working Day"	any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

1.2 Clause headings shall not affect the interpretation of this deed.

1.3 A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).

1.4 A reference to a **company** shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.

1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.

1.6 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

1.7 A reference to any party shall include:

1.7.1 that party's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns; and

1.7.2 in the case of the Council the successors to its respective statutory functions; and

1.7.3 in the case of a mortgagee, any appointed receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, or any other person appointed under any security documentation to enable the mortgagee to realise its security.

1.8 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.

1.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include any subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.

1.10 A reference to **writing** or **written** excludes faxes and e-mail.

1.11 A reference to **this deed** or to any other deed or document referred to in this deed is a reference to this deed or such other deed or document as varied or novated (in each case, other than in breach of the provisions of this deed) from time to time.

1.12 References to clauses and Schedules are to the clauses and Schedules of this deed.

1.13 An obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.

1.14 Any words following the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular**, **for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

1.15 Where an obligation falls to be performed by more than one person, the obligation can be enforced against every person so bound jointly and against each of them individually.

2. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

2.1 This deed constitutes a planning agreement for the purposes of Section 76 of the Planning Act.

2.2 The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this deed are planning obligations for the purposes of section 76 of the Planning Act and are entered into by the Council and the Developer with the knowledge that they bind the interests held by those persons in the Property and their respective successors and assigns.

2.3 The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this deed are enforceable by the Council in accordance with Section 76 of the Planning Act.

2.4 The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this deed are enforceable by the Developer in accordance with Section 76 of the Planning Act.

2.5 Insofar as any of the covenants, restrictions or obligations contained in this deed are not planning obligations within the meaning of the Planning Act, they are entered into freely by the Council and the Developer pursuant to Article 8 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, Article 79 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and all other enabling powers with the intention that they bind the interests held by those persons in the Property, and their successors and assigns.

2.6 No planning obligation contained in this deed shall be binding on any land held by any of the statutory utilities for their operational purposes.

2.7 The Council is the local authority by which the covenants, restrictions and requirements imposed upon the Developer under this deed are enforceable pursuant to Section 76 of the Planning Act.

2.8 This deed shall not be enforceable against tenant, lessee or similar Occupier of the Development including any utility provider after the transfer or lease of apparatus to it / them provided that the said lessee, tenant or similar Occupier is not a group company of the Developer.

3. CONDITIONALITY

3.1 Except for the provisions of Clause 15 (Disputes) and 24 (Delivery),all obligations contained within this deed shall come into effect on the date hereof with the exception of the covenants, undertakings and restrictions and obligations contained within Schedule 1 hereto which shall bind the Property and every part of the Property from the date of issue of the Planning Permission.

3.2 The Council may agree to suspend the obligations within the deed upon receipt of either pre action correspondence or Judicial Review proceedings being instituted in respect of the Planning Permission.

3.3 **SAVE FOR** clause 8 of this deed, these obligations continue unless discharged or modified under Section 77 of the Planning Act.

3.4 All obligations contained within this deed shall come into effect and bind the Site from the date of Commencement of Development

4. COVENANTS TO THE COUNCIL

The Developer covenants with the Council to observe and perform the covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in Schedule 1.

5. COVENANTS BY THE COUNCIL

The Council covenants with the Developer to observe and perform the covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in Schedule 2.

6. MORTGAGEE'S CONSENT

6.1 The Mortgagee consents to the completion of this deed and declares that its interest in the Property shall be bound by the terms of this deed, as if it had been executed and registered as a statutory charge prior to the creation of the Mortgagee's interest in the Property.

6.2 The Mortgagee shall not be personally liable for any breach of the obligations in this deed unless committed or continuing at a time when the Mortgagee is in possession of all or any part of the Property.

6.3 Subject to the provisions of Clause 6.2, the Mortgagee accepts and acknowledges that it shall continue to be bound by the terms of this deed, in circumstances where the Mortgagee (or its successor(s) in title) has appointed a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, or any other person appointed under any security documentation to enable the Mortgagee to realise its security.

6.4 Clauses 6.1 to 6.2 will apply equally to any future mortgagee from time to time holding a charge over the Property.

7. RELEASE

7.1 No person shall be liable for any breach of a covenant, restriction or obligation contained in this deed after parting with all of its interest in the Property to which the breach relates, except in respect of any breach subsisting prior to parting with such interest.

8. DETERMINATION OF DEED

8.1 The obligations in this deed shall cease to have effect if before the Commencement of Development the Planning Permission:

8.1.1 expires;

8.1.2 is varied or revoked other than at the request of the Developer; or

8.1.3 is quashed following a successful legal challenge (including on foot of an application for judicial review pursuant to Order 53 of The Rules of the Court of Judicature (NI) 1980).

9. STATUTORY CHARGE

This deed shall be registered by the Council as a statutory charge in the statutory charges register pursuant to Section 76 and Section 245 of the Planning Act.

10. COUNCIL'S COSTS

The Developer shall pay to the Council on or before the date of this deed the Council's reasonable and proper legal costs together with all disbursements incurred in connection with the negotiation, completion and registration of this deed.

11. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT

If any sum or amount has not been paid to the Council by the date it is due under this deed, the Developer shall pay the Council interest on that amount at the Default Interest Rate (both before and after any judgment). Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis for the period from the due date to and including the date of payment.

12. OWNERSHIP

12.1 The Developer warrants that no person other than the Developer has any legal or equitable interest in the Property. Until the covenants, restrictions and obligations in Schedule 1 have been complied with, the Developer will give to the Council within 10 Working Days, the following details of any conveyance, transfer, lease, assignment, mortgage, or other disposition entered into in respect of all or any part of the Property

(**SAVE FOR** the disposal of an individual dwelling house to a purchaser, any tenancy agreement, entered into in respect of all or any part of the Property):

(a) the name and address of the person to whom the disposition was made; and

(b) the nature and extent of the interest disposed of.

13. REASONABLENESS

Any approval, consent, direction, authority, agreement or action to be given by the Council under this deed shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

14. CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES

14.1 On the written request of the Developer at any time after each or all of the obligations contained in Schedule 1 have been satisfactorily performed or otherwise discharged or if this deed is determined pursuant to Clause 8 (and subject to the payment of the Council's reasonable and proper costs) the Council will issue a written confirmation of such performance or will within 10 Working Days of receipt of such written request lodge the appropriate application to cancel all entries made in the statutory charges register in respect of this deed and furnish a copy of this application to the Developer's solicitors.

14.2 On the application of the Developer at any time after the date of this deed to modify or discharge this deed, save for the circumstances arising in 14.1 above, then (subject to the payment of the Council's reasonable and proper costs) the Council will within 10 Working Days of receipt of such application publicise notice of the application in accordance with the Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Agreements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall determine the application, and cancel any entry on the statutory charges register in respect of this deed, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

15. DISPUTES

Any dispute or difference arising between the parties with regard to their respective rights and obligations as to any matter or thing in any way arising out of or connected with the deed will, except as otherwise expressly provided, be referred to the Courts of Northern Ireland for final determination and the parties agree that the Courts of Northern Ireland shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect of all matters under or in connection with this deed.

16. NO FETTER OF DISCRETION

Nothing (contained or implied) in this deed shall fetter or restrict the Council's statutory rights, powers, discretions and responsibilities. In particular, nothing in this deed shall fetter the powers of the Council under the Planning Act relating to its determination of any planning application lodged in the future relating to the Property.

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of any conflict between this Clause and Clause 13 (Reasonableness), this Clause shall take precedence.

17. WAIVER

17.1 No failure or delay by the Council to exercise any right or remedy provided under this deed or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

17.2 No waiver (whether express or implied) by the Council of any breach of default by the Developer in performing or observing any of the obligation's terms or conditions of this deed shall constitute a continuing waiver and no such waiver shall prevent the Council from enforcing any of the said obligations, terms or conditions or from acting upon any subsequent breach or default in respect thereof by the Developer.

18. FUTURE PERMISSIONS

18.1 This deed, to the extent outlined in Schedule 1 restricts the use of the Property pursuant to the Planning Permission in accordance with Section 76 of the Planning Act unless otherwise agreed by amendment to this deed in accordance with the Planning Act.

18.2 Nothing in this deed shall prohibit or limit the right to develop any part of the Property in accordance with any planning permission (except for the Planning Permission or any modification, variation or amendment thereof pursuant to Section 54 of the Planning Act which shall be so bound) granted after the date of the Planning Permission.

19. AGREEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

19.1 The parties agree that:

19.1.1 nothing in this deed (including the covenants contained within Schedule 1 to this deed) constitutes a planning permission or an obligation to grant planning permission; and

19.1.2 nothing in this deed grants planning permission or any other approval, consent or permission required from the Council in the exercise of any other statutory function.

20. NOTICES

20.1 Any notice or other communication to be given under this deed must be in writing and must be:

20.1.1 delivered by hand; or

20.1.2 sent by pre-paid first class post or other next working day delivery service.

20.2 Any notice or other communication to be given under this deed must be sent to the relevant party as follows:

20.2.1 to the Council at the Council's Civic Headquarters, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL marked for the attention of the Head of Planning;

20.2.2 to the Developer at the address shown in this deed,

or as otherwise specified by the relevant party by notice in writing to each other party.

20.3 Any notice or other communication given in accordance with clause 20.1 and clause 20.2 will be deemed to have been received:

20.3.1 if delivered by hand, on signature of a delivery receipt provided that if delivery occurs before 9.00 am on a Working Day, the notice will be deemed to have been received at 9.00 am on that day, and if delivery occurs after 5.00 pm on a Working Day, or on a day which is not a Working Day, the notice will be deemed to have been received at 9.00 am on the next Working Day; or

20.3.2 if sent by pre-paid first class post or other next working day delivery service, at 9 a.m. on the second Working Day after posting.

20.4 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

21. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

A person who is not a party to this deed shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this deed.

22. GOVERNING LAW

This deed and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Northern Ireland.

23. INDEMNITY

The Developer shall indemnify the Council for any expenses and/or liability arising to them in respect of breach by the Developer of any of the obligations of this deed provided always that the Council shall not settle or compromise any claim or liability in respect of which it would be entitled to recover from the Developer under this clause without the consent of the Developer, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed **SAVE FOR** any determination on costs by any Court pertaining to injunctive relief proceedings brought by the Council against the Developer pursuant to Section 76 of the Planning Act.

24. DELIVERY

The provisions of this deed (other than this clause which shall be of immediate effect) shall be of no effect until this Agreement has been dated.

25. VALIDITY AND ENFORCEABILITY

If any clause in this deed is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this deed.

This document has been executed as a deed and is delivered and takes effect on the date stated at the beginning of it.

PRESENT when the **CORPORATE SEAL**

of the Council was affixed hereto

in the presence of: -

_____

Mayor

_____

Chief Executive

Executed as a deed by
FRASER HOMES LIMITED acting by a
director in the presence of:

[redacted]

.....
Director

[redacted]

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

SCHEDULE 1
COVENANTS TO THE COUNCIL

The Developer covenants with the Council as follows:

1. NOTIFICATION

To notify the Council of any of the following:

1.1 The Commencement of Development at the Site by serving a Commencement Notice at least 5 Working Days prior to Commencement of Development;

1.2 Any change or disposal of the Developer's interest or ownership in the Site, such notice to give details of the transferee's full name and registered office address (if a company or usual address if not) together with the details of the nature and extent of the interest disposed of and the date of disposal within 10 Working Days of the date of disposal **SAVE FOR** the disposal of an Open Market Residential Unit to an individual purchaser, any tenancy agreement, entered into in respect of all or any part of the Property;

1.3 Completion of Development and to provide the Council with a Certificate of Completion within 10 Working Days of its issue;

1.4 The transfer of the Affordable Housing Residential Units to a Registered Housing Association within 10 Working Days of its occurrence; and

1.5 Within 10 working days of the 24th Affordable Housing Residential Unit being Available for Occupation.

2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2.1 Prior to the Occupation of the 65th Open Market Residential Unit, 24 Affordable Housing Units must be made Available for Occupation.

3. TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

3.1 Prior to the Occupation Date, the Developer shall enter the Transport Agreement in the form set out in Annex B unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Council.

3.2 Prior to the Occupation of the 65th Residential Unit, the Translink service must be fully operational in line with the Transport Agreement.

4. MONITORING FEE

4.1 On or before the date of Commencement of Development, the Developer shall pay to the Council a monitoring fee in the sum of £2950 for the purposes of monitoring compliance with agreement.

SCHEDULE 2

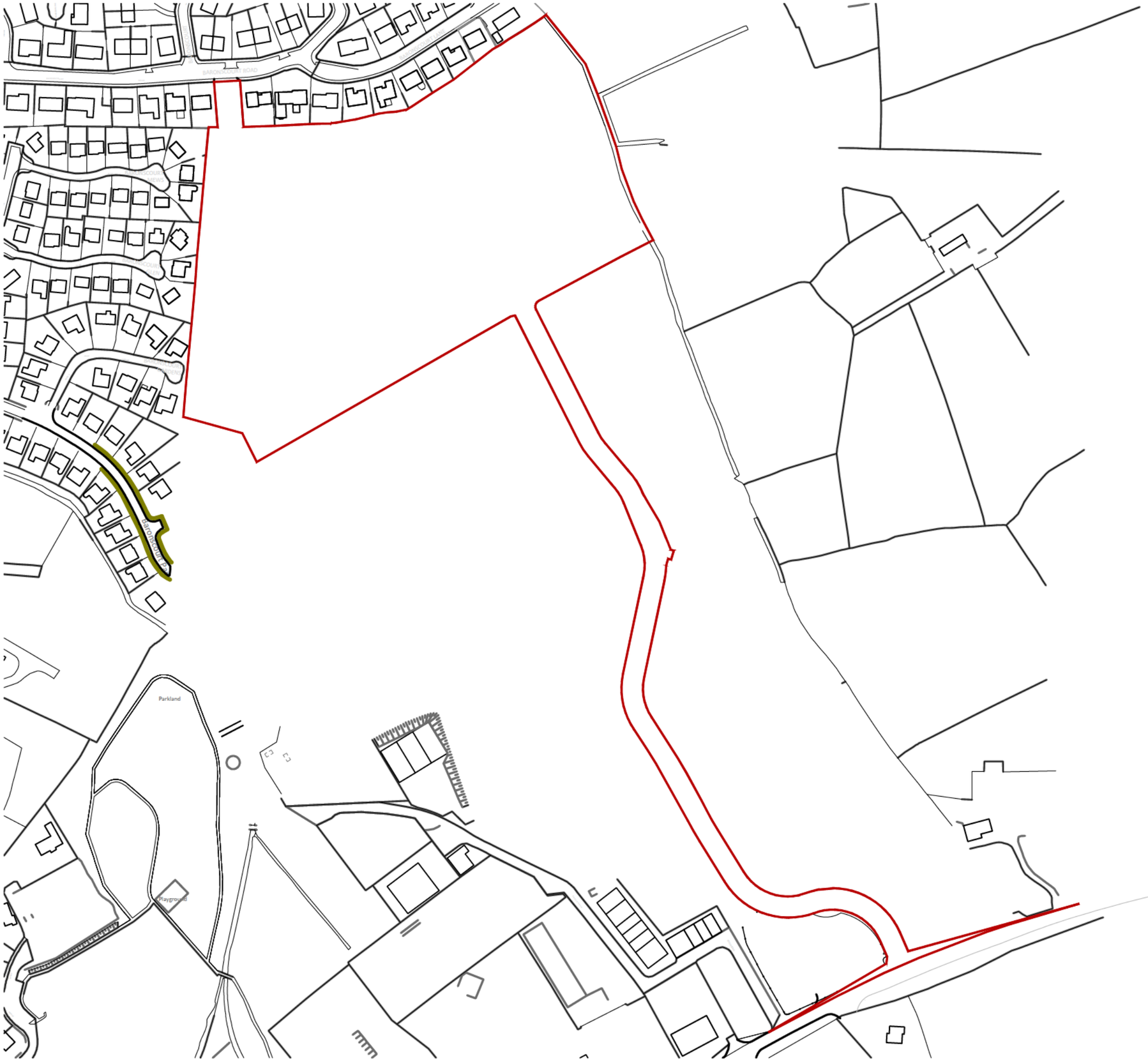
COVENANTS BY THE COUNCIL

The Council covenants with the Developer as follows:

1. ASSISTANCE

The Council agrees to consider and determine any matters arising out of this Deed as soon as reasonably practicable.

ANNEX A –THE PROPERTY



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Phase 11 Barons Grange
Comber Road
Carryduff

client
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ANNEX B – TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

(1) NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSPORT HOLDING COMPANY

(2) FRASER HOMES LIMITED

TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

relating to Planning Application LA05/2025/0390/F

Lands at Baronsgrange Development (under construction - planning permission reference Y/2009/0160/F), Comber Road, Carryduff

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THIS DEED is dated day of 2026

BETWEEN

(1) **NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSPORT HOLDING COMPANY** Chamber of Commerce House, 22 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BJ (**Public Transport Provider**)

(2) **FRASER HOMES LIMITED** incorporated and registered in Northern Ireland with company number NI016255 whose registered office is at 72-74 Omagh Road, Dromore, Omagh, Northern Ireland, BT78 3AJ (**Developer**)

BACKGROUND

(a) The Public Transport Provider is the transport company established under section 47 of the Transport (Northern Ireland) Act 1967.

(b) The Developer has control of the Planning Application and is proposing to carry out the Development.

(c) The Developer is the owner of the leasehold and freehold title of the Development Land shown edged red at **Annex A**.

(d) The Developer has applied for planning permission reference LA05/2025/0390/F which is anticipated to be subject to a planning agreement under Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the **Planning Agreement**).

(e) The parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement to supplement the Planning Agreement.

AGREED TERMS

1. INTERPRETATION

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this Agreement:

1.1 Definitions

Adoption: means the adoption of the Bus Route as a public road in accordance with Article 7 and/or Article 8 of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 or any such other legislative instrument from time to time in force and under which a private road within a development is adopted as a public road.

Bus Furniture: means all fixed or semi-fixed fixtures, equipment, and amenities installed at or adjacent to each designated bus stop, as set out in the Bus Furniture Specification, for the purpose of passenger comfort, safety, information, or accessibility, including but not limited to shelters, canopies, benches, seating, leaning rails, signage posts, route or schedule displays, real-time information units, lighting, pavement markings, protective barriers, and any other associated street furniture permanently or semi-permanently affixed to the relevant site.

Bus Furniture Specification: means the agreed specifications and drawings for the Bus Furniture as set out in Schedule 5.

Bus Invoice: means such invoice in respect of the operation of the Bus Service as submitted by the Public Transport Provider to the Developer in accordance with Schedule 3.

Bus Route: means the route into the Development Land from the Comber Road which shall enter the site, turn and exit in the same direction using the proposed internal Bus Stop(s) within the Development Land (including all necessary services) as identified and indicated in the Bus Service Specification, as set out in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Bus Route Commencement Date: means the commencement date of the provision of Bus Service by the Public Transport Provider to be within six months after the Developer's Notice is served on the Public Transport Provider.

Bus Service: means the bus service, as described in Schedule 4.

Bus Service Commencement: means commencement of the provision of the Bus Service by the Public Transport Provider in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 4.

Bus Service Specification: means the bus service and specification as set out in Schedule 4, as updated by the Public Transport Provider from time to time, acting reasonably, provided that any such update shall be cost neutral to the Developer and shall not result in the Bus Service being provided below the minimum service level set out in Schedule 4

Bus Stop(s): means the bus stops delineated on Plan 1 in **Annex B** to this agreement or such other location as agreed in writing with the Public Transport Provider prior to the construction of the Bus Route.

Business Days: means Monday to Friday inclusive (excluding days which in Northern Ireland are Public Holidays).

Commencement of Development: means the carrying out of any material operation in relation to the Development as defined by section 63(2) of the Planning Act but disregarding for the purposes of this Agreement and for no other purpose, the following operations: demolition works; site clearance; excavation works; ground investigations; site or soil investigations; temporary access construction works; diversion of services and installation of services for construction purposes only; archaeological investigation; remedial action in respect of any contamination; interim landscaping; erection of any fences and hoardings around the Development Land and noise attenuation works for the erection of hoardings and fences and the relocation of any NIE substation and any works associated exclusively with the same. **Commence** and **Commences** shall be construed accordingly.

Completion: means the date of practical completion of the Development, or any part thereof.

Council: means Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

Development: means the development of the Development Land, as authorised by the Planning Permission.

Developer Contribution: means the sum of £650,000 (six hundred and fifty thousand pounds) Index Linked payable by the Developer to the Public Transport Provider in accordance with Schedule 3.

Development Land: means lands at Comber Road, Carryduff shown edged red on the plans set out in Annex A being the lands comprised in Folios DN28104L County Down, parts 1 and 2 of Folio DN254927 County Down, DN247124 County Down, parts 1, 2 and 3 of Folio DN263150 and part 2 of Folio DN130143 County Down.

Developer's Notice: means a notice served by the Developer upon the Public Transport Provider confirming the practical completion of the Wearing Course of the Bus Route.

Developer's Solicitors: means Carson McDowell LLP, Murray House, 4 Murray St, Belfast BT1 6DN.

Index: means the "all Items" of index figure of the Consumer Prices Index as published by the Office for National Statistics or any successor body.

Index Linked: means increased (if applicable) in proportion to movements in the Index between the date of this Deed and the date the particular payment is made.

Intended Bus Route Commencement Date Notice: means a notice served by the Public Transport Provider on the Developer, together with the Bus Invoice, specifying the date on which the Public Transport Provider intends to commence operation of the Bus Service, such notice to be served no earlier than six weeks and no later than four weeks prior to the date specified in that notice.

Occupation: means actual residential occupation of any Residential Unit at the Development but shall not include occupation for the purposes of construction, connection or fitting out or for marketing purposes or display, or in relation to security operations or for any

substation leases granted to NIE. **Occupy** and **Occupied** shall be construed accordingly.

Occupation Date: means the first date upon which any Residential Unit is Occupied.

Payment Specification: means the payment specification including date and quantum of instalment to be paid as set out in Schedule 3 hereof.

Planning Act: means Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Planning Permission: means the planning permission granted further to planning permission application reference LA05/2025/0390/F for residential development comprising 113 dwellings, including a mix of detached, semi-detached, and apartment units, associated open space, landscaping, and infrastructure works. The proposal includes two apartment blocks providing 24 affordable units, a pedestrian link to Baronscourt Road, and a bus service roundabout to facilitate public transport connectivity. The development forms Phase 11 of the wider Baronsgrange masterplan approved under planning reference Y/2009/0160/F.

Public Holidays: means days which the Public Transport Provider designates as public holidays and on which the Bus Services will not be provided.

Public Transport Provider's Solicitors: means Tughans LLP, The Ewart, 3 Bedford Square, Belfast.

Residential Unit: means a building or part of a building constructed within the Development pursuant to the Planning Permission intended for use as a self-contained residential dwelling in the occupation of one household and which shall include, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, an apartment, a maisonette, a semi-detached dwelling, a town house or terrace property or a detached dwelling house.

VAT: means value added tax chargeable under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 and any similar replacement tax and any similar additional tax.

Wearing Course: means the top finished surface of a road on which vehicles travel, laid above any binder course, base course, sub-base or sub-grade.

Working Day: means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

1.2 Clause headings shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

1.3 **A person** includes a natural person, corporate or incorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).

1.4 A reference to a **company** shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.

1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.

1.6 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to other genders.

1.7 A reference to any party shall include that party's personal representatives, successors in title, assigns, or any other persons deriving title, including reversionary title, in respect of the Development Land and in the case of the Council the successors to its respective statutory functions.

1.8 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.

1.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include any subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.

1.10 A reference to **writing** or **written** excludes fax and email.

1.11 A reference to **this Agreement** or to any other agreement or document referred to in this Agreement is a reference to this Agreement or such other agreement or document as varied and novated (in each case, other than in breach of the provisions of this Agreement) from time to time.

1.12 References to clauses and Schedules are to the clauses and Schedules of this Agreement.

1.13 An obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.

1.14 Any words following the terms **including, include,** in **particular, for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

1.15 Where an obligation falls to be performed by more than one person, the obligation can be enforced against every person so bound jointly and against each of them individually.

2. ENFORCEABILITY

2.1 The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this Agreement are entered into freely by the Developer and Public Transport Provider with the intention that they bind the respective interests held by those persons in the Development Land and, subject to clause 2.2, their respective successors and assigns.

2.2 This Agreement shall not be enforceable against any individual purchaser of a Residential Unit or any tenant, lessee or similar occupier of the Development Land (including any utility provider after the transfer or lease of apparatus to it/them).

3. CONDITIONALITY

3.1 Save as set out in clause 3.3, this Agreement shall come into effect on the date of this Agreement.

3.2 The covenants, undertakings and obligations:

3.2.1 on the part of the Developer pursuant to clause 4 and Schedule 1; and

3.2.2 on the part of the Public Transport Provider pursuant to clause 5 and Schedule 2,

shall take effect and shall bind the Development Land and every part of the Development Land, upon the Commencement of Development.

3.3 The Public Transport Provider may suspend the obligations within this Agreement upon receipt of pre-action protocol correspondence or judicial review proceedings being instituted in respect of the Planning Permission.

4. COVENANTS BY THE DEVELOPER

4.1 The Developer covenants with the Public Transport Provider to observe and perform the covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in Schedule 1 up to and until the later of:

4.1.1 payment of the last instalment in accordance with Schedule 3; or

4.1.2 the date of Adoption.

5. COVENANTS BY THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDER

The Public Transport Provider covenants with the Developer to observe and perform the covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in Schedule 2 on behalf of itself and its successors in title and all persons claiming through or under it.

6. DETERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

6.1 The obligations in this Agreement shall cease to have effect if, before the Commencement of

Development, the Planning Permission:

6.1.1 expires;

6.1.2 is varied or revoked other than at the request of the Developer; or

6.1.3 is quashed following a successful legal challenge.

7. REASONABLENESS

Any approval, consent, direction, authority, agreement or action to be given by the Public Transport Provider under this Agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

8. DISPUTES

A dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including any question regarding its breach, existence, validity or termination or the legal relationships established by this Agreement, may be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996. It is agreed that:

8.1 the tribunal shall consist of one arbitrator appointed jointly by the parties to the dispute;

8.2 in default of the parties' agreement as to the arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be appointed on any party's request by the President for the time being of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors;

8.3 the costs of the arbitration shall be payable by the parties in the proportions determined by the arbitrator (or if the arbitrator makes no direction, then equally); and

8.4 the seat of the arbitration shall be Belfast.

9. NO FETTER OF DISCRETION

Nothing (contained or implied) in this Agreement shall fetter or restrict the Public Transport Provider's statutory rights, powers, discretions and responsibilities.

10. WAIVER

10.1 No failure or delay by the Public Transport Provider to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

10.2 No waiver (whether express or implied) by the Public Transport Provider or the Developer of any breach or default in performing or observing any of the obligations, covenants, terms or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a continuing **waiver** and no such **waiver** shall prevent the Public Transport Provider or the Developer from enforcing any of the relevant obligations, terms or conditions or for acting upon any subsequent breach or default.

11. NOTICES

11.1 Any notice to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and must be:

11.1.1 delivered by email; or

11.1.2 sent by pre-paid first class post or other next Working Day delivery service.

11.2 Any notice to be given under this Agreement must be sent to the relevant party as follows:

11.2.1 to the Public Transport Provider at the address appearing on page 2 marked for the attention of General Counsel and Company Secretary;

11.2.2 to the Developer at the address appearing on page 2 marked for the attention of Mr Stephen Orr.

or as otherwise specified by the relevant party by notice in writing to each other party.

11.3 Any notice or other communication given in accordance with clause 11.1 and clause 11.2 will be deemed to have been received:

11.3.1 if delivered by email, at the time of delivery, provided that delivery occurs before 5.00 pm on a Working Day, and if delivery occurs after 5.00 pm on a Working Day, or on a day which is not a Working Day, the notice will be deemed to have been received at 9.00 am on the next Working Day; or

11.3.2 if sent by pre-paid first class post or other next Working Day delivery service, at 9.00 am on the second Working Day after posting.

11.4 A notice given under this Agreement shall not be validly given if sent by fax.

11.5 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

12. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

A person who is not a party to this Agreement shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement.

13. VALUE ADDED TAX

Each amount stated to be payable by the Developer to the Public Transport Provider under or pursuant to this Agreement is exclusive of VAT (if any).

14. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Northern Ireland.

15. VALIDITY AND ENFORCEABILITY

If any clause in this Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

EXECUTION PAGE

This Agreement has been executed as a deed and is delivered and subject to clause 3 takes effect on the date stated at the beginning of it.

Executed and delivered as a deed by

_____ .....

a director, for and on behalf of Director
FRASER HOMES LIMITED
in the presence of:

.....
Signature of Witness

Name of Witness:

Occupation of Witness:

Address of Witness:

Executed and delivered as a deed by

_____ .....

a director, for and on behalf of Director
NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSPORT HOLDING COMPANY
in the presence of:

.....
Signature of Witness

Name of Witness:

Occupation of Witness:

Address of Witness:

SCHEDULE 1

COVENANTS BY THE DEVELOPER

The Developer covenants with the Public Transport Provider as follows:

1. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

1.1 **Developer's Notice**

To serve the Developer's Notice at any time after practical completion of the Wearing Course of the Bus Route, provided always that it is served before Occupation of the 50th Residential Unit;

1.2 **Bus Furniture**

1.2.1 To ensure that the Bus Furniture is procured and installed prior to the Bus Route Commencement Date so specified in accordance with the Bus Furniture Specification.

1.2.2 To pay the costs associated with the procurement, installation and maintenance of the Bus Furniture prior to the Bus Route Commencement Date.

1.2.3 To maintain the Bus Furniture from the Bus Route Commencement Date up and until the date of Adoption of the Bus Route.

1.2.4 To include within the Development appropriate ducting and power supply cabling adjacent to the Bus Stop (and/or any such bus shelter constructed in the location of the Bus Stop) to facilitate the future connection (at the cost of the Public Transport Provider) of an electronic travel information service operated by the Public Transport Provider to the mains electricity grid as depicted on the Plan 2 contained at **Annex C** to this Agreement.

1.3 **Maintenance and Adoption of the Bus Route**

1.3.1 From the Bus Route Commencement Date up to and until the Adoption of the Bus Route, to maintain the Bus Route (including but not limited to the Wearing Course) to the Public Transport Provider's reasonable satisfaction but, in any event, to a standard equivalent to that required to submit an application for adoption.

1.4 **To pay the Developer Contribution**

To pay the Public Transport Provider the Developer Contribution in accordance with Schedule 3 of this Agreement.

2. NOTIFICATION

The Developer shall notify the Public Transport Provider of the following:

2.1 any disposal by the Developer of the Developer's interest in the Development Land (including the Bus Route **SAVE FOR** Adoption) and of the name and address of the new owner(s) and the date of disposal by the Developer, together with a copy of the deed of disposition within 10 Working Days of the date of disposal **SAVE FOR** the individual sale of a Residential Unit for Occupation;

2.2 the Commencement of Development at least 10 Working Days prior to Commencement of Development; and

2.3 the proposed Occupation of the 50th Residential Unit, no later than 10 Working Days prior to such Occupation.

2.4 any pre-action protocol correspondence received, or judicial review proceedings instituted, challenging the grant of the Planning Permission, promptly following receipt or becoming aware of the same, together with a copy of the relevant correspondence or proceedings.

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDER'S COSTS

The Developer shall pay the Public Transport Provider's vouched reasonable and proper legal costs (including those of counsel), together with all disbursements incurred in connection with advice to the Public Transport Provider relating to this Agreement and the drafting, preparation, negotiation, completion and registration of this Agreement up to a maximum of £3500.00 (three thousand five hundred pounds) plus VAT. For the purposes of this clause, such costs shall be treated as vouched where they are supported by appropriate invoices or fee summaries provided by or on behalf of the Public Transport Provider.

SCHEDULE 2

COVENANTS BY THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDER

The Public Transport Provider covenants with the Developer as follows:

1. Bus Services

1.1. To operate (or procure the operation) of the Bus Service at the Development Land for a minimum period of five years commencing on the Bus Route Commencement Date following which the Public Transport Provider shall have no obligation under this Agreement to continue operating or procuring the operation of the Bus Service

1.2. To operate (or procure the operation) of the Bus Service in accordance with:

1.2.1. a minimum service level as set out in Schedule 4; and

1.2.2. the Bus Service Specification.

1.3 The Public Transport Provider shall be under no obligation to commence the Bus Service unless and until the Developer Contribution has been paid in full in accordance with Schedule 3. If the Developer fails to pay the Developer Contribution when due, the Public Transport Provider may, by written notice to the Developer, suspend the Bus Service until the Developer Contribution has been paid in full. Any such non-commencement or suspension shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement and shall not relieve the Developer of, or otherwise affect, its liability to pay the Developer Contribution.

2. Bus Invoice

2.1 Upon receipt of the Developer's Notice, to serve on the Developer, the Intended Bus Route Commencement Date Notice together with the Bus Invoice.

SCHEDULE 3
DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION

1. Payment Schedule of the Developer Contribution

1.1 Subject always to paragraph 2 below, the Developer shall pay the Developer Contribution within 30 days of receipt of the Bus Invoice, from the Public Transport Provider.

2. Cessation or Suspension of the Bus Service

2.1 If, at any time during the period of five years commencing on the Bus Route Commencement Date, the Bus Service ceases to operate or is suspended for a continuous period of more than seven days for a reason within the reasonable control of the Public Transport Provider, and the Developer has paid the Developer Contribution, the Public Transport Provider shall refund to the Developer a pro-rated amount of the Developer Contribution, calculated on a daily basis by reference to the period falling within that five-year period during which the Bus Service is not operated or is suspended. No refund shall be due to the extent that the cessation or suspension arises from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Public Transport Provider.

SCHEDULE 4

Bus Service Specification

Translink

Belfast, Adelaide Street- Carryduff Baronsgrange via Church Road, Carnshill Park & Ride

URBY

652c

Monday to Friday

Ref.No.:

Days of Operation	IIIII..	IIIII..	IIIII..	IIIII..	IIIII..	IIIII..
Service No	*652c*	*652c*	*652c*	*652c*	*652c*	*652c*
Belfast, Adelaide Street	0935p	1205p	1400p	1615p	1655p	1755p
Belfast, Gas Works	0938p	1208p	1403p	1618p	1700p	1758p
Beechill, Cairnshill Park & Ride	0953	1223	1418	1633	1725	1813
Carryduff, Ivanhoe	0955	1225	1420	1635	1727	1815
Carryduff, Manse Road	0957	1227	1422	1637	1729	1817
Carryduff, Queensway	0959	1229	1424	1639	1731	1819
Carryduff, Church Road	1003	1237	1432	1643	1735	1827
Carryduff, Baronsgrange	1015	1245	1440	1655	1743	1835

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Translink

Carryduff, Baronsgrange - Belfast, Bedford Street via Carryduff Church Road, Cairnshill P&R and Belfast Gasworks

URBY

652c

Monday to Friday

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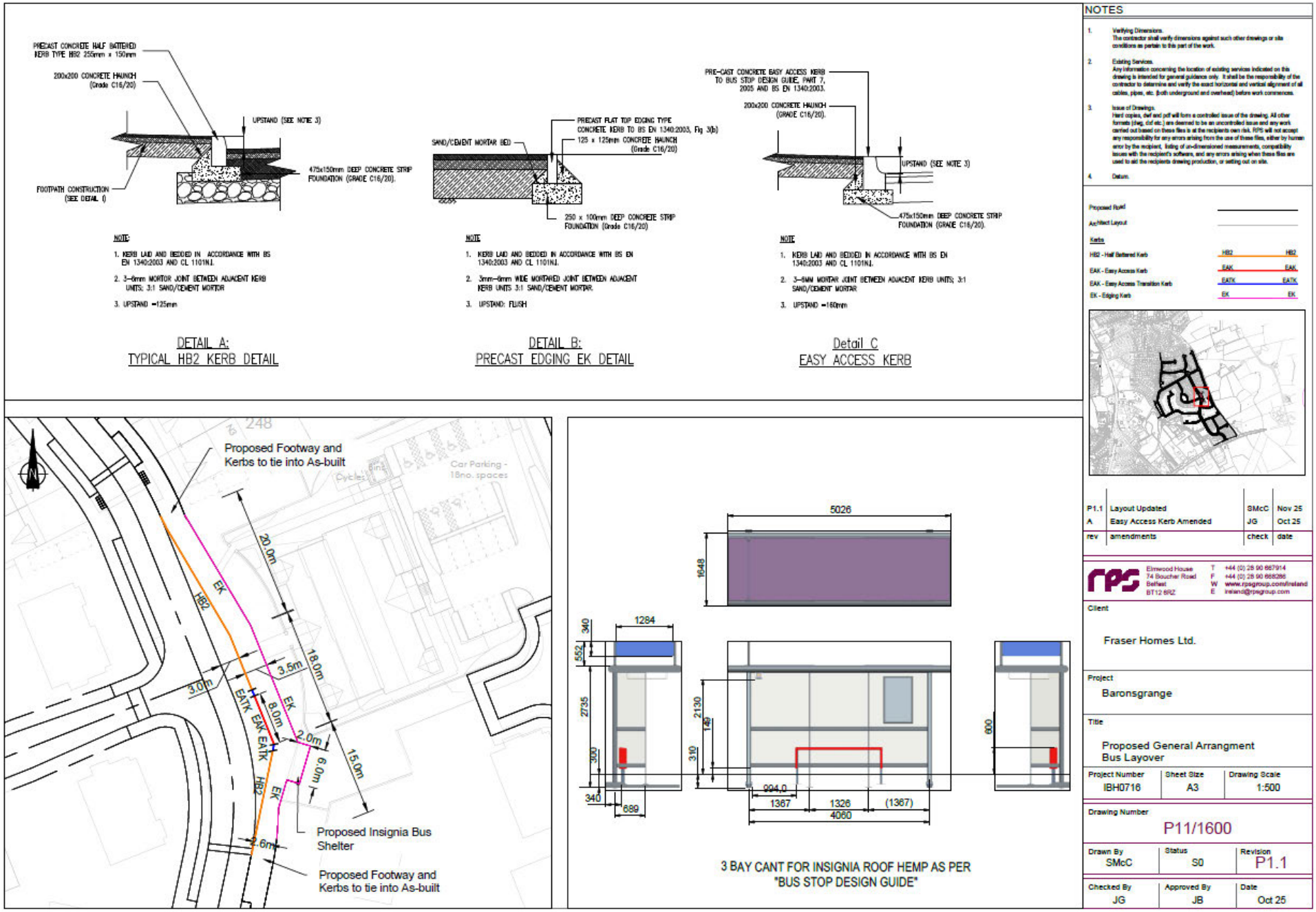
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Carryduff, Church Road	0732			0846	1126	1441	1716
Carryduff, Queensway	0736			0850	1130	1445	1720
Carryduff, Manse Road	0737			0851	1131	1446	1721
Carryduff, Ivanhoe	0738			0852	1132	1447	1722
Beechill, Cairnshill Park & Ride	0742			0857	1136	1451	1726
Beechill, Cairnshill Park & Ride	0747	0820	0900	0902	1141	1456	1731
Lower Ormeau, Hatfield Street	0800s	0836s	0916s	0914s	1154s	1509s	1744s
Lower Ormeau, Cromac Place	0801s	0838s	0918s	0915s	1155s	1510s	1745s
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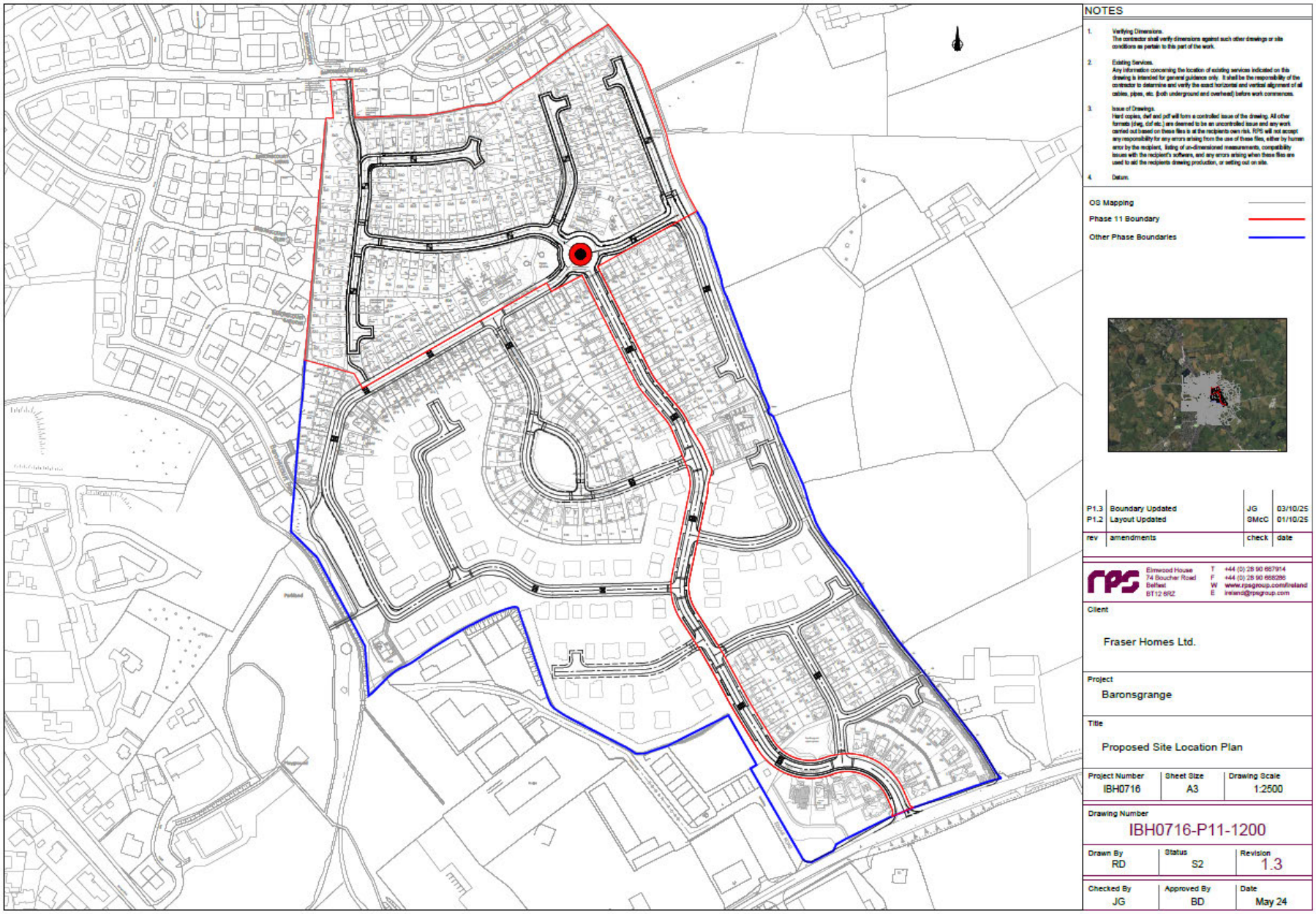
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SCHEDULE 5

Bus Furniture Specification [*Note: TBC*]



Annex A
Development Land



Annex B – Plan 1

Annex C – Plan 2

ANNEX C – AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

BARONSCOURT ROAD

BARONSCOURT LANE

BARONSCOURT MEWS

BARONSCOURT GLEN

BARONSCOURT GARDENS

combined cycle lane

Baronscourt Grange Green

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Application boundary

plots allocated for affordable housing requirement

Affordable allocation to be provided at a rate of 20% of the site.

Total Site 112 properties Affordable allocation = 20% of 112

Affordable allocation = 22.4 Properties

Total Affordable Properties Provided = 24 Properties.

PLANNING ISSUE

project title
Phase 11
Barons Grange
Comber Road
Carryduff

client
Fraser Homes Ltd

drawing title
Proposed Site Plan
Affordable Housing Allocation
Layout

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NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council:

Notes with concern reports that Further Education colleges across Northern Ireland are being forced to reduce student enrolments for the 2026/27 academic year due to funding pressures, with thousands of prospective learners losing access to education and training opportunities.

Recognises the vital role Further Education colleges play in supporting young people, apprentices, adult learners, those returning to education, and workers seeking to retrain or upskill.

Acknowledges that many sectors facing skills shortages, including construction, manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality and digital industries, rely on colleges to provide a pipeline of skilled workers.

Further recognises that reductions in essential skills, ESOL, community education and evening courses risk disproportionately impacting those from disadvantaged backgrounds, people returning to work, and those seeking pathways into employment.

Council therefore resolves to:

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL
25 SEP 2026
CHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE
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- Write to the Minister for the Economy expressing concern at the impact of reduced Further Education provision on learners, employers and economic development.
- Seek a briefing from local FE college representatives on the implications of the planned reductions for residents and employers within this council area.
- Explore how the council's own employability, economic development and skills programmes can support affected learners and help address local skills shortages.

Signed

Cllr Gretta Thompson

Signed: 