

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 3.33 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, O Gawith and J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, H Legge, A Swan and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE, A Grehan, S Martin, S P Porter, and M Henderson MBE

Councillors R Carlin, F Cole, D J Craig, A P Ewing, A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes, J Laverty BEM, S Lowry, U Mackin J McCarthy, G McCleave, A McIntyre, T Mitchell, S Mulholland, John Palmer and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER:

Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Environmental Services
Head of Human Resources & Organisation Development
Member Services Officers
Technician

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the special meeting of Council which, in line with Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020, was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out that as the item of business for consideration was of a confidential nature – the live broadcast would be paused for the duration of that item.

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

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

At this juncture Alderman W J Dillon advised that he had to leave the meeting to attend a prior engagement. Alderman Dillon, having stated that he was in support of the recommendations as set out in the Chief Executive's report, left the meeting at 3.36 pm.

Commencement of Meeting (Cont'd)

The Chief Executive proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman J Baird and Councillor Jenny Palmer.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

3.1 Trade Union Matters - Negotiations

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, advised that the above item of business would be dealt with "in Committee" 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, or office holders under, the Council.

In Committee

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the following matter be considered "in Committee" in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The live-stream was paused at this stage in proceedings (3.41 pm). The Member Services Officers and the Technician left the meeting at this point.

A report had been made available to Members and was presented by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive responded to questions and comments from a number of Members in connection with issues contained in the report.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor N Trimble, and agreed unanimously that the recommendations as set out in the Chief Executive's report be approved.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, Councillor John Palmer and Councillor N Trimble left the meeting prior to its conclusion (at 3.50 pm, 3.52 pm and 3.56 pm respectively).

The Member Services Officers and the Technician, returned to the meeting at (3.59 pm).

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Swan, and agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting concluded at 4.01 pm.

Mayor