

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, and remotely, on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 17:35

PRESENT: Councillor U Mackin (Presiding Chairperson);
Aldermen O Gawith and M Gregg; and
Councillors R Carlin, A Ewing, J Lavery BEM,
C McCready and T Mitchell.

PRESENT REMOTELY: Councillors J Gallen and R McLernon.

ALSO ATTENDED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave; and
Councillors A Givan, G Hynds, N Trimble and A Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Administration
Director of Regeneration & Growth
Director of Organisational Development & Innovation
Acting Director of Environmental Services
Head of Corporate Communications & Administration
Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager
Member Services Officer (BF).

1. Election of Chairperson

Moved by Councillor C McCready,
Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and

Resolved - That Councillor U Mackin be appointed to the position of Presiding Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee for the duration of the meeting.

(Councillor U Mackin in the Chair).

2. Apology

An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor R T Beckett.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Confidential Report of the Chief Executive

(Councillor R Carlin joined the meeting at 17:43 and Deputy Mayor Councillor G McCleave entered the Chamber at 17:44).

The Presiding Chairperson advised that the following item was confidential since it related to a matter to which a claim for professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

It was proposed by Councillor J Lavery, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the confidential report of the Chief Executive be considered 'in committee', in the absence of members of the press and public.

7.1 Representation on Internal Working Groups and Outside Bodies
Corporate Services Committee – 21st June 2023

The Chief Executive reminded the Committee that, in accordance with Standing Order 21.3., the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee had been convened to consider legal advice which had been received in respect of a decision of the Corporate Services Committee of 21st June under the heading, 'Representation on Internal Working Groups and Outside Bodies'. He added that the minutes of that meeting had been adopted by the Council on 27th June, subject to the timescales associated with the call-in process.

On 28th June, Councillor N Trimble had submitted a procedurally compliant call-in requisition pursuant to Section 41 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. The requisition had stipulated, under Section 41(1) (b) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, two areas for re-consideration in respect of the aforementioned decision.

Accordingly, the Committee considered the legal advice which had been received, together with a report which had been submitted by the Chief Executive.

After discussion, it was

Moved by Councillor J Laverty,
Seconded by Alderman M Gregg,

That the Ad Hoc Committee agrees to affirm the decision of the Corporate Services Committee of 21st June under the heading 'Representation on Internal Working Groups and Outside Bodies' and refer the decision to the meeting of the Council on 26th September for ratification.

On a vote by a show of hands, five Members voted for the proposal and two against and it was declared carried.

7. Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Ewing, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

The meeting ended at 18:07.

Presiding Chairperson