

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee held remotely and in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Thursday 1st September 2022 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER:**

Alderman A G Ewart, MBE (Chairperson)

Alderman A Grehan (Vice Chairperson)

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE and D Drysdale

Councillors R T Beckett, A Givan, G McCleave, C McCready, U Mackin and A Swan

PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor S Carson

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy

Councillors F Cole, J Gallen and S Mulholland

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER

Alderman O Gawith

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION

Alderman S Martin

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive (Remote)
 Director of Service Transformation (Chamber)
 Head of Planning & Capital Development (Remote)
 Head of Economic Development (Chamber)
 Head of Assets (Chamber)
 Regeneration & Infrastructure Manager (Chamber)
 Member Services Officers (RN and EW)
 IT Officer
 Technician

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, extended a welcome to all present at the meeting and advised that it was being live streamed to enable members of the public to both hear and see the proceedings. The Chairman welcomed those watching on the livestream.

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

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

The Chairman stated that, although the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Chairman also reminded everyone to ensure mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting and proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Chairman read out the safety announcement in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor H Legge and the Portfolio Manager.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor S Carson, joined the meeting remotely. (6.04 pm)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

3. Report by Director of Service Transformation

3.1 Service Transformation – Performance Report

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the undernoted documents:-

- Service Transformation summary budget reports for 1st April – 30th June 2022;
- outturn of operational metrics/service KPIs for Q1 (April – June 2022).

The Director responded to Members' questions in regard to energy consumption and the filling of the post of Energy Officer.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon and agreed to recommend that the reports detailed above be noted.

Alderman S Martin joined the meeting remotely during discussion of this item. (6.06 pm)

4. Report by Head of Economic Development

4.1 Moira Speciality Food Fair – Moira Demesne - 15th October 2022 Suspension of Bye-Law regarding consumption of alcohol

The Head of Economic Development referred to the Moira Speciality Food Fair being held in Moira Demesne on the 15th October 2022.

The event was being expanded over that staged in previous years to become a wider Moira Food and Drink Festival. As it was being staged in Moira Demesne in which the consumption of alcohol is prohibited, the relaxation of the attendant Bye-Law was required. An Equality and Good Relations screening document and a Rural Needs Impact Assessment had been provided with the Head of Service's report.

The Head of Service explained that the date of 15th October was somewhat later in the calendar year than may have previously been the case. Such a date had been put forward by the organisers and suppliers who were content with the opportunities that a later date would offer. However an earlier date was likely to be the Council's preferred option for future years.

The Head of Service also explained that the event was attracting funding from the Small Settlements grant scheme and the NI Regional Food Programme funded through DAERA.

It was proposed by Councillor A Swan, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that in order to permit the consumption of alcohol in Moira Demesne on the 15th October 2022 as part of the planned Moira Speciality Food Fair, the bye-laws for Moira Demesne be relaxed on that date.

The Chief Executive joined the meeting remotely during discussion of this item. (6.15 pm)

4.2 Social Enterprise Northern Ireland Corporate Membership 2022/2023

The Head of Service reminded the Committee that the Council had been a corporate member of Social Enterprise Northern Ireland in 2021/2022 (and in the previous year also). The Head of Service detailed the benefits derived from such membership and as the Council had no plans to include a dedicated Social Enterprise Support Programme in the 2022/2023 economic development programme, corporate membership of SENI would allow the Council a cost effective means of continuing to engage with this sector.

4.2 Social Enterprise Northern Ireland
Corporate Membership 2022/2023 (Continued)

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon and agreed to recommend that:-

- the Council continues its corporate membership of Social Enterprise Northern Ireland at a cost of £500.00 for 2022/2023;
- subject to estimates and ongoing evaluation of membership status, the Council's annual membership of Social Enterprise Northern Ireland continue.

5. Confidential Report from Director of Service Transformation

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

5.1 Annual Tender Reports for Award of Various Contracts
 (Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

5.2 CCTV Provision – Citywatch (formerly LCAC)
 (Confidential for reason of 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 W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the Confidential Report of the Director be considered "in Committee". (The live-stream was paused at this stage in proceedings.)

5.1 Annual Tender Reports for Award of Various Contracts
(Redacted report available following award of call-off contract
(mid-September 2022)

Presented by Head of Assets.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the annual tender reports for the provision of the undernoted services:-

- Hire of Plant and Machinery;
- Supply/Delivery/Laying of Quarry Bituminous Bound materials and Associated Works;
- Line Marking.

5.1 Annual Tender Reports for Award of Various Contracts
(Redacted report available following award of call-off contract
(mid-September 2022) (Continued)

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that the award of tenders to those contractors for the call-off of services as required and detailed within the tender reports for the above services be approved.

5.2 CCTV Provision – Citywatch (formerly LCAC)
(Report will never become unrestricted)

The Committee had been provided with a report and attendant correspondence in regard to issues relating to the operation of CCTV provision by Citywatch.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J Gallen, seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed that no decision be taken on the recommendations as contained in the report of the Director of Services Transformation and that:-

- a Special Meeting of the Committee be held in advance of the Meeting of Council on the 27th September 2022 with the business of the Special Meeting being confined to this one item;
- legal advice on the Council's position in regard to whether it was appropriate to provide additional funding in light of the matters raised be sought and provided to the Committee in advance of the Special Meeting referred to above;
- the Council's legal advisors be in attendance at the Special Meeting referred to above.

The Director noted specific items raised by Members on which clarification was to be sought.

Councillor R T Beckett left the meeting during discussion of this item. (6.39 pm)

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale and agreed to come out of Committee. Normal business and the live-stream were resumed.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 7.24 pm.

Chairperson