

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Givan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor J McCarthy

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,
A G Ewart MBE, A Grehan, M Henderson MBE,
S Martin, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, R Carlin, S Carson, J Craig,
A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith, A Gowan, M Gregg,
D Honeyford, J Lavery BEM, S Lee, S Lowry,
C McCready, R McLernon, U Mackin, John Palmer,
Jenny Palmer, S Skillen, A Swan and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Transformation
Acting Head of Finance
PCSP/Member Services Manager
Member Services Officer

Commencement of the Meeting

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor A Givan, welcomed all present to the meeting and requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting. The Right Worshipful The Mayor also advised that unauthorized recording was not permitted as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders. Finally The Right Worshipful The Mayor 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 Right Worshipful The Mayor welcomed Councillor Sharon Lowry to the meeting and extended best wishes to her as an Elected Member, this being Councillor Lowry's first meeting following her nomination to replace the former Alderman Tim Morrow who had resigned from the Council. Councillor Lowry responded accordingly.

Finally, The Right Worshipful The Mayor congratulated Councillor R Carlin and his partner Caoimhe on the birth of their baby son, Iarla, on the 29th January 2020. Councillor Carlin responded accordingly.

The Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Alderman J Tinsley entered the meeting at 6.03 pm.

1. Apologies

It was agreed that apologies for non-attendance at the meeting be accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillors N Anderson, S Eastwood, M Guy, S Hughes, H Legge, G McCleave, A McIntyre and T Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 29th January 2020

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor S Carson and agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on the 29th January 2020 be adopted.

4. Report by the Chief Executive

4.1 Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2020/2021 for the various Departments of the Council

A copy of the Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2020/2021 for the various departments of the Council had been made available on SharePoint prior to the meeting. Hard copies of the Draft Estimates had been made available for Members, both prior to and at the meeting.

The Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor R Carlin, made a verbal report in respect of the Draft Estimates. He provided a summary of how the Council intended to support its communities over the next year and beyond.

Councillor Carlin expressed his thanks to Members, Officers and staff who had participated in the Estimates' process. In particular, Councillor Carlin extended thanks to the Chief Executive, the Directors, the Acting Head of Finance and the Finance Team, and to the Chairmen and Members of each Committee for their commitment during the process.

It was proposed by Councillor R Carlin, seconded by Alderman S P Porter and unanimously agreed that the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing the 1st April 2020 be adopted and that the District Rate for the financial year 2020/2021 be set at **22.6611p** in the pound for non-domestic properties, a decrease of 0.0061p or 0.03%, and at **0.3158p** in the pound for domestic properties, an increase of 0.0121p or 3.98%.

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for the various Departments of the Council (Continued)

In seconding the above Proposal, Alderman Porter congratulated the Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor R Carlin, and the Committee Chairmen, Members and Officers for their input into the Estimates' process. Alderman Porter also expressed his thanks and appreciation to the newly-elected Members of Council and to his party group leader, Alderman J Tinsley, for their contribution to the Estimates' process.

Thanks to the Chief Executive and all staff involved in the Estimates' process were endorsed by Councillors O Gawith and N Trimble and finally by The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor A Givan.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting concluded at 6.21 pm.

Mayor