

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor U Mackin

Deputy Mayor
Councillor A Grehan

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, A G Ewart MBE,
M Henderson MBE, T Jeffers, W A Leathem, S Martin,
S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett,
B Bloomfield MBE, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith,
A Givan, J Gray MBE, B Hanvey, V Kamble, H Legge,
A McIntyre, T Morrow, J Palmer, S Skillen and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Transformation
Acting Head of Finance
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Commencement of the Meeting

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, welcomed all present to the meeting, following which the Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen D Drysdale and G Rice MBE, and Councillors M Cahill, S Carson, D J Craig, A Girvin, J McCarthy, B Mallon, T Mitchell, A Redpath, M Tolerton and N Trimble.

At this point, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 January 2019

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman A G Ewart and agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 January, 2019 be adopted.

4. Report by the Chief Executive

4.1 Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2019/20 for the various Departments of the Council

Councillor S Skillen arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.09 pm).

A copy of the Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2019/20 for the various departments of the Council had been made available on SharePoint prior to the meeting.

The Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor N Anderson, made a verbal report in respect of the Draft Estimates, which had been set as low as possible while the Council continued to offer a wide range of quality services. He provided a summary of how the Council intended to support its communities over the next year and beyond, focussing on leisure provision, economic growth and environmental services.

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, thanked Councillor N Anderson for his detailed report.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and unanimously agreed that the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing 1 April, 2019 be adopted and that the District Rate for the financial year 2019/20 be set at **22.6672p** in the pound for non-domestic properties, an increase of 0.5074p or 2.29%, and at **0.3037p** in the pound for domestic properties, an increase of 0.0068p or 2.29%.

In seconding the above proposal, Alderman Henderson congratulated the Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor N Anderson, on how he had delivered his report this evening. He also paid tribute to Committee Chairmen, Members and Officers for their input into the Estimates process.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, referred to the recent announcement that a Minister from the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, and Mayor's Chaplain to former Mayor Councillor M Tolerton, Reverend William Henry, had been elected Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Councillor Mackin advised that, on behalf of the Council, he had sent a letter of congratulations to Reverend Henry.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.17 pm.

Mayor