

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor T Morrow

Deputy Mayor
Councillor H Legge

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale, A G Ewart MBE,
W A Leathem, S Martin, S P Porter, and J Tinsley

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett,
R B Bloomfield MBE, S Carson, D J Craig, A P Ewing,
O Gawith, A Givan, B Harvey, V Kamble, J McCarthy,
U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell, J Palmer, L Poots,
C Quinn, A Redpath, S Skillen, N Trimble and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Support
Director of Service Transformation
Lead Head of Planning and Building Control
Interim Head of Finance & IT
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Commencement of the Meeting

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

Councillor Morrow requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen M Henderson MBE, T Jeffers and G Rice MBE; Councillors J Gallen, A Girvin, J Gray MBE, A Grehan, A McIntyre and M H Tolerton.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor referred to Councillor M Tolerton who was seriously ill in hospital and expressed the hope that she would soon be restored to health and strength. The Right Worshipful The Mayor asked that Members keep Councillor Tolerton and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

Alderman W A Leathem and Councillor L Poots entered the meeting at 6.01 pm.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 29th January 2018

It was proposed by Councillor S Carson, seconded by Councillor C Quinn and agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on the 29th January 2018 be adopted.

4. Report by the Chief Executive

4.1 Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2018/19 for the various Departments of the Council

A copy of the Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2018/19 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 S Carson, made a verbal report in respect of the Draft Estimates, which had been set in the context of continuing difficult economic conditions, both local and global, and which had financial implications for the Council. Despite this, the Council still aimed to deliver high quality and cost efficient services to reflect the needs of the community and to also expand the economic growth of the area.

Councillor Carson expressed his thanks to Members, officers and staff who had participated in the Estimates' process. In particular, he extended thanks to the Interim Head of Finance & IT and the Finance Team, and to the Chairmen of each Committee for their commitment during the process.

It was proposed by Councillor S Carson, seconded by Councillor C Quinn and unanimously agreed that the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing the 1st April 2018 be adopted and that the District Rate for the financial year 2018/19 be set at **22.1598p** in the pound for non-domestic properties, an increase of 0.6298p or 2.93%, and at **0.2969p** in the pound for domestic properties, an increase of 0.0084p or 2.91%.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, thanked Councillor S Carson, Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, for his commitment to the Estimates' process.

During Councillor Carson's presentation of the Draft Estimates, Alderman D Drysdale, Councillor S Skillen and Councillor R Walker entered the meeting at 6.02 pm, 6.05 pm and 6.07 pm respectively.

Councillor T Mitchell entered the meeting after adoption of the Estimates at 6.10 pm.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Councillor M H Tolerton

Alderman W A Leathem informed those present of the latest information with regard to Councillor Tolerton and reminded them to keep both Councillor Tolerton and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.11 pm.

Mayor