

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful The Mayor  
Councillor S Carson

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,  
A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, A Grehan, S P Porter and  
J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, R Carlin, D J Craig, A P Ewing,  
A Givan, A Gowan, J Lavery BEM, S Lee, J McCarthy,  
G McCleave, C McCready, U Mackin, T Mitchell, Jenny  
Palmer, John Palmer, A Swan and The Hon N Trimble

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen M Henderson MBE and S Martin

Councillors N Anderson, F Cole, J Gallen, M Gregg,  
S Hughes, S Lowry, A McIntyre, R McLernon, S Mulholland  
and S Skillen

**IN ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER:**

Chief Executive  
Director of Environmental Services  
Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Head of Human Resources & Organisation Development  
Member Services Officers (CH & RN)  
Technician  
IT Officer

**Commencement of Meeting**

At the outset of proceedings, The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting and advised that it was being live-streamed to enable members of the public to both hear and see the proceedings.

The names of those Elected Members who were in attendance at the meeting, both in person and on a remote basis, were read out by the Member Services Officer.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor stated that, although the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was still not permitted, as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders. The Chairman also reminded everyone to ensure that mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Chief Executive proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency. 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.

1. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor H Legge.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman invited Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard which had been provided with the papers for the meeting and which were also available in the Chamber.

There were no declarations made.

3. 2022/2023 Pay Negotiations

(Confidential for reason of information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees, or office holders under, the Council.)

In Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor J Lavery and agreed that the business of the Special Meeting be considered "in Committee". (The live-stream was paused at this stage in proceedings.)

The Member Services Officers (CH & RN); the Technician and the IT Officer left the Chamber at this stage in proceedings. (6.10 pm)

A report had been made available to Members earlier in the day and was presented by The Chief Executive. Following a number of questions from Members, answered by the Chief Executive, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble and seconded by Councillor J Lavery to agree to the position for negotiation with the Trade Unions and to the further considerations as outlined in the Appendix.

Councillor J Craig left the meeting during discussion (6.59 pm) and Councillor N Trimble left and returned to the meeting during discussion at 7.09 pm and 7.11 respectively.

The Director of Environmental Services, the Director of Finance & Corporate Services and the Head of Human Resources & Organisation Development left the meeting. (7.29 pm)

The Member Services Officers (CH & RN); and the Technician, returned to the Chamber. (7.29 pm)

Resumption of Normal Business

It was agreed to come “out of Committee”. Normal business and the live-stream were resumed. (7.30 pm)

4. Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business, the Special Meeting concluded at 7.31 pm.

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Mayor