

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee Meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.08 pm

PRESENT:

Alderman A G Ewart MBE (Chairman)

Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, A Grehan and D Drysdale

Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, S Carson, J Gallen,
D Honeyford, S Lowry, U Mackin, G McCleave and
T Mitchell

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillors D J Craig, M Gregg, C McCreedy and A Swan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service Transformation
Head of Economic Development
Head of Planning and Capital Development
Head of Assets
Head of Parks & Amenities
Equality Officer
Member Services Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, extended a welcome to all present and proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Chairman reminded everyone to ensure mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting and also advised that unauthorised recording was not permitted (as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders). The Chairman 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**

It was agreed that apologies for non-attendance at the meeting be accepted on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, Councillor H Legge and the Portfolio Manager.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest 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 at the meeting.

During the course of the meeting the following declarations were declared:

Alderman D Drysdale – in connection with item 6.2 Enforcement of Article 40 Planning Agreement at Coopers Mill/Millmount, Dundonald due to a family member living in the area in question.

Alderman A Grehan – in respect of item 6.2 Enforcement of Article 40 Planning Agreement at Coopers Mill/Millmount Dundonald in view of her membership of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Congratulations to Alderman W J Dillon – Freedom of the City

At this juncture the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, on behalf of the Committee, extended congratulations to Alderman W J Dillon on his recent bestowment of the Freedom of the City which he stated was well deserved.

3. Report of the Portfolio Manager

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Portfolio Manager be agreed subject to any decisions recorded below.

In the absence of the Portfolio Manager, the Director of Service Transformation presented her report.

3.1 Approval of Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Cases

The Director of Service Transformation reminded the Committee that Morrow & Gilchrist Consultants had been commissioned to progress Outline Business Cases (OBCs) for two key capital projects seeking early investment from Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD) namely: Hillsborough Castle & Heritage Village, and eSERC Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre.

It was noted that the Consultants had been requested to complete both OBCs by 31 March 2020 in order that Departmental Economists could review and complete assessment of the project proposals by June 2020. This would ensure that, subject to all assessment criteria being met, both projects would be well placed to be amongst the earliest proposals deemed 'investment ready' when the next phase of BRCD funds were expected to be released to allow progression to Full Business Case in September 2020.

In response to questions from Councillor R T Beckett the Director explained that due to the funding nature of the Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD) projects, which were funded from

3.1 Approval of Belfast Region City Deal Outline Business Cases (Cont'd)

several funding sources, these projects were required to be considered by the Development Committee rather than the Capital Projects Committee, at this stage. The Director also stated that some but not all of the BRCD projects were included in the Council's Capital Programme and will be processed according to the agreed procedure..

Alderman D Drysdale entered the meeting at 7.14 pm.

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

- a) full Council approval of the OBCs for Hillsborough Castle & Heritage Village and eSERC Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre be delegated to the Chief Executive for submitting, after review and approval of the OBCs by the Chairman of the Development Committee and the BRCD Council Panel Members in order to allow for submission of both OBCs by 31 March 2020, and
- b) both submitted OBCs be brought to the attention of the Committee for noting in due course.

3.2 Approval of Project Initiation Request and Strategic Outline Case (PIRSOC)

The Director reminded the Committee that the Council was part of a Full Fibre Network NI (FFNI) Consortium of 10 Councils led by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMD). The consortium was to receive funding of £15 million from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to install gigabit capable fibre 'direct to the premises' of Council owned buildings by March 2021 that will in turn increase the broadband infrastructure in the surrounding vicinity. The Council was to draw down 10% of the funding offer amounting to £1.5 million.

The Director also reminded the Committee that a draft list of sites and the procurement approach to be led by NMD had been agreed at the meeting of the Development Committee in November 2019. It was expected that the first procurement exercise for the project would be completed by mid April 2020.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the Project Initiation Request & Strategic Outline Case (PIRSOC) for the Full Fibre NI project which had been approved by the Capital Programme Delivery Board and the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

It was noted that in accordance with the capital investment programme governance procedures, the PIRSOC was to be presented to both the Development Committee and the Capital Projects Committee for approval prior to consideration for progression to Capital Programme Phase 1 - Outline Business Case.

Councillor N Anderson welcomed the improvement of broadband infrastructure across the Council area as a result of the above FFNI project.

3.2 Approval of Project Initiation Request and Strategic Outline Case (PIRSOC) (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that the PIRSOC for the Full Fibre NI project as circulated be approved in order that the Capital Programme Office could consider progression of the project to Capital Programme Phase 1.

4. Report of the Head of Planning & Capital Development

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Planning & Capital Development be agreed subject to any decisions recorded below.

4.1 Advanced Notice of Listing in respect of Telephone Kiosk near 112 Ballylesson Road

The Head of Planning and Capital Development reported that the Department for Communities – Historic Environment Division had notified the Council of its intention to list the Telephone Kiosk near 112 Ballylesson Road, Belfast, under section 80(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the Notice of Listing in respect of the above-mentioned telephone kiosk which included a site location plan and a copy of a second survey report, it being noted that comments were invited on the proposed listing within six weeks of the date of the notification (20 March 2020).

The Head of Planning and Capital Development outlined a number of key issues in relation to the proposed listing of the telephone kiosk, it being noted that should the kiosk be listed:

- any works to alter the telephone kiosk would require consent from the Council (in consultation with Historic Environment Division)
- any proposal to alter the telephone kiosk would have to be considered by the Council against those policies that apply to listed buildings
- any proposed development affecting the setting of telephone kiosk, as a listed building, would have to be considered by the Council against those policies that apply to the setting of listed buildings

The Head of Planning and Capital Development responded to comments and questions from the Committee in relation to this matter, and also in connection with a previous request by a Member to explore the 'Telephone Kiosk Community Scheme.'

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that the Council responds to this consultation endorsing the recommendation to list the telephone kiosk near 112 Ballylesson Road.

The Head of Parks and Amenities entered the meeting.

5. Report of the Head of Economic Development

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Economic Development be agreed subject to any decisions recorded below.

5.1 Food and Drink Campaign Year One Evaluation

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that in January 2019 the Development Committee had agreed to a 'scaled down' LCCC Food and Drink initiative due to budget constraints, with the subsequent tender being awarded to 'We Are Babble' for a two-year period, subject to a successful 12 month evaluation.

The Committee had been furnished with copies of a series of evaluation reports that reviewed key activity for the LCCC Food and Drink initiative for the period May 2019 – December 2019.

The Head of Economic Development outlined in his report a number of key issues in relation to the Food and Drink Campaign, it being noted that the organisers had achieved and surpassed all targets and provided a series of recommendations for improving the legacy events in 2020. The Head of Economic Development outlined in his report two possible options to achieve further growth in year 2.

Councillor J Gallen having welcomed the comprehensive report by We Are Babble emphasised the importance of similar events being organised in the Castlereagh South area.

Alderman A Grehan put on record that all the events she had attended had been very good and was in support of both the options as detailed in the report.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, stated that it was important that local companies were involved in the Council's Food and Drink Campaign events.

It was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed to recommend that the contents of the Year 1 Food and Drink evaluation be noted and that "We Are Babble" be approved to commence Year 2 of the two year Food and Drink Initiative, it being noted that the Campaign would be further developed, subject to available budget.

5.2 Holiday World Dublin

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee of its decision in March 2019 that a delegation attends the 2020 Holiday World Dublin, being staged at the RDS from 24th January to 26th January. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council had its own exhibition stand within the Northern Ireland Tourism Village area at the show, accompanied by Historic Royal Palaces (HRP), who partnered the Council on the stand and made a financial contribution for a second year.

5.2 Holiday World Dublin (Cont'd)

The Head of Economic Development reported that the cost to attend Holiday World Dublin was estimated to be £1,812 for the exhibition space at the show, as well as the attendance of two staff members, it being noted that a contribution from Historic Royal Palaces of £500 would also be sought to offset some of the Council's costs in 2021 in line with the 2020 contribution.

The Head of Economic Development noted comments from the Committee in connection with how the Council's stand could be expanded in future years at Holiday World Dublin in order to demonstrate the full tourism offering across the Council area.

A report by the Senior Visitor Information Centre Advisor on the Council's attendance at the Holiday World Dublin event had been circulated to the Committee.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed to recommend that

- a) the update report on the Holiday World Dublin event 2020 be noted
- b) the Council have a presence at the 2021 Holiday World Dublin event, as outlined above, and
- c) the attendance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, or their nominees, at the Holiday World Dublin event in 2021 be approved.

5.3 Lisburn and Castlereagh Tourism Performance

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that in April 2018, as part of the Council's Investment promotion activities in London, the Council had launched its 'Vision for Tourism 2018 – 2022' at The Tower of London. Within this summary document the Council had set out its strategic tourism priorities for the next five years. It included the overarching tourism targets of '10% growth in staying visitors and revenue spend'.

The Committee furnished with the 2018 regional tourism performance 'Fact Cards' as supplied by Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency (NISRA) for all Council areas in NI which outlined that the Council area surpassed the 10% targets of staying visitors (actual 18% increase) and revenue spend (actual 15% increase) over the last 12 months despite the fact that the Council area has low numbers of commercial bed stock.

The Head of Economic Development reported that given the lack of commercial accommodation in the Council area, the Tourism section had hosted 'accommodation information evenings' to encourage the private sector to consider running Bed & Breakfast, Self-Catering or Guest House provision. These evenings have proved popular with approximately 29 people attending two accommodation workshops in 2016, and a further 42 people attending the 2018 accommodation workshop. More accommodation workshops were planned for 2020.

5.3 Lisburn and Castlereagh Tourism Performance (Cont'd)

The Head of Economic Development discussed the issue of hotel accommodation across the Council area which continued to be a strategic priority and also a challenge for the Council. It was noted that work had continued to lobby the Department for the Economy in terms of the moratorium on funding of hotel projects within a 10 mile radius of Belfast. Copy of correspondence in connection with the initial meetings to instigate a review of this moratorium had been appended to the report circulated. It was noted that at the initial meeting senior officials had outlined their willingness to review the policy but required a Minister to be in place.

The Director referred to the current situation regarding Coronavirus and stated that the tourism sector would be most affected.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the report on the Lisburn & Castlereagh Tourism Performance which outlined the over achievement of targets of year one of the Lisburn and Castlereagh's Vision for Tourism 2018-2022 be noted,
- b) the delivery of the strategy including progressing the Destination Hillsborough City Deal project be continued, and
- c) the Chairman leads a delegation to meet with the Economy Minister to seek the removal of the hotel funding moratorium.

5.4 NI Tourism Awards

The Head of Economic Development reported that the 2020 Northern Ireland Tourism Awards Dinner and Presentation would take place on Thursday, 4th June 2020 in the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle.

The Head of Economic Development reported that local tourism and hospitality industry had been invited to participate by submitting a formal application. Entries would be assessed and those shortlisted would then be expected to make a presentation at the end of March/April 2020.

It was noted that the Council had submitted applications for the Moira Speciality Food Fair, the Hillsborough Christmas Market and the Lisburn Light Festival.

It was also noted that the Council had taken a table of ten at the Awards Dinner in the past pending notification of local industry having been shortlisted for an award, inviting representation from the Committee and the local tourism and hospitality sector. This had proved to be a good way of supporting the local industry.

5.4 NI Tourism Awards (Cont'd)

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

- a) the applications submitted for Moira Speciality Food Fair, Hillsborough Christmas Market, Lisburn Light Festival be noted, and
- b) the Council purchases a table of 10 at the 2020 Northern Ireland Tourism Awards Dinner and Presentation at a cost of £650, to be hosted by the Chairman of the Development Committee, on confirmation of the Council or the local tourism industry being shortlisted which would be booked on confirmation that all 10 places were committed to, in line with current Council policy.

5.5 RSPBA (NI) Pipe Bands Tattoo

The Head of Economic Development outlined the background to and key issues in relation to a proposal to stage a Pipe Band Tattoo event in the grounds of Hillsborough Castle on Friday 19th June 2020.

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that at its meeting in October 2019 it had agreed to host a 2020 Pipe Band Championships in Moira Demesne at a cost of £12,000 plus technical support of £5,500, it being noted that the date had subsequently been agreed for Saturday 20th June, 2020. Also, the possibility of hosting a tattoo on the Friday evening prior to the Saturday event had been raised by Members at the October 2019 Committee meeting. It was also noted that RSPBA (NI) had selected Hillsborough Castle as its preferred location because of the iconic nature of the setting.

The Committee had been furnished with a proposed running order for consideration which proposed a 90 minute event (7:30pm – 9:00pm) and included a performance of pipe bands, a guitarist, a soloist, highland dance group and a Drum Major display.

The Committee noted from the Head of Economic Development's report details in regard to the total cost to host a Hillsborough Pipe Band Tattoo and also the estimated cost to the Council. This would be a ticketed event which would attract approximately 1,000 – 1,750 people in year one with 500 of these being under 12 (therefore free of charge). Details on cost options were also outlined. If successful, the Hillsborough Pipe Band Tattoo could become an annual event as part of the portfolio of events being staged in Hillsborough village.

A discussion ensued during which the Head of Economic Development responded to comments from the Committee in connection with the cost to the Council to host the tattoo. The Head of Economic Development undertook to negotiate further with Historic Royal Palaces in relation to the cost to the Council of staging this event in the grounds of Hillsborough Castle.

5.5 RSPBA (NI) Pipe Bands Tattoo (Cont'd)

It was noted that the Ulster Scots Agency had potential funding available for festivals and events, with funding of up to 50% of eligible costs could be considered by the agency. An application would be made should the Committee be supportive of staging the first Hillsborough Pipe Band Tattoo.

The Head of Economic Development also noted comments from a Member who suggested that a number of other suitable events taking place in Hillsborough on the same evening could be beneficial.

It was also noted that as this was a new event there was no specific budget allocation in the Tourism and Regeneration estimates, the net allocation would be met from the wider Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan budget.

It was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend 'in principle' that the Council stages a Hillsborough Pipe Band Tattoo in the grounds of Hillsborough Castle on Friday 19th June 2020, subject to:

- a) the costs associated with this event be further reviewed, and
- b) consideration being given to other suitable events taking place in Hillsborough on the same evening as the tattoo.

5.6 Temple Roundabout

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that the Council Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme secured private sector sponsorship to offset some of the costs of the maintenance and planting of key roundabouts/gateways across the Council area. For each roundabout a license between the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the sponsor was agreed and held on file by the Council. A contract between DfI and the Council was also agreed for the maintenance works. To date, some thirteen roundabouts had been contracted to the Council to maintain under a sponsorship arrangement.

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Council had been approached by Mr J McBride of McBride Construction about the possibility of placing a piece of public art (replica motorcycle and rider) on the newly constructed roundabout at Temple to commemorate the Temple 100 road race. It was noted that Mr McBride had secured planning permission to place the public art piece on the Temple roundabout, with an interpretative sign placed in the adjacent car park aimed at attracting motorcycle enthusiasts and visitors to the area. Also, a registered charity had been set up by Mr McBride to fund raise for the purchase of the public artwork and that the charity had secured four businesses to contribute initially – that in return would potentially receive placement of sponsorship signage on the roundabout.

5.6 Temple Roundabout (Cont'd)

The Head of Economic Development reported that as per the Council's Roundabout Sponsorship scheme - license agreements would need to be agreed between Dfl and the Council, for the four businesses to secure signage on the roundabout.

It was further noted that the normal cost per business to sponsor a roundabout is £1,500 per annum. In the case of the Temple roundabout it had been suggested to evenly split this amount four ways to each of the businesses. This amount would cover the cost to the Council of traffic management access and weed control and any additional contribution by the businesses towards the fundraising efforts of the charity would then be a matter for each individual business. Also the charity would be solely responsible for fundraising to part or in totality cover the costs of the public artwork, to be placed on the roundabout at some point in the future.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed to recommend that the approach for sponsorship of Temple roundabout as outlined above be agreed.

6. Confidential Report by the Director of Service Transformation

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, advised that all the items contained in the Confidential Report were required to be considered "in Committee" due to the following reasons:

- 6.1 Leave for Judicial Review against the Planning Appeals Commission - Confidential due to: (a) containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation (including the Council holding that information) and (b) containing information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings)
- 6.2 Enforcement of Article 40 Planning Agreement at Coopers Mill/Millmount Dundonald - Confidential due to: (a) containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation (including the Council holding that information) and (b) containing information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings)
- 6.3 Smithfield Square Redevelopment – Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organization concerned (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, and agreed that the Confidential Business be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public.

“In Committee”

It was agreed that the Confidential report and recommendations of the Director of Service Transformation be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below.

At the outset the Director of Service Transformation apologised for the lateness in bringing forward the two additional confidential report items and explained the reasons for the lateness. The Director also stated that a number of staff had worked on into the evening in order to facilitate the progressing of the late reports and that it had been beyond his control.

The Director also referred to there being a number of Members from the Planning Committee in attendance at the meeting and put on record that there was no conflict of interest in connection with the items of business being considered in view of the fact that the Planning Committee had delegated authority on planning matters. It was also noted that the items of business relating to planning matters had already been considered by the Planning Committee.

6.1 Leave for Judicial Review against the Planning Appeals Commission

The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the background to and key issues in connection with a number of recent planning decisions by the Planning Appeals Commission and whether Judicial Review proceedings should be brought against one case.

It was noted that the above-mentioned cases had been discussed at the February Meeting of the Planning Committee and that the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor D J Craig, was in attendance at the meeting so as to contribute to the discussion on these issues.

The Committee had been furnished with copies of relevant documentation from the Planning Appeals Commission relating to the cases in question.

A number of comments were noted by the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor D J Craig, in connection with the above-mentioned judicial review cases.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the recommendations of the Director as outlined in the report circulated, be approved.

6.2 Enforcement of Article 40 Planning Agreement at Coopers Mill/Millmount Dundonald

Alderman D Drysdale left the meeting at 8.19 pm having declared an interest in the above item of business.

6.2 Enforcement of Article 40 Planning Agreement at Coopers Mill/Millmount Dundonald (Cont'd)

The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the background to and key issues in connection with the above-mentioned Article 40 planning agreement associated with the above development, a copy of which had been furnished to the Committee.

The Head of Planning & Capital Development advised that following discussion with the steering group comprised of the Castlereagh East DEA and in consultation with the Council's legal advisors a proposed course of action had been agreed as outlined in the report circulated.

At this juncture Alderman A Grehan left the meeting having declared a conflict of interest in this item of business (8.21 pm).

The Head of Planning & Capital Development responded to questions from the Committee in connection with the issues raised.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor D Honeyford, and agreed to recommend that the proposed course of action as outlined in the report be approved, it being noted that further reports on this matter would come back to the Committee as necessary.

Councillors N Anderson, D J Craig and M Gregg left the meeting at 8.25 pm.

6.3 Smithfield Square Redevelopment

The Director outlined the background to and key issues in connection with the proposals for the Smithfield Square Redevelopment project which had been identified through the Council's revised Lisburn City Centre Masterplan and which would be considered in the context of the Council's Car Park Strategy.

Alderman A Grehan returned to the meeting at 8.26 pm.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the Project Initiation Request & Strategic Outline Business Case (PIRSOC) in connection with the Smithfield Square Redevelopment project.

Councillor N Anderson returned to the meeting at 8.29 pm.

Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 8.29 pm.

The Director and the Head of Economic Development responded to a number of comments from the Committee in regard to the proposals for Smithfield Square, the importance of the provision of adequate toilet facilities across the City and the Council's Car Parking Strategy.

6.3 Smithfield Square Redevelopment (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that the PIRSOC in respect of the Smithfield Square Redevelopment project be approved, including the initial revenue outlay costs as set out in the report circulated which would allow Officers to work the project up to Outline Business Case, including a design competition, up to RIBA stage 2 in accordance with the governance process for capital projects.

It was also agreed at the request of Alderman A Grehan that an update on the Car Parking Strategy be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

7. Additional Confidential Report

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, advised that the items contained in the Additional Confidential Report were required to be considered “in Committee” due to (a) containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation concerned (including the Council holding that information) and (b) containing information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings)

7.1 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme – Phase I – Pre Application Protocol Letter

The Director of Service Transformation outlined the background to and a number of key issues in relation to a further Judicial Review against the Council in connection with the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme.

The Director responded to comments from Alderman J Baird who expressed disappointment that the additional reports had been issued late that afternoon.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the Pre-Application Protocol letter from the applicant’s solicitor dated 18 February 2020.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed to recommend that the recommendation as detailed in the report circulated be approved and that a further report on this matter be brought to the April meeting of the Committee.

7.2 Hillsborough Forest – Woodland themed play area and associated works

The Director outlined the background to and a number of key issues in connection with the Woodland themed play area in the Hillsborough Forest and associated works.

A number of documents in connection with the design proposals, additional equipment with associated indicative costs and equality screening had been appended to the report.

The Director advised that due to that lateness in this item coming forward that evening and in discussion with the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, it was agreed that this matter be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee at a date and time to be confirmed.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Ulster Grand Prix Councillor D Honeyford

Councillor D Honeyford raised the issue of the financial difficulties being experienced by the Dundrod and District Motorcycle Club which could result in the loss of the Ulster Grand Prix event this year. Councillor Honeyford having referred to the economic benefit to the Council area arising from this annual event requested that the Council write to the Minister for Communities to convey these concerns. Councillor Honeyford also requested that the Council consider how it could support this event.

8.2 Memories of Castlereagh Heritage Trail Councillor N Anderson

The Director responded to an enquiry from Councillor N Anderson in relation to the Memories of Castlereagh Heritage Trail project which had been delivered previously by the former Castlereagh Borough Council and the issue of the app which had become redundant.

8.3 Item for Noting – Update on M1 A4 Sprucefield By-Pass Alderman A Grehan

Alderman A Grehan expressed disappointment that the update on the M1 A4 Sprucefield By-Pass had been issued to Members via the Council’s Noting Schedule. Alderman Grehan stated that it was important that this information to be discussed at Committee. The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, agreed that this matter be brought to the April meeting of the Committee.

8.4 MIPIM Cannes 2020 Postponed Director of Service Transformation

The Director informed the Committee that the MIPIM Cannes 2020 event had been postponed to a later date following guidance from the Public Health Agency relating to the current Coronavirus situation. The Director also stated that the situation would be monitored also in regard to the Council’s forthcoming Westminster Investment event later in the month.

8.5 TRPSI Funding – Toilet Block in Hillsborough Forest
Director of Service Transformation

The Director reported that confirmation had been received by email to advise that £105,271 had been secured from TRPSI funding towards the toilet block in Hillsborough Forest, and extended thanks to the Chairman of the Committee for his assistance in writing to the Minister for Communities in this regard. It was noted that this additional income would be reported through the Capital Projects Committee.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, thanked Members for their attendance and there being no other business the meeting was terminated at 9.00 pm.

Chairman