

**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, 1 June 2016 at 7.10 pm**

**PRESENT:** Alderman A G Ewart, Chairman  
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath  
Alderman W J Dillon MBE  
Councillors J Baird, B Bloomfield, S Carson,  
A P Ewing, A Givan, H Legge, U Mackin, T Mitchell and  
M H Tolerton

**OTHER MEMBERS:** Councillors J McCarthy and O Gawith

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council  
Chief Executive  
Lead Head of Planning & Building Control  
Lead Head of Development  
Head of Building Control  
Committee Secretary  
Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme  
Mr David Watkiss, Landscape Architect, The Paul Hogarth  
Company  
Mr Andrew Haley, Landscape Architect, The Paul Hogarth  
Company

**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, welcomed everyone to the June Meeting of the Development Committee and apologised for the lateness in commencing the meeting which had been occasioned as a result of the earlier Committee Meeting having overran.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors J Gallen and S Scott.

## 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 Councillor U Mackin declared an interest in item 6.3 'Lisburn Public Realm Scheme – Damage to Foundations, Orange Arch' in view of his membership of the Loyal Orange Order, and completed a Declaration of Interest form in this regard.

Declaration of Interest forms were also completed by

- Councillor H Legge in respect of the following:- items 4.1.2.4 'Department of Social Development – Affordable Warmth Scheme,' and
- Councillor A P Ewing in respect of item 5.1.1 'Presentation – Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme' in view of a family member managing a retail establishment in Hillsborough

## 3. Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the Minutes of Meeting of Committee held on 11 May 2016, as adopted by the Council at its meeting on 31 May 2016, be confirmed and signed.

It was agreed that the Report of the Lead Head of Planning and Building Control be considered at this point in the Meeting, prior to receiving the presentation on the Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme.

## 4. Report by the Lead Head of Planning & Building Control and the Lead Head of Development

### 4.1 Report by Lead Head of Planning & Building Control

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the report and recommendations of the Lead Head of Planning & Building Control be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below:

#### 4.1.1 Report by Head of Building Control

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, and agreed that the recommendations of the Head of Building Control be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below.

### Item for Decision

#### 4.1.1.1 Street Naming off Bracken Hill Close, Ballymaconaghy Road

The Head of Building Control reported that David Ferguson Architects had proposed the name for a development that consisted of 26 dwellings off the existing Bracken Hill Close, Ballymaconaghy Road.

A copy of the development layout had been circulated to the Committee for Members' information.

It was agreed to recommend that the name 'Bracken Hill Square' which met the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy in that 'Bracken Hill' was an approved name that was used in the locality be allocated to the proposed development of 26 dwellings off Bracken Hill Close, Ballymaconaghy, there being no objections to this proposal having been received from consultees.

#### 4.1.1.2 Street Naming within the Millmount Village Development, Comber Road, Dundonald

The Head of Building Control reported that Alan Patterson Design had proposed the name for an extension to the existing Millmount Village development that consisted of 10 dwellings.

A copy of the development layout had been circulated to the Committee for Members' information.

It was agreed to recommend that the name 'Millmount Village Way' which met the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy in that 'Millmount Village' was an approved name that was used in the existing development be allocated to the proposed development of 10 dwellings in the existing development, there being no objections to this proposal having been received from consultees.

#### Items for Noting

##### 4.1.1.2 Building Control Applications – Full Plan Applications and Regularisation Certificates

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to the Full Plan Applications and Regularisation Certificates:

- for the period 9 April 2016 to 8 May 2016, 142 Full Plan Applications had been "approved" and 39 Regularisation Certificates had been issued in accordance with the powers delegated.

#### 4.1.1.4 Department of Finance and Personnel – Completion Notice Ready Report to Land and Property Services

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to Completion Notice Ready Reports:

- The Completion Notice Ready Report for the month of April 2016 returned to the Department of Finance and Personnel (DFPNI), Land and Property Services, had indicated that a total of 56 properties had been identified as having reached occupiable status.

#### 4.1.1.5 Department for Social Development – Affordable Warmth Project

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to visits by Home Assessment Officers within the Council's Building Control Service:

- in the month of April 2016 had visited 129 home visits for the Affordable Warmth Scheme and made 42 referrals for home improvements to the NIHE, as well as 50 financial checks for the Housing Executive as part of the service's new enhanced role. In addition council officers had made 16 referrals to the 'Make the Call' team.

#### 4.1.1.6 Department of the Environment Consultation – Dilapidated/Dangerous Buildings and Neglected Sites

The Head of Building Control reminded the Committee that the above consultation having been provided for information to the Committee at its meeting in May 2016, requested views on the DOE's preferred option of creating overarching legislation to bring historical statute in the area of dilapidated and dangerous buildings up to date.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee notes the final response from the Council to be forwarded to the Department of the Environment (now Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) in relation to the Policy Consultation on Dilapidated/Dangerous Buildings and Neglected Sites by the stipulated closing date of 30 June 2016, as circulated.

#### Items for Noting

#### 4.1.2 Department for Infrastructure

4.1.2.1 Roads (NI) Order 1993 Abandonment of Public Rights-of-Way Canal Street, Lisburn

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a letter dated 1 May 2016 and related map received from Transport NI in relation to the application from the Council in regard to the proposed abandonment of the land/footpath at Canal Street, Lisburn.

It was agreed that the proposed abandonment at Canal Street, Lisburn, be noted, there being no comments or objections from Members present.

4.1.2.2 The Derriaghy Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (NI) 1993

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of correspondence dated 19 May 2016 from Transport NI, together with a copy of the draft order, map and the statutory notice regarding the above abandonment, which had been published in the Belfast Gazette, Belfast Telegraph, News Letter and Ulster Star.

It was agreed on a proposal by Councillor M H Tolerton, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, that the Abandonment at the Derriaghy Road, Lisburn be noted, there being no comments or objections from Members present.

4.1.3 Reaville Park, Dundonald – Proposed Waiting Restrictions

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a letter dated 21 May 2016 from Transport NI in relation to the proposed introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction at Reaville Park, Dundonald.

It was agreed on a proposal by Councillor S Carson and seconded by Councillor H Legge, that the proposed introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction at Reaville Park, Dundonald be noted, there being no comments or objections from Members present.

Items for Noting

4.1.4 Budget Report – Building Control

The Committee had been furnished with and noted the content of a copy of a summary Budget Report for Building Control for the year to 31 March 2017 as at 30 April 2016.

#### 4.1.5 Rolling Year Absence Figures for Building Control

The Lead Head of Planning & Building Control reported that due to the amalgamation of the timeware and absence systems, the absence figures for Building Control, as presented, were not conclusive and would be included in next month's report. It was agreed that the report by the Lead Head of Planning & Building Control be noted.

#### Additional Report by Lead Head of Planning & Building Control

##### Item for Decision

#### 4.1.6 Department for Infrastructure

##### 4.1.6.1 Provision of an Accessible/Blue Badge Parking Bay at 49 Enler Park East, Dundonald

The Committee was furnished with a copy of a letter dated 26 May 2016 and associated map from Transport NI Eastern Division in regard to a proposal to provide an accessible/disabled parking bay at 49 Enler Park East, Dundonald.

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that:

- the proposal to provide an accessible/disabled parking bay at the above location be noted, there being no objections or comments from Members present, and
- as the letter from Transport NI had been addressed to the former Acting Chief Executive at the former Castlereagh Borough Council address, a letter be furnished to Transport NI Eastern division advising of the correct details for the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for any future correspondence.

#### 5. Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme – Presentation

The Lead Head of Development reminded the Committee that consultation with the local community in Hillsborough regarding the design of the Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme was on-going and that a series of focus groups for residents and businesses had taken place in the Courthouse on Tuesday 10 May 2016 to which all Members of the Council had been invited. A public display of design options was running in the Courthouse from 16 May to 30 May 2016.

The Lead Head of Development reported that arrangements had been made for the proposed Scheme's landscape architect, Mr David Watkiss, to present to the Committee details of the consultation outcomes, and a proposed outline of the Scheme for Members' consideration. The Lead Head of Development stated that

5. Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme – Presentation (Cont'd)

the issue of cars parking round the court house was a particular issue that Members were required to consider.

The Tourism Development Manager, Regeneration Manager and Regeneration Officer entered the Meeting (7.20 pm).

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, extend a welcome to Mr David Watkiss, and Mr Andrew Haley, the Paul Hogarth Company Limited, who with the aid of PowerPoint provided the Committee with an overview of the Hillsborough Public Consultation process to date, commencing in April 2015, and also the outcomes following the public consultation exercise in regard to:

- seating options at Lower Main Street, Hillsborough, at the war memorial,
- parking options at the Courthouse, and
- options in relation to footpath width at Ballynahinch Street and associated number of parking spaces.

Mr Watkiss confirmed that the Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme included the retention of the Sequoia tree.

Following the presentations Mr Watkiss responded to questions from the Committee in connection with the issues raised during the presentation.

Alderman W J Dillon emphasised the importance of the residents in Hillsborough being consulted fully at this stage to ensure that the Public Realm Scheme had their support.

Councillor J Baird emphasised the importance of the Public Realm Consultants consulting with the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) in regard to the issue of agricultural vehicles in Park Street.

Mr Watkiss assured the Committee that the feedback from the public consultation had been positive and agreed to send out to Members the responses from the public consultation.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, thanked Mr Watkiss and Mr Haley for their presentation. Mr Watkiss and Mr Haley remained in the meeting in order to make their presentation on the proposals for Hillsborough Forest Park.

## 5.1 Hillsborough Tourism Master Plan – Hillsborough Forest Park

The Lead Head of Development reminded the Committee that the agreed Tourism Master Plan for Hillsborough made a series of recommendations regarding improvements needed in Hillsborough Forest Park and that the Council had agreed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service in this regard in March 2016. A rural funding bid to the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) focusing on Hillsborough Forest Park would be made by the Council's Tourism team.

The Lead Head of Development reported that in an extension of the Hillsborough Public Realm contract, The Paul Hogarth Company, had developed some high level concept options for an improved forest park, including plans for a high-end Motor Home and Tourism Caravan facility. These concept options would form the basis of a community consultation exercise over the summer months.

With the aid of PowerPoint Mr Haley provided the Committee with images of the panels that had been in place at a recent meeting of the Hillsborough Village Steering Group introducing the feasibility study of Hillsborough Forest Park.

Mr Watkiss discussed an overview of the consultation process for the proposals for Hillsborough Forest Park, which included both statutory and non-statutory consultations.

In response to further comments by Councillor J Baird in regard to agricultural vehicles in Park Street, Mr Watkiss acknowledged that there were issues in Park Street that needed to be addressed.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, thanked Mr Watkiss and Mr Haley for their presentation on Hillsborough Forest Park, following which they left the meeting (8.06 pm).

## 6. Report by Lead Head of Development

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor M H Tolerton, and agreed that the report and recommendations of the Lead Head of Development be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below.

### 6.1 Hillsborough

#### 6.1.1 Presentation – Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme

It was noted that the above presentation had been received earlier in the Meeting (item 5 refers).

### 6.1.1 Presentation – Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme (Cont'd)

A further discussion ensued in regard to the need for increased parking facilities in Hillsborough Village.

It was agreed to recommend on a proposal by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, that the Committee agree to the proposals for the Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme, as presented, namely:

- Seating at the war memorial in Lower Main Street, Hillsborough: Option C be the preferred option,
- The Courthouse Parking Options: Option B – a reduced, but formalized parking arrangement - be the preferred option, subject to any net reduction in parking spaces at the Courthouse being offset by additional car parking spaces at Hillsborough Forest Park and delivering a net increase of parking spaces overall, and
- Ballynahinch Street – Footpath Width: Option 3 be the preferred option.

### 6.1.2 Hillsborough Tourism Master Plan – Hillsborough Forest Park

It was noted that the concepts for Hillsborough Forest Park had been dealt with earlier in the Meeting (item 5.1 refers).

The Tourism Development Manager, Regeneration Manager and Regeneration Officer left the Meeting (8.15 pm)

### 6.2 Northern Ireland Local Government Association - Correspondence Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network 2016 Meeting “Successful, Safe and Sustainable Cities: Making Cities Fit for the Future” London 12-13 July 2016

The Committee had been furnished with a letter dated 16 May 2016 from Mr Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), regarding the above event arranged by the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network and which was taking place during 12-13 July 2016 in London.

It was agreed to recommend that the correspondence from NILGA be noted.

### 6.3 City Promotion Budget – Moira Calling

The Lead Head of Development reported receipt of a request for financial support from a local event management company 'Brown Lemonade' towards a new event, 'Moira Calling,' which was taking place in Moira Demesne on Saturday 10 September 2016.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the completed request for funding in the sum of £6,000 towards marketing and promotion of the event from 'Brown Lemonade'.

The Lead Head of Development advised the Committee that the event was hoping to attract 1,500 people and over 200 bed night were estimated alongside an extensive marketing campaign to raise the profile of the event, with the Council being branded on all promotional literature.

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, and agreed to recommend that in line with levels of support for other events with a similar output profile, the Committee agrees to support the marketing of the 'Moira Calling' event at a maximum cost of £3,000, to include technical support, from the Tourism Development budgets.

### 6.4 2016 Balmoral Show

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a report on the 2016 City Centre Showcase and promotional activity, including survey results from visitors to the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council marquee. The Lead Head of Development reported that generally, feedback had been positive from traders and visitors to date with plans to further develop the linkages with Lisburn City Centre in future years.

Comments from the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, were noted in regard to the need to consider promoting traders from Hillsborough and Moira in the Council's marquee in future years.

It was proposed by Councillor M H Tolerton, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed to recommend that the Committee agrees to support a similar initiative for the 2017 Balmoral Show with a budget of £35,000 to be allocated from the City Promotion budget, it being noted that it was proposed that the Visit Lisburn and Castlereagh marquee in 2017 would be freshened up with a slightly larger marquee to accommodate the trader requests, explore innovative concepts/ options to make the marquee more appealing.

### 6.5 Belshaw's Quarry

The Lead Head of Development reported receipt of a request from Mr John Belshaw, Chairman of Whitemountain and District Community Association, in connection with a letter of support for an on-going project that the group was working on within the Whitemountain area.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of an invitation letter that had been used for a Public Meeting in March 2016 which described the project in more detail which was about creating a Sculpture Park and Trail within the Whitemountain area and accessing external funding for support, it being noted that a letter of support from the Council would assist in external funding applications.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee agrees that Officers liaise directly with the Chairman of Whitemountain and District Community Association in drafting an appropriate Letter of Support for external funding applications for a Sculpture Park and Trail in the Whitemountain area.

### 6.6 UEFA Euro 2016 Football Championships - Promotional Opportunity

The Lead Head of Development reported that as part of the UEFA Euro 2016 Championships in Paris, the City of Paris was transforming the left bank of the River Seine into a showcase of participating nations entitled "Quaysides of Europe" which would allow visitors to discover the competing countries through the prism of culture. Visit Belfast had been asked by DETI to manage and deliver the Northern Ireland Pavilion utilising the recent 'Belfast Go Explore' campaign and Virtual Reality app as the centerpiece within the pavilion.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the invitation email to the Council's Tourism Section with a request for staff to assist the Visit Belfast team in promoting the greater Belfast area and Northern Ireland.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee sends up to a maximum of 4 staff to attend the Euro 2016 promotional offer in partnership with Visit Belfast at a cost of £1352 per staff member for five nights each.

### 6.7 Interim Business Start Up Provision in Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Area

The Committee had been furnished with an update on the current position of the Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP) and a number of options currently being considered to ensure there was alternative start up provision in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area between the current Regional Start Initiative (RSI) contract ending in October 2016 and the new

#### 6.7 Interim Business Start Up Provision in Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Area (Cont'd)

programme being put in place.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee funds an interim Business Start Up solution locally from October 2016 at a total indicative budget of £50,000 which would cover business plan delivery, marketing and call enquiry handling.

#### 6.8 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Joint Skills Development Initiative with the South Eastern Regional College (SERC)

The Lead Head of Development reported that as a result of ongoing engagement with local businesses the Economic Development Unit had identified an opportunity to implement a pilot skills development initiative in partnership with the South Eastern Regional College (SRC) and up to ten local businesses from across the construction sector.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of an overview of the proposed project and a request for match funding from the Council of up to £2,000 in order to promote the pilot scheme as widely as possible, it being noted that if this pilot was successful there was also scope to roll it out for other priority business sectors across the City.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council participates in the above pilot skills initiative and contributes to overall marketing activities at a maximum cost of up to £2,000.

#### 6.9 Invest in Health, Profit in Business 2016-2017

The Lead Head of Development reminded the Committee that the Economic Development Unit had been working in partnership with the Public Health Agency (PHA) over the past four years to promote employee well-being initiatives in local SMEs as part of the 'Invest in Health, Profit in Business' Scheme.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a brief overview of the above project outputs from last year, a proposal for delivery in 2016/2017 and match funding request from the Council of £2,000.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee agrees to the proposal in respect of the 'Invest in Health, Profit in Business' proposal to match fund the initiative at a sum of £2,000 towards the delivery of the initiative.

#### 6.10 Nicholson Statue – Proposed Restoration Work

The Lead Head of Development reported that at the request of the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, a proposal had been developed to carry out restoration work on the Nicholson statue based in Market Square which included stripping of old layers of paint and repagination of the bronze work along with repairs to the wording on the base.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council procures a specialist restoration team to carry out works to restore the Nicholson Statue in Market Square, Lisburn, at an estimated cost of up to £10,000, it being noted that the work would be carried out on site and would be expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

#### Items for Noting

#### 6.11 Update on Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Lead Head of Development updated the Committee in regard to the delivery of Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, with all contract documentation having been signed by the Chairman of Lagan Rural Partnership Local Action Group Board and the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council, acting as secretariat to the Local Action Group.

The Committee had been furnished with copies of the following:

- a) contract between the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) and the Local Action Group
- b) service level agreement between DAERA and the Council, and
- c) contract between DAERA and the Council.

The Lead Head of Development advised the Committee that following a series of pre-application workshops relating to the Rural Business Investment Scheme in March 2016, it was expected that a cohort of up to 71 potential applicants would be eligible to apply with a total of £2.5 million of combined grant request against grant availability of £1.3 million. The Local Action Group had agreed to open the closed call for applications for this scheme on Tuesday 31 May 2016 and to extend the call period until Friday 5 August 2016.

It was agreed that the Lead Head of Development's report be noted.

#### 6.12 Fair Trade – Potential Accreditation for the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a letter from Dr Christopher Stange, Secretariat – All Party Group on Fairtrade, to the Council seeking Council

6.12 Fair Trade – Potential Accreditation for the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh (Cont'd)

agreement regarding the achievement of Fairtrade Accreditation for Lisburn &

Castlereagh City Council, together with a copy of a report prepared by Dr Stange, providing further information and his recommendation for the Committee's consideration.

The Lead Head of Development gave a verbal update on above proposal and the merits of the Council achieving Fairtrade.

It was agreed that the Council should seek to achieve Fairtrade accreditation, with a further report to be brought to the Committee in due course.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, left the Meeting (8.25 pm).

6.13 City Centre Advisory Group

Further to the previous decision of the Council to bring the City Centre Management function in-house and to create an "Advisory Group" of City Centre Stakeholders to advise the Council on City Centre matters and issues, the Lead Head of Development reported that a group of stakeholders who had expressed an interest in making a contribution would be invited to attend a breakfast meeting in June 2016 to initiate discussion in this regard.

It was noted that the proposed agenda for the breakfast meeting would include a presentation on the Council's new City Centre evaluation framework and that Members of the Committee would be invited to attend, as would the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team.

The Lead Head of Development responded to comments from the Chief Executive in relation to the importance of involving other Government departments and outside bodies in meetings of the "Advisory Group" of City Centre Stakeholders.

At the request of Councillor J McCarthy it was agreed that an invitation to the breakfast meeting would be extended to all Members of Council.

6.14 Hillsborough Steering Group Committee

The Committee had been furnished with and noted the content of a copy of the minutes of the most recent Steering Committee meeting which had taken place on 6 April 2016.

### 6.15 Budget Report – Development

The Committee had been furnished with and noted the content of a summary budget report for Development for the year to 31 March 2017 as at 30 April 2016.

### 6.16 Rolling Year Absence Figures for Economic Development

It was noted that due to the amalgamation of the timeware and absence systems, the absence figures for Economic Development, as presented, were not conclusive and would be included in next month's report.

## 7. Confidential Report by the Lead Head of Development

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, reported that the items in the Confidential Reports were required to be considered "In Committee" for the reasons outlined:-

7.1 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme - Confidential due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation concerned.

7.2 Organisational Design – Economic Development Unit – Confidential due to information likely to reveal the identity of individuals.

7.3 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme – Damage to Foundations - Orange Arch – Confidential due to information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

### "In Committee"

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor J Baird, and agreed that the Confidential Business, as outlined above, be considered "In Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public.

It agreed that the Confidential Report and recommendations of the Lead Head of Development be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below.

### 7.1 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme

Further to the decision of the Committee at its Meeting on 11 May 2016 that the Council contacts its legal advisors with a view of taking legal proceedings against the Public Realm Contractor and the Public Realm Consultants, a copy of correspondence in this regard had been furnished to the Committee.

In line with delegated authority granted to the Council at its Meeting on 31 May 2016, it was agreed that the course of action outlined by the Council's legal advisor be agreed.

## 7.2 Organisational Design – Economic Development Unit

Further to the agreement by the Council in December 2015 of the structure of the Economic Development Unit and following independent evaluation of each of the job descriptions, the Committee had been furnished with a copy of a report outlining proposed changes to the grading of a number of posts in the Unit.

The Lead Head of Development responded to questions from the Committee in regard to some of the posts referred to in the report as circulated.

It was agreed to recommend that the independently evaluated grading for the posts outlined in the report as circulated be agreed in order that the matching process for the Economic Development Unit be progressed.

Councillor A P Ewing left the Meeting at 8.33 pm.

### Additional Confidential Report by Lead Head of Development

## 7.3 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme – Damage to Foundations - Orange Arch

The Lead Head of Development reminded the Committee that as part of the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme the Contractors had been paid to construct new foundations for the Arch at the agreed new location Market Square.

The Lead Head of Development reported that a structural issue resulting from damage to the foundations had arisen in connection with the Arch which had been investigated by the Public Realm Scheme's structural engineers, at the request of the Council, and outlined to the Committee the estimated costs to repair the foundations.

The Lead Head of Development responded to questions from the Committee in relation to this matter.

In line with delegated authority granted to the Council at its Meeting on 31 May 2016, it was agreed to recommend that in order that the structural issue with the Arch be resolved in time for the Orange Festival Celebrations this year, the Council cover the costs of repair and then seeks to recover the cost from the relevant parties, where possible.

It was also agreed that Officers in the Development Unit discuss planning issues associated with the erection of the Orange Arch in the City Centre with the Council's Planning Officials with a view to having the matter resolved as a matter of urgency.

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business8. Any Other Business8.1 Business Engagement Visits Initiative  
The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, informed the Committee that as a result of an ongoing programme of business engagement visits in Economic Development, an opportunity had arisen to develop a Lisburn & Castlereagh showcase/exhibition to promote the theme 'made in Lisburn & Castlereagh.' This initiative, which was being progressed by the Economic Development Manager, along with the Chief Executive, was still in its early stages. A further report on this initiative would be brought to the Committee in due course.

8.2 Thanks of Chairman  
Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A G Ewart stated that this was his last meeting of the Development Committee as Chairman and extended thanks and appreciation to the Vice Chairman, Alderman W J Dillon, and Members of the Committee for their support during his chairmanship. Alderman Ewart thanked the Chief Executive and Officers in the Economic Development Unit for their commitment and support, and also the Committee Secretary for the manner in which the Committee had been serviced during his term of office.

Alderman W J Dillon expressed thanks to the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, for the manner in which he conducted the business of the Development Committee meetings throughout the past year.

There being no further business for consideration the meeting terminated at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman