

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 27 June, 2017 at 7:00 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,
M Henderson MBE, T Jeffers, S Martin, S P Porter,
G Rice MBE and J Tinsley

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Support Services
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure & Community Services
Director of Service Transformation
Head of Service (MCU) (Mrs C Bethel)
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerks

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting the Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Alderman D Drysdale entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, welcomed those present to the June meeting of Council and requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, introduced Rev Stephen Moore, Minister of Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church, who was in attendance at the meeting in order to address the Council with a reading and prayers.

During his address Rev Moore expressed condolences in respect of Ms Veronica McPolin, Environmental Health Administration Assistant, whose father Mr Gerald McPolin had passed away in recent days.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, outlined the engagements he had attended since his election to the position of Mayor on 19 June 2017, as follows:

- the William Keown Trust Personal Achievement Awards for people with disabilities
- opening of a Nature Nook at Longstone Special School, Dundonald
- event to mark the retirement of Mrs Greene, Principal of Beechlawn School
- AGM of Home Start Lisburn
- Lisburn Coca-Cola HBC Half Marathon and 10K and Fun Run. The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that there had been a record number of entries to this event and expressed thanks to the efforts of all staff involved in organising or assisting at this event which had been a huge success.
- Good Relations Programme on Arabic culture at the Bridge Community Centre
- lunch and reception to mark the International Netball Test Series at Lisburn Racquets Club and also the Women's under- 19 soccer team Final draw in the City Hall
- 25th Anniversary celebrations at Dundonald High School. The Right Worshipful the Mayor commended the success of Dundonald High School which he stated was going from strength to strength following the appointment of a new Principal in recent years.
- Hillsborough Farmers Market
- Down Royal Festival of Racing
- Somme Commemorations at Knockagh Monument, Carrickfergus
- UDR service at Kells, Co Antrim
- launch of the MCE Insurance Ulster Grand Prix 2017
- opening of a new ladies clothes boutique, 'RSVP,' in Lisburn
- opening of the Pulse Fitness Suite in Lough Moss Centre
- meeting with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim, Mr Freddie Hall

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman W A Leathem, Councillors J Baird, A Girvin, J Gray MBE, A Grehan, S Skillen, M H Tolerton and R Walker.

Alderman J Tinsley advised that Councillor M H Tolerton was still unwell and asked that the Council remember Councillor Tolerton in their thoughts and prayers.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, indicated that should any Member require to leave the meeting to notify the Members Services staff in order that their departure could be recorded accurately in the minutes.

A Declaration of Interest form was completed by Alderman D Drysdale in respect of item 13.3 Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme in view of his Chairmanship of the Inspire Business Park – that organisation being under the auspice of Enterprise NI Limited as part of the tender process for the aforementioned programme.

During the course of the meeting Alderman S P Porter declared an interest in item 9.1 11 Public Health Agency – Director of Public Health – Annual Report 2016 in respect of his membership of the Public Health Agency.

4. Minutes

Meeting of Council held on 23 May 2017

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 May 2017 be confirmed and signed.

Special Meeting of Council held on 12 June 2017

It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 12 June 2017 be confirmed and signed.

Special Meeting of Council held on 14 June 2017

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre, and agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 14 June 2017 be confirmed and signed.

Annual Meeting of Council held on 19 June 2017

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre, and agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 19 June 2017 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations to be received at the meeting.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

On a proposal by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor O Gawith, it was agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Irish Waste Services Limited of 94 – 96 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8HT – Contract for the Collection, Recycling and Recovery of Paints and Aerosols from Council Household Recycling Centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Limited T/A Skipway of 39 Groganstown Road, Dunmurry, BT17 0NR – Contract for the Collection and Recycling of Rubble/Hardcore from Council Household Recycling Centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and McKinstry Skip Hire (Biomass) of 81-83 Belfast Road, Nutts Corner, Crumlin, Antrim, BT29 4TL – Contract for the Collection, Recycling and Recovery of Wood from Council Household Recycling Centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Avenue Recycling Limited, One Advantage Way, Ballygomartin Road, Belfast, BT13 3LZ – Contract for the Collection and Recycling of Metals from Council Household Recycling Centres.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

It was agreed that the minutes and recommendations of the undernoted meetings be adopted, subject to any changes recorded below:

Leisure and Community Development Committee

6 June 2017

Proposed by Councillor A Givan

Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

Adopted subject to the undernoted item being referred back to Committee for further consideration.

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Collection of Green Fees and Ancillary Services at Aberdelghy Golf Course

Environmental Services Committee

7 June 2017

Proposed by Alderman J Tinsley

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor H Legge

Development Committee

7 June 2017

Proposed by Councillor U Mackin
Seconded by Councillor C Quinn

Adopted Subject to the undernoted items being referred back for further consideration:

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Heathrow Invites Expressions of Interest to Host New Off-Site Logistic Hubs

Alderman A G Ewart requested that the decision in respect of the above matter be referred to the July Council Meeting in order that further information be made available in relation to the exact cost to the Council should this initiative be progressed.

The Chief Executive advised that the July Council Meeting was scheduled to take place on 25 July 2017 and that the closing date for submitting expressions of interest for the above initiative was 31 July 2017, and therefore the timeframe for preparing a bid would be difficult.

It was agreed on a proposal by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, that the relevant information in relation to the cost to the Council of hosting a new off-site logistic hub be ascertained and that the Chief Executive meets with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Development Committee to consider this matter; and that delegated authority be granted to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to make a decision thereon.

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Business Mentoring Programme

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the above matter be referred back to the Development Committee for further consideration.

Capital Projects Committee

12 June 2017

Proposed by Alderman J Tinsley
Seconded by Alderman W J Dillon

Governance and Audit Committee

13 June 2017

Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor B Hanvey

Corporate Services Committee

13 June 2017

Proposed by Councillor O Gawith
Seconded by Alderman T Jeffers

For Noting

Planning Committee

8 May 2017

The above minutes of the Planning Committee meeting had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 5 June 2017. It was proposed by Councillor A Redpath, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

It was agreed that the reports and recommendations of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

Items for Decision

9.1 Dundonald International Ice Bowl Re-Development: Fact Finding Visits

The Chief Executive reported that at the meeting of the Capital Projects Committee held on 12 June 2017 it had been agreed that officers make arrangements for visits to recently developed leisure sites to gain a wider perspective on current leisure market developments and to assist in formulating the Dundonald redevelopment scheme. It was noted that no decision had been taken on the nomination of Members to participate in the fact-finding visits.

Comments were noted from Councillor O Gawith in regard to the importance of ensuring there was cross party representation from the Council on the above-mentioned fact-finding visits.

In response to a question from Councillor V Kamble, the Director of Leisure & Community Services reported that two fact-finding visits were anticipated at this stage, one to an area in the North of England and the other visit in the London area.

It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Capital Projects Committee, or their nominees, along with four other Members from the Capital Projects Committee, be nominated to participate in the above proposed fact finding visits, and that the Chairman submits the nominations to the Chief Executive's office.

It was noted that the first of two anticipated visits had been provisionally scheduled for 1 and 2 August 2017, with details of the itinerary, and travel arrangements to be confirmed in due course.

9.2 NILGA – Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group

The Council had been furnished with a copy of a letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), seeking two nominations from this Council to sit on its Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group to prepare for the impact of Brexit and to strengthen the position of NI local government.

9.2 NILGA – Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group (Cont'd)

A copy of the existing membership of the above-mentioned Working Group had been appended to NILGA's correspondence, together with a copy of an Action Research Piece (ARP) which set out the practical next steps for local government in preparation for Brexit and association devolution had also been circulated to Members.

The Chief Executive recommended that the Council's two nominations to the above Working Group be made from those Members nominated to represent the Council on NILGA, namely, Aldermen W J Dillon, D Drysdale, A G Ewart; M Henderson, W A Leathem; S Martin; and Councillors A Givan and U Mackin.

It was agreed that Councillor U Mackin (as proposed by Alderman J Tinsley and seconded by Alderman M Henderson) and Alderman W J Dillon (as proposed by Alderman M Henderson and seconded by Alderman A G Ewart) be appointed to sit on the NILGA Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group.

Rev Stephen Moore left the meeting (7.28 pm).

9.3 Department for Communities: Community Support Programme - Letter of Variance 01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Council had already received and accepted a Letter of Offer dated 29 March 2017 in relation to the award of grant assistance, from the Department for Communities to Council under the above Programme, and that due to the Central Government budget position at the time, the initial Letter of Offer from the Department only covered the period to 30 June 2017.

The Council had been furnished with a copy of the most recent correspondence, dated 15 June 2017 from the Department for Communities which confirmed that the Department was now confirming funding to the end of the current Financial Year, 31 March 2018, and had also issued to the Council a Letter of Variance covering the period from 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018, setting out the amount of funding to the Council under the Programme.

It was agreed that:

- the confirmation of funding from the Department for Communities for the period to 31 March 2018 be noted,
- the Letter of Variance for the period from 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 be approved, and
- the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the "Form of Acceptance."

9.4 The Executive Office: Social Investment Fund, Revised Letter of Offer - Re-Development of West Lisburn Community Centre

Members were reminded that the Council had agreed previously with the Executive Office to act as the Lead Partner on behalf of Resurgam Community Development Trust in procuring and administering the contracts for the re-development of the above facility to create a West Lisburn Youth Resource Centre. The Resurgam Community Development Trust had applied for and been awarded funding for the project from the Social Investment Fund Programme administered by the Executive Office.

The Chief Executive reported that the project was almost completed, and following negotiation with the Executive Office over a number of "compensation events", the Executive Office had issued a revised Letter of Offer to the Council, increasing the total award of grant in recognition of these.

A copy of the revised Letter of Offer had been furnished to the Council.

It was noted that the final account for the project was not yet completed, and that as a result it was likely there would be a further revision to the Letter of Offer to reflect "compensation events" still the subject of negotiation with the Executive Office.

Alderman S P Porter welcomed the new facilities at the West Lisburn Community Centre and commended the efforts of the Resurgam Community Development Trust in securing the funding for this 'healthy living centre'.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that:

- a) the revised Letter of Offer be agreed and approval be granted to the Chief Executive to sign the revised Letter of Offer on behalf of the Council, and
- b) the Council writes to the Resurgam Community Development Trust Youth Division thanking them for their efforts in securing the funding for this project which was invaluable for those living in the inner city areas, and wishing them every success for the future in their new building.

9.5 Request for Temporary Easement: Licence to carry out Works at Maghaberry Community Centre

The Chief Executive reported that an approach had been received from QTH Limited requesting an Easement over Council lands at the road frontage at Maghaberry Community Centre to facilitate the road entrance to the housing development at Wellington Court, Maghaberry. It was noted that the works were necessary to relocate the public footpath situated on and adjacent to Council property, in accordance with the revised road layout design as agreed with the statutory authorities.

9.5 Request for Temporary Easement: Licence to carry out Works at Maghaberry Community Centre (Cont'd)

It was agreed on a proposal by Alderman J Tinsley that that the Easement over Council lands at the road frontage at Maghaberry Community Centre be agreed and that approval be granted to the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the related Licence which had been prepared by solicitors acting for QTH Limited, and reviewed by the Council's legal advisors.

9.6 Disability Sports Hub: Memorandum of Understanding between Disability Sport NI and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

The Chief Executive reminded Members that at the Monthly Meeting of Council in May 2017 the Council had adopted a recommendation of the Leisure & Community Development Committee giving approval to the establishment of a Disability Sports Hub within the Council area, in partnership with Disability Sport NI.

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Council grants approval to the Chief Executive to sign the above Memorandum of Understanding between Disability Sport NI and the Council, it being noted that the former organisation was supplying equipment and providing training in support of the project.

9.7 White Mountain and District Community Association – Belshaw's Quarry Nature Reserve – Letter of Support

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that it had agreed in June 2016 to provide a letter of support for an ongoing project that the White Mountain and District Community Association had been working on within the White Mountain area.

It was noted that the letter of support had been provided for external funding applications for a sculpture park and trail in Belshaw's Quarry Nature Reserve. The Council also had agreed in April 2017 to provide a contribution of £500 towards the production of advertising and publicity leaflets to promote a forthcoming sculpture design event at Belshaw's Quarry Nature Reserve and that this location be included in the Lisburn Castlereagh Visitor Guide.

The Chief Executive reported that a further request had been received from the Chairman of the Community Association for a similar letter of support for the ongoing development of the project and in particular the provision of more sculptures. The Chairman had asked that this letter be provided in advance of 27 June 2017 to assist with external funding deadlines.

The Council had been circulated with a copy of an updated letter of support that had been drafted and issued because of the above-mentioned funding timeline.

It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor C Quinn, and agreed that the Council agrees the draft letter of support, as outlined above.

Items for Noting

9.8 Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Land Disposals to Local Council

The Council had been furnished with and noted the content of a copy of a letter received on 12 June 2017 from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in regard to requests for Council departments seeking land disposals.

9.9 Made In Lisburn & Castlereagh Event

The Council had been furnished with and noted the content of a copy of a letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Principal and Chief Executive of SERC congratulating the Council on the above event and for supporting SERC and the Council working together.

Alderman W J Dillon commended the above event which he stated was a marvellous showcase of businesses across the Lisburn and Castlereagh Council area, and also thanked the Chief Executive for having initiated this event at the outset which also showcased the work of the Council's Economic Development Unit.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, wished to be associated with Alderman W J Dillon's sentiments, as did Councillor V Kamble.

Councillor Kamble, in particular, commended the Council's 'Invest in Health and Well Being' stall at the above event, and thanked and congratulated the Council Officers in accessing the relevant funding from the Public Health Agencies.

9.10 Public Health Agency - Director of Public Health Annual Report 2016

The Chief Executive reported that a copy of the above report had been received by the Council and could be accessed on the website at the following address:-

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/director-public-health-annual-report-2016-and-additional-tables>

It was agreed that the receipt of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2016 be noted.

The items for noting were proposed by Alderman M Henderson and seconded by Councillor A Givan.

Additional Report by the Chief Executive

Item for Noting

9.11 Lough Moss Centre: Letter of Thanks

The Council had been furnished with a copy of an anonymised extract from a letter of thanks received from a customer following the customer taking unwell in the Lough Moss Centre Changing Rooms earlier this month.

9.11 Lough Moss Centre: Letter of Thanks (Cont'd)

Members are advised that the content of the correspondence, and the kind remarks therein, had been shared with the members of staff involved.

Councillor N Anderson stated that it was important that the staff concerned were praised for their actions on this occasion and proposed that the Council writes a letter of thanks to the staff members concerned. Councillor B Mallon, having seconded Councillor Anderson's proposal, referred to a similar-type incident at Castlereagh Borough Council approximately six years previously which had also demonstrated the professionalism of the staff concerned.

Alderman D Drysdale, having been Chairman of Castlereagh Borough Council's Leisure Committee at that time advised that the standard of training provided by the Council to staff had undoubtedly resulted in the saving of a life on that occasion.

Councillor N Anderson's proposal, seconded by Councillor B Mallon, that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, writes to the staff concerned praising their actions on this occasion, was put to the meeting and agreed.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

12. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion from Members for consideration at the meeting.

13. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, advised that the matters contained in the confidential reports would be dealt with "In Committee" due to the following reasons:

- The Paul Hogarth Company Limited – Legal Update (Confidential due to containing information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings)
- Hillsborough Forest Park – Financial Appraisal (Confidential due to due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information))
- Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme Update (Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information))

13. Confidential Business (Cont'd)

- Review of Lisburn City Centre Masterplan – Financial Appraisal (Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information))
- Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce – President’s Banquet Supporting Sponsor Proposal (Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information))
- Financial Appraisal for Tender: Major Sports Facilities (Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information))

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor J McCarthy, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the items in the Confidential Report be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

It was agreed that the confidential reports and recommendations of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

Items for Decision

13.1 The Paul Hogarth Company Limited – Legal Update

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that it had agreed previously that a legal opinion be sought on the perceived conflict of interest for The Paul Hogarth Company Limited who had been appointed by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council as ICT for the Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme and by Historic Royal Palaces for the Hillsborough Castle Development.

The Council had been furnished with a copy of a letter dated 2 June 2017 from The Paul Hogarth Company responding to this issue.

The Chief Executive reported that as the Council’s solicitors, Cleaver Fulton Rankin, had advised that in review of the above-mentioned letter it should be noted that The Paul Hogarth Company were professionally regulated and had confirmed that the projects (Hillsborough Castle Development and Hillsborough Public Realm Scheme) were being managed by separate individuals working in different offices.

It was also noted that Cleaver Fulton Rankin had also confirmed that they were satisfied that The Paul Hogarth Company had met their professional requirements and it was believed the response was sufficient at this time and should be kept under review pending future actions on the project.

13.1 The Paul Hogarth Company Limited – Legal Update (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Alderman S Martin, and agreed that in light of the response from The Paul Hogarth Company Limited and in light of the response from Cleaver Fulton Rankin, that the steps taken by The Paul Hogarth Company Limited be accepted.

13.2 Hillsborough Forest Park – Financial Appraisal

The Chief Executive reported that the Council was in receipt of the requisite financial appraisal for the Hillsborough Forest Park Improvement scheme, which was required prior to progressing the appointment of the integrated design consultancy team.

A copy of the Financial Appraisal for the Hillsborough Forest Park, which has been agreed as consistent with the Green Book by the Council's Financial Services Section had been circulated to the Council.

Councillor U Mackin expressed disappointment in regard to the fact that he, as former Chairman of the Development Committee, had not had sight of the above-mentioned financial appraisal previously and outlined a number of inconsistencies which, in his opinion, required to be addressed.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Councillor O Gawith, and agreed that the Hillsborough Forest Park Financial Appraisal be referred to a Special Meeting of the Development Committee to be convened in July 2017 in order to reconsider the financial appraisal and to address the concerns raised, and that the Development Committee be granted delegated authority to progress this matter.

Councillor O Gawith and Alderman W J Dillon concurred with the comments by Councillor U Mackin.

Alderman A G Ewart, Chairman of the Development Committee, indicated his support to the above decision.

13.3 Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme Update

The Chief Executive reminded Members that Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council was the lead council for the delivery of the Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme on behalf of the 11 Councils.

It was noted that the tender evaluation of the Delivery of the Northern Ireland Business Start-Up programme (NIBSUP), the procurement of which was managed by the Central Procurement Directorate (CPD) on behalf of 11 councils, had now been completed, a copy of which had been furnished to the Council.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor J Gallen, and agreed that the CPD recommendation in respect of the above-mentioned tender evaluation be agreed and that the Council issues the letter of intent to the successful economic operator, it being noted that there was now a 10 day

13.3 Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme Update (Cont'd)

standstill period to allow for any challenge to this award, and subject to there being no legal challenge to this award.

13.4 Review of Lisburn City Centre Masterplan – Financial Appraisal

A copy of the Financial Appraisal for the Review of Lisburn City Centre Masterplan, which had been agreed by the Council's Financial Services Section, had been furnished to the Council.

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, and agreed that the Lisburn City Centre Masterplan Financial Appraisal be referred back for further consideration of the consultancy agreement.

13.5 Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce – President's Banquet Supporting Sponsor Proposal

The Chief Executive reminded the Council of its decision in May 2017 that the Council would become a Corporate Member of the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce in order to maximise networking and investment opportunities as part of the Councils overall inward investment programme.

The Chief Executive also reminded the Council that a summary of additional high profile sponsorship options had been presented which the Council could avail of in addition to taking Corporate Membership at the Chamber, and it had been agreed that the Council would be kept apprised of suitable sponsorship opportunities and events which it could become involved in.

The Council had been furnished with a copy of an overview of this Chamber of Commerce President's Banquet and sponsorship benefits at a total cost of £6,000 + VAT.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Councillor S Carson, and agreed that subject to a successful bid from the Council, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Development Committee, host a table at the Presidents Banquet event in November 2017, which was part of the overall sponsorship package, with invited guests and business associates.

It was noted that provision had been made for this expenditure in the Economic Development Estimates 2017-2018.

13.6 Financial Appraisal for Tender: Major Sports Facilities

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Council currently outsourced a number of services including lock and unlock, cleaning, static security, alarm response, golf course wardens, sports pavilion attendants and dog wardens. These tenders were now due for renewal. It was noted that the Council was taking the opportunity to review the composition of the tenders in line with procurement guidelines, and consolidating tenders across Departments where possible to achieve economies of scale.

13.6 Financial Appraisal for Tender: Major Sports Facilities (Cont'd)

In line with Council policy a copy of the Financial Appraisal for the cleaning of major sports facilities had been furnished to the Council which has been assessed by Officers in the Council's Financial Services and which met the requirements of the Council's Accounting Manual version 2.1.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor J McCarthy and agreed that the Financial Appraisal for the Cleaning of Major Sports Facilities be agreed, and that this Appraisal proceeds to tender.

It was proposed by Councillor A Redpath, seconded by Councillor C Quinn, and agreed to come "out of committee" and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Success of Local Golfer – Ms Paula Grant
Councillor U Mackin

Councillor U Mackin referred to the success of local golfer and member of Lisburn Golf Club, Ms Paula Grant, in winning the amateur Irish Ladies Closed Event recently.

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Councillor J Craig, and agreed that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, writes a letter of congratulations, on behalf of the Council, to Ms Grant on her achievement.

14.2 Success of Local Boxer – Mr Kurt Walker
Alderman S Martin

Alderman S Martin reported that local boxer, Mr Kurt Walker, had won a Bronze medal at the European Elite Boxing Championships recently.

It was agreed on a proposal by Alderman S Martin that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, writes a letter of congratulations, on behalf of the Council, to Mr Walker on his achievement.

Councillor R T Beckett asked the Director of Leisure & Community Services to convey Kurt Walker's recent success to Sport Lisburn who may wish to honour this achievement also.

14.3 Health & Safety Issues – Tower Blocks and Apartment Blocks
Councillor J Craig

Councillor J Craig proposed that following the tragic deaths as a result of the fire at the Grenfell Tower Block in West London last month and in light of there being similar type accommodation blocks in the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area the Council writes to the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Northern Ireland

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Councillor J Craig (Cont'd)

Housing Executive seeking an assurance in writing in regard to the safety of the tower block accommodation in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.

Councillor A Redpath left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Councillor N Anderson having seconded Councillor J Craig's proposal asked that the proposal include that the Council also writes to the Northern Ireland Housing Associations in regard to this matter. Councillor Anderson also asked that apartment accommodation be included in the proposal as there were similar health and safety issues in respect of apartment accommodation.

Councillor S Carson concurred with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers and reported that at a recent meeting of the Council's Policing and Community Safety Partnership, the NIHE representative, Mr Aengus Hannaway, had outlined the proactive approach by the NIHE in assessing health and safety issues of their tower blocks. Councillor Carson welcomed the proactive approach by the NIHE but added that it was important that the Council received the assurances in writing from both the NIHE and Northern Ireland Housing Associations. He stated that it was important that all health and safety polices were adhered to enhance the safety of constituents in the Council area.

The Director of Environmental Services advised of the Council's continued role within the Building Control Northern Ireland Group for Fire Safety, the Council having been involved in a number of meetings following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Director reported that there were 32 NIHE tower blocks across the Province of which 4 had retrofitted external cladding, but not the same type of cladding as that of the Grenfell Tower. Within the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area there were 8 such blocks and none of these had retrofitted cladding.

The Director gave an assurance that Council officers would continue to work alongside the above-mentioned interagency group including NIHE, Housing Associations, Health Estates and the NIFRS in addressing safety issues and ensuring that messages of assurance went out to the general public about public safety. The Director agreed that an update report by Building Control would be brought to a future meeting of Council, which would encapsulate all of the measures being addressed.

Councillor J Craig agreed to the additional proposals outlined above being incorporated into his proposal, which was put to the meeting and agreed, namely:

- a) the Council writes to the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive seeking an assurance in writing in regard to the safety of the tower block and apartment accommodation in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area,
- b) the Council writes to the Housing Associations in regard to the aforementioned safety of tower block and apartment accommodation, and

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- c) a report by Building Control on the work to date with the inter-agency group on this subject be brought to a future meeting of Council.

14.5 Rescheduled Planning Committee Meeting
Alderman D Drysdale

Alderman D Drysdale reminded the Council that the meeting of the Planning Committee had been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday 28 June 2017 in order to accommodate a number of Members on that Committee who were attending the Somme commemorations in Belgium.

It was agreed that apologies be recorded at the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (Thematic Group) meeting which was also scheduled to take place on Wednesday 28 June 2017 for those Members who were on the Planning Committee.

There being no further business for consideration, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, thanked Members for their attendance and the meeting was terminated at 8.00 pm.

Mayor