

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Thursday 5 March 2015 at 1.00 pm

PRESENT:

Presiding Member, Councillor J Tinsley

Deputy Presiding Member, Councillor S Martin

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, B Bloomfield, R Butler, S Carson, W J Dillon, D Drysdale, A G Ewart, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith, A Girvin, A Givan, J Gray, A Grehan, B Hanvey, M Henderson, T Jeffers, V Kamble, W A Leathem, H Legge, J McCarthy, A McIntyre, U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell, T Morrow, Jenny Palmer, John Palmer, L Poots, S P Porter, A Redpath, G Rice, S Skillen, M Tolerton and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive

Director of Development & Planning

Director of Corporate Services Committee

Director of Environmental Services Committee

Director of Leisure Services and Community Planning

Director of Finance and Convergence of IT Systems

PA to Chief Executive

Lisburn City Council

Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Central Administration)

Assistant Directors of Corporate Services (MCU)

Transition Manager

Committee Secretary

Castlereagh Borough Council

Acting Chief Executive

Director of Leisure Services

Transition Manager

IT Officer

Attendance Clerk

The Presiding Councillor, Councillor J Tinsley, welcomed everyone to the first Annual Meeting of the new Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies from Councillor P Catney who had been delayed on this return from Dublin Airport.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

The Presiding Councillor sought Declarations of Interest from Members and reminded them to complete the supporting form which had been circulated.

No declarations were submitted at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Shadow Council held on 11 June 2014

A copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Shadow Council held on 11 June 2014 had been furnished to the Council for noting, which had been adopted at the Meeting of the Shadow Council at its Meeting on 7 July 2014.

4. The Local Government (Standing Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

A copy of the Local Government (Standing Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) had been circulated to the Council, having been adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Shadow Council on 11 June 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor W A Leathem, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed that the Standing Orders as outlined in the above-mentioned Regulations be agreed, subject to further clarification being provided on point 20.3 (e).

5. Methodology for Election to Positions of Responsibility

It was noted that the Shadow Council at its Meeting on 25 February 2015 had agreed that the method for the election of positions of responsibility for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council be d'Hondt.

Also agreed at the Meeting of the Shadow Council on 25 February 2015 was that Council representation on the undernoted bodies for positions of responsibility be as follows:

i)	NI Housing Council	1 position for a four-year term
ii)	Reserve Forces Cadets	1 position for a four-year term
iii)	Partnership Panel	1 position for a four-year term
iv)	Arc 21	3 positions for a four-year term
v)	PCSP	10 positions for a four-year term

6. Election of Members to Positions of Responsibility

It was agreed that the following Members be nominated to positions of responsibility:-

	<u>Positions 2015/2016</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Member</u>
1	Mayor	DUP	Councillor R T Beckett
2	Deputy Mayor	UUP	Councillor A Redpath
3	Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	DUP	Councillor J Tinsley
4	Vice Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	APNI	Councillor A Grehan
5	Chairman, Development Committee	DUP	Councillor A Ewart
6	Vice Chairman, Development Committee	UUP	Councillor W J Dillon
7	Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	SDLP	Councillor B Hanvey
8	Vice Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	UUP	Councillor T Mitchell
9	Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	DUP	Councillor W A Leathem
10	Vice Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	APNI	Councillor V Kamble
11	Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	DUP	Councillor S P Porter
12	Vice Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	APNI	Councillor A McIntyre
13	Chairman, Planning Committee	UUP	Councillor M Henderson
14	Vice Chairman, Planning Committee	TUV	Councillor A Girvin

	<u>Positions 2016/2017</u>	<u>Political Party</u>
15	Mayor	UUP
16	Deputy Mayor	APNI
17	Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	APNI
18	Vice Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	DUP
19	Chairman, Development Committee	DUP
20	Vice Chairman, Development Committee	SDLP
21	Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	UUP

Positions 2016/2017 (Cont'd)

22	Vice Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	DUP
23	Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	UUP
24	Vice Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	UUP
25	Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	APNI
26	Vice Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	NI21
27	Chairman, Planning Committee	UUP
28	Vice Chairman, Planning Committee	DUP

Positions 2017/2018Political Party

29	Mayor	APNI
30	Deputy Mayor	UUP
31	Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	DUP
32	Vice Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	SDLP
33	Chairman, Development Committee	DUP
34	Vice Chairman, Development Committee	DUP
35	Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	DUP
36	Vice Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	DUP
37	Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	APNI
38	Vice Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	UUP
39	Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	DUP
40	Vice Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	DUP
41	Chairman, Planning Committee	DUP
42	Vice Chairman, Planning Committee	UUP

<u>Positions 2018/2019</u>	<u>Political Party</u>
43 Mayor	DUP
44 Deputy Mayor	APNI
45 Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	DUP
46 Vice Chairman, Corporate Services Committee	DUP
47 Chairman, Development Committee	DUP
48 Vice Chairman, Development Committee	DUP
49 Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	DUP
50 Vice Chairman, Environmental Services Committee	DUP
51 Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	DUP
52 Vice Chairman, Governance & Audit Committee	DUP
53 Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	DUP
54 Vice Chairman, Leisure & Community Development Committee	SDLP
55 Chairman, Planning Committee	DUP
56 Vice Chairman, Planning Committee	APNI

Positions of Responsibility on Bodies (four-year term 2015/16 – 2018/19)

57 Northern Ireland Housing Council	UUP	Councillor H Legge
58 Reserve Forces Cadets	DUP	Councillor J Tinsley
59 Partnership Panel	DUP	Councillor L Poots
60 Arc21	DUP	Councillor J Tinsley
61 Arc21	DUP	Councillor L Poots
62 Arc21	APNI	Councillor O Gawith
63 Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)	DUP	Councillor S Carson
64 PCSP	DUP	Councillor John Palmer
65 PCSP	DUP	Councillor M Tolerton
66 PCSP	DUP	Councillor D Drysdale
67 PCSP	DUP	Councillor U Mackin
68 PCSP	UUP	Councillor J Baird
69 PCSP	UUP	Councillor A Redpath
70 PCSP	APNI	Councillor G Rice
71 PCSP	APNI	Councillor A McIntyre
72 PCSP	SDLP	Councillor B Hanvey

6.1 Allocation of Council Positions on the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region) and the Northern Ireland Local Government Association 2015/2016

It was agreed that the following Members be nominated to represent the Council on the above-mentioned bodies for 2015/2016, it being noted that these positions were not positions of responsibility:-

(a) National Association of Councillors

Councillor John Palmer
 Councillor B Mallon
 Councillor A G Ewart
 Councillor T Jeffers
 Councillor A P Ewing
 Councillor M Henderson
 Councillor B Bloomfield
 Councillor V Kamble

(b) Northern Ireland Local Government Association

Councillor A Givan
 Councillor W A Leathem
 Councillor U Mackin
 Councillor D Drysdale
 Councillor Jenny Palmer
 Councillor W J Dillon
 Councillor M Henderson
 Councillor S Martin

7. Methodology for Election to Committees

It was noted that at the Meeting of the Shadow Council on 25 February 2015 the undernoted Committee titles and membership numbers had been agreed. The Shadow Council at its Meeting on 25 February 2015 also agreed that the method for election to Committees be the Greatest Quota Remainder method.

i)	Planning Committee	11 Members
ii)	Governance and Audit Committee	15 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor
iii)	Leisure & Community Development Committee	15 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor
iv)	Environmental Services Committee	15 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor
v)	Development Committee	15 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor
vi)	Corporate Services Committee	15 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor

8. Election of Members to Committee Positions 2015/2016

8.1 Planning Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Planning Committee for the year 2015/2016 be as follows:

Councillor M Henderson (Chairman)
Councillor A Girvin (Vice Chairman)
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor L C Poots
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor John Palmer
Councillor R T Beckett
Councillor M H Tolerton
Councillor R Butler
Councillor G Rice
Councillor P Catney

8.2 Governance & Audit Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Governance & Audit Committee for the year 2015/2016 be as follows:

Councillor W A Leathem (Chairman)
Councillor V Kamble (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor B Mallon
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor A G Ewart
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor J Tinsley
Councillor J McCarthy
Councillor A Girvin
Councillor B Bloomfield
Councillor H Legge
Councillor A Grehan
Councillor O Gawith
Councillor J Gallen

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, were ex-officio Members of the aforementioned Committee.

8.3 Leisure & Community Development Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Leisure & Community Development Committee for the year 2015/2016 be as follows:

8.3 Leisure & Community Development Committee (Cont'd)

Councillor S P Porter (Chairman)
Councillor A McIntyre (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Tinsley
Councillor J Gray
Councillor S Skillen
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor R Walker
Councillor A Givan
Councillor W A Leathem
Councillor H Legge
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor R Butler
Councillor T Morrow
Councillor V Kamble
Councillor J Gallen

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, were ex-officio Members of the aforementioned Committee.

8.4 Environmental Services Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Environmental Services Committee for the year 2015/2016 be as follows:

Councillor B Hanvey (Chairman)
Councillor T Mitchell (Vice Chairman)
Councillor A Givan
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor R Walker
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Councillor L C Poots
Councillor J Gray
Councillor S P Porter
Councillor J Baird
Councillor B Bloomfield
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor T Morrow
Councillor P Catney

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, were ex-officio Members of the aforementioned Committee.

8.5 Development Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Development Committee for the year 2015/2016 be as follows:

Councillor A G Ewart (Chairman)
Councillor W J Dillon (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Councillor S Skillen
Councillor S Carson
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor M H Tolerton
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor A Givan
Councillor H Legge
Councillor J Baird
Councillor B Bloomfield
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor S Martin
Councillor J Gallen

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, were ex-officio Members of the aforementioned Committee.

8.6 Corporate Services Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Corporate Services Committee for 2015/2016 be as follows:

Councillor J Tinsley (Chairman)
Councillor A Grehan (Vice Chairman)
Councillor John Palmer
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor S Carson
Councillor W A Leathem
Councillor B Mallon
Councillor J McCarthy
Councillor W J Dillon
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor S Martin
Councillor G Rice
Councillor O Gawith
Councillor V Kamble
Councillor B Hanvey

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Redpath, were ex-officio members of the above-mentioned Committee.

9. Election of Aldermen

It was agreed that the undernoted Members of Council be elected to the position of Alderman of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for the duration of the Council term:

Councillor J Tinsley
Councillor A G Ewart
Councillor S P Porter
Councillor W A Leathem
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor G Rice
Councillor S Martin
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor W J Dillon

Item for Noting

10 Freemen of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Area

The Council had been furnished with, and noted the content of, a list of Freemen of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Thanks by Incoming Mayor
Councillor R T Beckett

Councillor R T Beckett, having acknowledged the significant amount of work that had been carried out during the past year by the Shadow Council, expressed thanks and appreciation to his party and colleagues on the Council for having supported him for the position of Mayor for the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. Councillor Beckett also acknowledged the good work being done by the current Mayors of Lisburn City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council, and stated that he looked forward to taking up his role on 1 April 2015.

11.2 Thanks by Incoming Deputy Mayor
Councillor A Redpath

Councillor A Redpath, having congratulated Councillor R T Beckett on his elevation to Mayor of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, expressed thanks and appreciation to his party colleagues for having supported him for the position of Deputy Mayor for the new Council.

Councillors A G Ewart, G Rice, M Henderson, B Hanvey, J McCarthy and A Girvin, on behalf of their respective political parties on the Council, expressed congratulations and best wishes to Councillor R T Beckett and Councillor A Redpath on having been elected to Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the new Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, respectively.

Councillor J Tinsley commended the Transition Managers, Lisburn City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council, for their efforts in preparing for the first Annual Meeting of the new Council.

12. Tabled Report by the Chief Executive

It was agreed that the Tabled Report and recommendation by the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

12.1 Establishment of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Local Action Group Board

The Chief Executive presented the above item.

The Council was furnished with a copy of a letter dated 24 February 2015 from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) in relation to the establishment of the LAG Board.

Members noted that the appointment of the eight Members from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to the LAG Board were not positions of responsibility and therefore nominations to this Board did not require to follow the d'Hondt methodology.

The Chief Executive also drew Members' attention to the Department's comments in relation to the election of the membership to the LAG Board; namely, a process which would "follow the 'spirit' of what the DOE legislation outlines but in a way more appropriate to the requirements of the Rural Development Programme" and the "need for Councillors with a rural background to sit on the LAG." However, this was a matter for this Council's consideration and agreement.

It was agreed that the matter of nominations to DARD's Local Action Group Board be considered by the Shadow Council at its Meeting on Wednesday, 25 March 2015.

13 Other Matters

13.1 Community Planning Seminar, Dublin Castle, Dublin
Councillor R T Beckett

Councillor R T Beckett commended the Chief Executive for her contribution on the panel of speakers at a recent Community Planning seminar which had been organised by Co-operation Ireland and the Department of the Environment.

13.2 Vesting Day – 1 April 2014

Councillor M Henderson

The Chief Executive responded to a question from Councillor M Henderson in connection with plans for the first day of the new Council on Wednesday, 1 April 2015.

The Presiding Councillor, Councillor James Tinsley, requested that Members be informed of the arrangements for vesting day as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the Meeting was terminated at 1.16 pm.

Presiding Member