

LISBURN CITY & CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of Leisure and Community Development Committee meeting of Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council, held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL, on Thursday 13 November 2014 at 6.00 pm

IN THE CHAIR Councillor T Beckett

PRESENT: **Councillors:** N Anderson, J Gallen, A Girvin, A Givan, J Gray, M Henderson, A McIntyre, T Mitchell, T Morrow, J Tinsley, R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council
Chief Executive

Lisburn City Council:

Director of Leisure Services

Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Cultural Services)

Assistant Director of Leisure Services (General Services)

Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Sports Facilities)

Member Services Officer

Castlereagh Borough Council:

Acting Chief Executive

Director of Leisure Services

Acting Director of Administration and Community Services

General Manager Leisure and Marketing

Transition Manager

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING:

The Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee.

1. APOLOGIES

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting from the Deputy Presiding Member, Councillor Martin, and from Councillors B Bloomfield, P Porter and S Skillen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Noted.

3. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2014

There were no matters arising and it was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Anderson and

AGREED: That the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Development Committee meeting held on 9 October 2014 be confirmed and signed.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4.1 SHADOW LEISURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN

Members considered a draft work plan that had been prepared to coordinate and prioritise service convergence arrangements for Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council. It was agreed to note the content of the draft work plan.

4.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was reported that an interdepartmental working group led by the Acting Director of Administration and Community Services (CBC) and the Director of Corporate Services (LCC) had been established to progress an estates strategy, which would include building and grounds maintenance and the audit of facilities.

Members were provided with a detailed update on the development of the estates strategy including key areas to be included. It was noted that, when completed, the draft strategy would be brought back to the Committee for consideration and approval.

4.3 FACILITY PRICING

Members were asked to note that the extant Councils currently operated a range of differing prices and concessions schemes across the leisure and community development facilities and services and these needed to be reviewed in the context of an overall pricing/charging policy for the new Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Tinsley, seconded by Councillor Henderson and agreed that it be recommended that the Council approve a joint Officer and Elected Member workshop to consider a new pricing policy and to bring recommendations back to the next Leisure and Community Development Committee

4.4 JOINT SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ENHANCING STRATEGY

Members considered a detailed report on the background and development of a Sports Development Strategy for the new Council area. This would

represent a unique template in Northern Ireland in that it would be a strategy that would cover both Council areas prepared in advance of their amalgamation.

It was noted that funding had been obtained from the Public Health Agency and Sport NI as well as from both Councils and consultants had been appointed to facilitate the development process. Following a work shop involving stakeholders and consultants, a draft strategy had been produced.

Officers were presently carrying out further investigations into any potential resource implications arising out of the implementation of the draft strategy before the final draft strategy would be considered by the new Council.

It was agreed that it be recommended that a presentation of the Sport and Health Enhancing Physical Activity strategy be received at the next meeting of the Committee.

4.5 PRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Director of Leisure Services (LCC) reported on the outcome of a recent procurement exercise for the appointment of independent consultants to complete the production of a community support/community development plan. He advised that Sector Matters and Quarter Chartered Accountants had been appointed and officers would be meeting with the consultants in the next week.

The Director advised that it was expected that the consultation process would commence before the end of the month and that a presentation on the draft plan would be brought to the Committee in January 2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Morrow and agreed to note the progress in development of the community support/community development plan and to approve the appointment of consultants.

4.6 GOOD RELATIONS AUDIT

Members were advised that, following a procurement exercise, Blu Zebra had been appointed as independent consultants for the design and development of the Council's Good Relations strategy and action plan. A project initiation meeting had recently taken place and community consultation sessions with stakeholders and Elected Members would be arranged.

It was noted that Members would be formally advised of and invited to the consultation sessions and were requested to encourage and support active community engagement in the process.

It was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Morrow and agreed to note progress in the development of the Good Relations

strategy and to approve the appointment of the consultants.

4.7 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOUGH NEAGH

Members considered correspondence from the Lough Neagh Partnership requesting funding of £10k as well as the opportunity to make a presentation to Council on the work of the Partnership.

The Director of Leisure Services (LCC) advised that Lisburn City Council had previously supported the Partnership with a contribution of £3.5k.

It was agreed that it be recommended as follows:

- a) that the Council agree to receive a presentation from Lough Neagh Partnership in early 2015
- b) that, in the interim, the Council write to the Partnership enquiring about the reasons behind the increased funding request and also whether contributions from Councils were proportionate to the shoreline within the Council area and the assets on the shoreline.

4.8 ORANGE COMMUNITY NETWORK

Members considered a report from the Acting Director of Administration and Community Services (CBC) on the Orange Community Network who were seeking financial support from the Council for the implementation of their Strategic Plan for 2015-2020.

(Councillor Mitchell arrived at 6.15 pm)

It was agreed to recommend to Council as follows:

- a) that a copy of the Orange Community Network's Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 be uploaded to the Sharepoint site for members' information.
- b) That consideration of the funding request from Orange Community Network be deferred on the basis that the Council had yet to determine its community support and development priorities for the period from 1 April 2015
- c) that Orange Community Network be encouraged to participate in the consultation and engagement process associated with the development of the new Community Support and Development Strategy.

4.9 NORTHERN IRELAND INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS – LISBURN RACQUETS CLUB, 20 JUNE 2015

Members considered a report on the 2014 N.I. International Taekwondo Championships along with a breakdown of the costs associated with the event. The 2014 Championships had attracted 330 players from across

Europe and organisers were confident they could once again attract similar numbers to the 2015 event.

It was reported that Lisburn Taekwondo Club along with the United Taekwondo Association of Northern Ireland had requested that the Council provide funding of £1,000, which was similar to that provided by Lisburn City Council for the 2014 event

It was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Morrow and agreed to recommend that the Council approve funding of £1,000 for the 2015 Northern Ireland International Taekwondo Championships

4.10 SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST – REQUEST TO USE OVERFLOW CAR PARK AT LAGAN VALLEY LEISUREPLEX

Members were reminded that, following an initial expression of interest from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust in the use of the overflow car park at Lagan Valley Leisureplex, the Council had agreed that relevant officers meet with representatives of the Trust following which an update was to be provided to the Committee.

The Committee considered the final confirmed details arising out of the officers' meeting along with a recommendation for Members' consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Tinsley, seconded by Councilor McIntyre and agreed that the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust be granted access to 100 car parking spaces in the overflow car park at Lagan Valley Leisureplex from November 2015 to January 2018

4.11 NI SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: VENUE FOR THE BRITISH ISLES SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 2015

The Committee considered correspondence from the Northern Ireland Schools F.A. (NISFA) requesting the use of three pitches at the Billy Neill Soccer Centre from the 21-23 May 2015 as the venue for the British Isles Schools Football Championships in May 2015.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council agree to the request from the Northern Ireland Schools F.A. to use the Billy Neill Soccer Centre to host the British Isles Schools Championships in May 2015

4.12 RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT'S CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – 'ADVISING, SUPPORTING, EMPOWERING STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2015-2020

Members considered the agreed response by the Council to the Department of Social Development's consultation on the strategy for the delivery of generalist advice services in Northern Ireland 2015-2010

It was agreed that it be recommended that the Council approve the response to the Department of Social Development's consultation on the strategy for the delivery of generalist advice services in Northern Ireland 2015-2020

4.13 ARTSEKTA (BELFAST MELA) STRATEGY 2014-2017

The Director of Leisure Services (LCC) clarified that the correspondence and strategy document had been issued by Artsekta rather than Belfast Mela. It was noted that Artsekta had been identified as one of the stakeholders in the development of the Council's good relations strategy.

Additional Report

4.14 REGENERATION BILL

Members noted correspondence from the Minister for Social Development from the Department of Social Development advising of amendment to the Regeneration Bill and deferral of the transfer of housing and regeneration powers to Councils until April 2016.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

5.1 DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL PROJECT

It was proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mitchell and agreed that this item be considered 'in committee'.

(The Director of Leisure Services (CBC), the Director of Leisure Services (LCC), the Acting Director of Administration and Community Services (LCC), The Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Cultural Services) (LCC), the Assistant Director of Leisure Services (General Services) (LCC), the Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Sports Facilities) (LCC), the General Manager Leisure and Marketing (CBC) and the Transition Manager (CBC) left the meeting at 6.35 pm)

Members considered correspondence from the Acting Chief Executive regarding the Dundonald International Ice Bowl Project.

Councillors Morrow and Henderson asked that it be recorded that, while they had not opposed the decision to bring the project to a standstill, they would wish to register their opposition to a complete cessation.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council respond to the Acting Chief Executive's letter noting the current position with regard to the DIIB project and confirming that upgrading or redevelopment of DIIB would be included in discussions regarding capital budgets for the new Council and also confirming that decisions taken to date did not preclude ongoing investigations into potential European funding for the project.

It was proposed by Councillor Tinsley, seconded by Councillor Givan and agreed that the meeting continue 'out of committee' and normal business be resumed.

(Councillor Walker left at 6.45 pm)

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 FLOODING

Councillor Givan referred to that day's heavy rain which had resulted in roads and some homes being flooded. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would send out to Members information and contact details for the various agencies involved in providing emergency assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.50 pm

Chair

Date