

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Development Committee of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 at 5.00 pm

PRESENT: Alderman A G Ewart, Chairman

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R T Beckett

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE and S Martin

Councillors B Bloomfield, A P Ewing, A Givan, H Legge,
U Mackin, S Scott and M H Tolerton

OTHER MEMBERS Alderman J Tinsley, Councillors P Catney, J Gray, and
A Grehan, B Harvey and J McCarthy

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Chief Executive
Lead Head of Development
Regeneration Manager
Committee Secretary

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting of the Development Committee and thanked Members for their attendance.

Purpose of Meeting

The Special Meeting had been convened in order to receive a report by the Lead Head of Development in relation to the budget for the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme and also to agree a strategic direction to programme completion.

It was noted that the Council at its Meeting on 22 March 2016 had granted delegated authority to the Development Committee to take appropriate decisions in relation to legal advice received by the Council regarding the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors J Baird, J Gallen, T Mitchell and Jenny Palmer.

Apologies from Members not on the Development Committee were received from Councillors N Anderson and R Walker.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, extended a welcome to those Members in attendance who were not Members of the Development Committee.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest they might have in relation to the business of the special meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard, which had been provided at the meeting.

A completed Declaration of Interest form was received from the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart in respect of the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme, in view of his employment as a Special Advisor to the Minister for Social Development.

3. Confidential Business

Report by the Lead Head of Development

“In Committee”

It was proposed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor B Bloomfield, and agreed that the business be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or members of the public.

For Decision

3.1 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme

The Lead Head of Development reminded the Committee that at the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 17 February 2016 it had been agreed that the Council appoint an independent third party to review the costs outlined in the presentation provided by White Young Green (WYG) on the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme.

Copies of the following correspondence had been furnished to the Committee:

- a) letter dated 22 March 2016 from the Council’s legal team setting out:
 - (i) the legal position and recommendations regarding outstanding certified amounts to the Public Realm contractor, and
 - (ii) the recommended strategic direction for the Council to programme completion

3.1 Lisburn Public Realm Scheme (Cont'd)

- b) letter dated 21 March 2016 from the Public Realm Scheme Contractor's legal advisor in connection with the outstanding payment, and
- c) letter dated 22 March 2016 by way of response from the Council's legal team to the Contractor's legal advisor.

The Lead Head of Development elaborated on the issues raised in the above-mentioned correspondence from the Council's legal team, following which he responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor S Scott left the meeting at 5.09 pm and returned at 5.15 pm.

Councillor A Givan and Councillor H Legge entered the Meeting at 5.17 pm and 5.25 pm, respectively.

It was proposed by Councillor B Bloomfield, seconded by Councillor M H Tolerton, and agreed to come "out of Committee" and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

On the resumption of normal business it was noted that the Committee had agreed on a proposal by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, that:

- a) the Council approves the payment of Certificate 31 to the Public Realm Scheme Contractor forthwith, and
- b) the strategic direction for the Council to programme completion for the Lisburn Public Realm Scheme, as outlined in the correspondence from the Council's legal team, be agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, thanked Members for their contribution and the Special Meeting ended at 5.35 pm.

Chairman