



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor J Montgomery)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – F Agnew, P Brett, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke
M Cosgrove, M Girvan, P Michael and J Smyth
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, M Cooper,
H Cushinan, P Dunlop, G Finlay, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour
M Goodman, P Hamill, L Irwin, N Kelly, R Kinnear, AM Logue,
R Lynch, V McAuley, N McClelland, T McGrann, V McWilliam,
M Magill, N Ramsay, V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth, M Stewart,
R Swann, B Webb and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Director of Economic Development and Planning – M McAlister
Director of Operations – G Girvan
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning – N Harkness
Director of Organisation Development – A McCooke
Head of Finance – J Balmer
Head of IT – G Smyth
Head of Corporate Recovery – Liz Johnston
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
Systems Support Officer – C Bell
Member Services Manager – V Lisk
- In Attendance** : Stephen Wood, Head of Transport Planning and Modelling
Tony Rafferty, Head of Transport Plans

In order to protect public health during the current COVID-19 emergency it was not possible to allow the public or the press to physically attend the meeting. The public and the press can access those parts of the meeting which they are entitled to attend via live stream (a link to which is on the Council website). The meeting minutes and audio recording would be published on the Council's website.

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting, and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by The Venerable Dr Stephen McBride, Archdeacon of Connor.

Councillors Cushinan, Finlay, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear, Logue and McGrann joined the meeting.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor paid tribute to Andy Hlawek, co-founder of the Gilbert Sister Cities Youth Exchange Programme who had passed away, and offered condolences to his wife and children.

He also congratulated Antrim's Jordan Brown on his magnificent victory in the Welsh Snooker Open Championship.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to congratulate Templepatrick man, Wayne Boyd, who won the Asian Le Mans LMP3 title in Abu Dhabi at the weekend.

2 APOLOGIES

Alderman J McGrath

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 12.8 – Councillor Wilson – non-pecuniary interest

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday, 25 January 2021 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Burns and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday, 1 February 2021 be approved and adopted.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday, 2 February 2021 be approved and adopted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday, 8 February 2021 be approved and adopted.

8(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1

Moved by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday, 15 February 2021 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

8(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2

Moved by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday, 15 February 2021 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Kinnear joined the meeting during the next item.

9 PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

The Mayor welcomed the representatives from the Department for Infrastructure, Mr Stephen Wood, Head of Transport Planning and Modelling, and Mr Tony Rafferty, Head of Transport Plans, to the meeting via Zoom.

Mr Wood provided an overview of the Transport Study, outlined the next stage of the Transport Plan Process and the indicative transport measures needed. He and Mr Rafferty responded to Members' questions and, in response to a request from a Member, agreed to provide further information regarding the expansion of the Belfast Rapid Transport system.

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Wood and Mr Rafferty for their presentation and they left the meeting.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met:-

- Licence for works on land adjacent to the pitches at Sixmile Leisure Centre
- Lease with Age NI for the lease of an office at Ballyclare Town Hall.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED – that the documents be signed and sealed.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services

10.2 G-LEG-321-12 AMENDMENT TO THE FOOTWAY (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER

Members were advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) proposing to amend the Footway (Prohibition of Waiting) Order.

The amendment would prohibit vehicles from waiting on a footway adjacent to a bus stop.

A copy of the correspondence was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED – that a corporate response in support of the amendment be issued.

ACTION BY: Deirdre Nelson, Paralegal

10.3 CE/OA/035 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Members were advised that correspondence had been received (circulated) from Sarah Havlin, Local Government Boundaries Commissioner for Northern Ireland, advising that she has taken the first statutory step in a review of the 11 district council areas in Northern Ireland. Proposals were now invited from councils, political parties, associations, organisations and individual members of the public in relation to the boundary and name of the 11 districts: and the number, boundaries and names of the wards within the 11 districts.

The Chief Executive suggested that a corporate response be issued.

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED – that a corporate response advising that the Council is content with the boundary and name be issued.

ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.4 G/MSMO/7/VOL 3 TRANSLINK REQUEST TO UPDATE

Members were advised that Translink had requested an opportunity to update Members on the planned roll-out of low and zero emission buses across the network over the coming months and years at a relevant Council or Committee meeting during April or May.

Moved by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Ross and

RESOLVED – that Translink be invited to present to a future Policy and Governance Committee meeting.

ACTION BY: Member Services

10.5 HR/GEN/034 NORTHERN IRELAND UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME (UBI) TRIALS STEERING GROUP

Universal Basic Income (UBI) Lab Northern Ireland is part of the UBI Lab Network which is a global network of over 30 local groups campaigning for trials of Universal Basic Income in Northern Ireland.

Members were advised that UBI Lab Northern Ireland were inviting 2 representatives from the Council to join a new Steering Group, working towards the planning and delivery of Universal Basic Income trials in Northern Ireland.

UBI Lab Northern Ireland proposed that the 2 representatives would be 1 Elected representative who has presented a motion or chaired a committee supportive of Universal Basic Income, and 1 Council Officer who has responsibility for this area.

The purpose of the Steering Group is to bring together several strategic stakeholders to support the delivery of a trial, or trials, of Universal Basic Income in Northern Ireland.

The main aim of this Group is to explore the feasibility of a Universal Basic Income in reducing poverty and improving life outcomes in Northern Ireland through UBI trials which would provide an evidence base upon which national policy discussions could be based.

The Group would meet quarterly and a copy of the draft Terms of Reference was circulated for Members' information. The next meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled to be held by Zoom on 22 March 2021.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Finlay and Alderman Smyth be nominated to join the Northern Ireland Universal Basic Income Trials Steering Group, along with the appropriate Council Officer.

ACTION BY: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning/Member Services

10.6 ED/ED/173 STRATEGIC ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The Strategic Economic Working Group met on 28 January 2021 to review progress on strategic economic development and tourism matters and to consider priorities going forward as a result of the pandemic and its economic impact. A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 28 January 2021 was circulated for Members' consideration.

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Strategic Economic Working Group of 28 January 2021 be approved.

ACTION BY: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

10.7 AC/GEN/068 THE GATEWAY VISITOR CENTRE EXHIBITION UPDATE

Exhibition Update

Members were reminded that in October 2020 the Council approved the appointment of Totalis Solutions to design, supply and install an exhibition at the Gateway Visitor Centre. Members were consulted on the proposed themes and content of the exhibition at a workshop on 10 December 2020. Concept designs and an outline of the exhibition including visuals were circulated for Members' information and reflected the 5 themes of Legends, Life, Living, Lives and Links.

Following the workshop Totalis commenced work on developing the exhibition as proposed and completion was anticipated by the end of March 2021.

Antrim Castle Gardens Stonework

Members were also reminded that it was agreed at the October meeting of the Community Planning Committee that the Antrim Castle stonework artefacts, currently in the possession of the Heritage Buildings Branch of the Department for Communities, be returned to Antrim Castle Gardens subject

to the approval of Lord Massereene and the affordability of transport from Castlewellan. Correspondence had been received from Lord Massereene giving his approval and also expressing a desire to see some of the stonework on display in the future. The costs of transport were estimated to be £1,900. There was one particular artefact featuring a mermaid and its image was circulated for Members' information. The exhibition designers had been shown this artefact and were keen to incorporate it into the Gateway Exhibition, which includes the history of Antrim Castle Gardens. It was proposed to organise collection of the stonework and provide this particular artefact for display at The Gateway Visitor Centre. Officers would consider how to put further stonework items on display in the near future.

Moved by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED – that

- a) the update on the Gateway Visitor Centre Exhibition be noted;**
- b) the collection of Antrim Castle Gardens stonework from Heritage Buildings at an approximate cost of £1,900 be approved with the mermaid stone to be included as part of the Gateway Exhibition.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Head of Arts and Culture

10.8 AC/GEN/068 THE JOYCE TORPEDO RETRIEVAL BOAT

Members were aware that an important part of the Lough Neagh story and history of the Lough is the Torpedo Platform, which played a vital role during the Second World War. This will be featured within the Gateway exhibition. Members were also reminded that it was reported to the Community Planning Committee in October 2020 that officers are working with the Lough Neagh Partnership to develop the tourism offer associated with the Lough and wider history of Antrim.

The Partnership recently advised officers of an opportunity to acquire a boat named 'The Joyce' which operated on the Lough from 1943 as a torpedo retrieval boat. A description of the boat along with images was circulated for Members' information.

This opportunity had arisen through Silvery Light Sailing, a NI based charity who promotes maritime heritage, having been asked by the boat owners to explore potential return of the boat to its historical home. The current private owners of the Joyce wish to 'gift' the vessel to a 'good home' where it will continue to be preserved. They acquired the boat in 1960 when it was decommissioned by the Royal Navy and have used the boat since this time as a working boat in Weymouth. They advise that they have maintained The Joyce to a good condition throughout its life. It is not a passenger boat but rather a working boat that started life on Lough Neagh by acting as a torpedo retrieval vessel during World War II. It is not suitable for use as a pleasure craft nor is it suitable for carrying passengers.

A meeting with Lough Neagh Partnership and Silvery Light Sailing was held to develop a proposal. If the Council was to accept the offer of 'The Joyce' as a 'gift' Silvery Light Sailing would organise collection of the boat and transport to NI where they would carry out cosmetic enhancements to the boat to present it in the best possible condition. Following this they would manage the return of The Joyce to Lough Neagh. Silvery Light Sailing had indicated that they could enter an agreement with the Council to take on annual maintenance of the boat at an estimated cost of £1,500 per annum. Prior to making any final decision about acceptance of The Joyce a full condition report to assess current condition and any costs of making good or potential future cost related to any maintenance issues should be carried out.

If the Council was to accept the proposal as outlined The Joyce could potentially be moored in Sixmile River at The Gateway Centre as an external exhibit but integral part of the Lough Neagh story and exhibition. This would require some security infrastructure and visitor interpretation to both secure the boat and tell its story.

The estimated total cost of having The Joyce returned to Lough Neagh to become part of the Gateway exhibition is £20,000 with the Lough Neagh Partnership having offered a contribution of £2,500,

It was proposed to accept this offer in principle with a further report detailing full costs and financial liability to come back to a future meeting for approval. As part of this any opportunities to lease The Joyce to a suitable non for profit maritime heritage charity would be carried out.

Moved by Alderman Michael
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

RESOLVED – that the offer to acquire The Joyce, as part of The Gateway Visitor Centre exhibition offer, be approved in principle with a further report outlining full costs, management and maintenance arrangements to be brought to a future meeting.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Head of Arts and Culture

10.9 AC/EV/003 ONE GIANT WEEKEND EVENTS

Members were reminded that Garden Show Ireland (GSI) has been held in Antrim Castle Gardens annually since 2014, having moved from Hillsborough Castle. Taking place traditionally in early May the Show is a 3-day festival of flowers, food and family fun themed around gardening and is aimed at a wide audience. The Council had been providing financial support of £35,000 to GSI for delivery of the Show in Castle Gardens from 2014.

Over the 5-year period of the Show it had attracted average attendances of approximately 25,000 over 3 days. A large proportion of visitors to the Show come from outside of the Borough as well as from outside of Northern Ireland. Specialist traders and exhibitors also participated in the Show from all over the UK and ROI.

Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI) place a value of £18 per day on a day visit to an area. Using this value, the economic impact of the event over the past 5 years is estimated at £2.25 million or £450,000 annually. In addition, a post show evaluation in 2018 revealed 5.8 million media opportunities to see or hear about the Show and the Gardens.

Members were reminded that a report on Council Events Outlook was taken to the Council meeting in January where it was agreed that a report on the proposal for GSI 2021 would be brought to the Council in February 2021.

Having reviewed the business model for the event in the context of COVID restrictions it had been concluded that it was not going to be possible to hold Garden Show Ireland in 2021, with the following significant risks identified.

- It was expected that COVID-19 restrictions continue to create a high risk to all event planning and delivery up until September and possibly beyond.
- An adapted Garden Show, the restricted numbers, has an increased financial risk of cost significantly exceeding budget given the impact restrictions will have upon numbers attending, traders participating, sponsorship and therefore income generated to subsidise costs.
- There was also the additional financial risk of committing to an event with a very real possibility of cancellation. The earlier the date the greater the risk of cancellation.

Members were aware that the last GSI event was held in Antrim Castle Gardens in 2018. Therefore, there will have been no event for three consecutive years, which has the potential to reduce brand awareness and challenge any future recovery through need to awaken interest and awareness of the event and rebuild the audience.

Members were aware that One Giant Weekend events as part of the NI Centenary programme are planned for the first weekend in September 2021. It was proposed to incorporate a promotional element of GSI into the Centenary Giant Picnic in the Park outdoor event planned for Saturday 4 September 2021 in Antrim Castle Gardens. A specific area of the Gardens could be designated as the Garden Show element of the Giant Picnic and used to promote the return of the event in 2022 with the dates for next year's event proposed as 24, 25 and 26 June 2022. Ticket sales for the 2022 event would be live for the September promotional event and visitors to the Giant Picnic would have the opportunity to taste a flavour of Garden Show through a showcase garden display featuring the best of NI, promotional footage from previous events, special guests, prize giveaways and advance booking special offers.

In addition, Members considered incorporating the Spinning Yarns event into a Giant Picnic. This wool and linen festival was developed as a celebration of all things to do with both of these natural and indigenous craft products. A

Giant Picnic, as a NI Centenary event, would showcase a range of local craft and heritage incorporated and therefore would create the opportunity in 2021 to include the Spinning Yarns event into the Antrim Castle Gardens Centenary event.

It was also proposed to incorporate the Shoreline Festival into One Giant Weekend. Antrim Live was proposed for 29/30 May 2021 but should restrictions impact adversely on the potential delivery of Antrim Live on these dates then it was proposed to reschedule Antrim Live to run alongside a Giant Picnic event, over the first weekend in September 2021.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED – that the incorporation of a Garden Show Ireland promotional element, Antrim Live, and the Shoreline Festival into the One Giant Weekend planned for 4 and 5 September 2021 be approved, and the Spinning Yarns event be located at Mossley Mill.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Head of Arts and Culture

10.10 ED/ED/192 SIB CONSULTATION – INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Strategic Investment Board (SIB) has been tasked by the NI Executive to bring forward the new Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI) and had launched a Call for Evidence (<https://ISNI.gov.uk/ISNI2021/Call-for-Evidence-and-how-to-engage/>) which closes at the end of February 2021.

The development and maintenance of the Investment Strategy is one of SIBs core statutory responsibilities and it is developed by SIB on behalf of Ministers, working with The Executive Office and Department of Finance officials. The last Investment Strategy covered the period 2011-2021 however it was intended that the new strategy will have a longer term horizon of up to 30 years. It would provide the framework for future public sector capital investment in economic and social infrastructure and will sit alongside other core documents such as the Programme for Government, the Budget and a range of strategic policies.

There are a range of challenges and constraints which impact the development of the new strategy including providing for work already in progress, ensuring compliance from a legal perspective, realising commitments which have been made and considering how aspirational schemes may be included. At the same time it was recognised that investment on this scale can play a key role stimulating recovery and development, ensuring that what currently exists is maintained and where possible that the regional asset base is enhanced and extended for the future.

The emerging ISNI pillars had been identified as outlined below;

- Transport and mobility (including ports, airport, road, rail, bus and cycle/walk)
- Skills and Learning including schools, further and higher education and lifelong learning
- Health and Social Care including primary, secondary and tertiary care, and social care
- Justice including courts, prisons, police and probation
- Social and Community including sport/leisure and culture and housing
- Industry and innovation
- Digital and communication
- Water and waste
- Energy

Officers had drafted a short summary under each heading highlighting the key considerations for the Borough. A copy of the summary was circulated.

Whilst the Call for Evidence asked that a Survey Monkey questionnaire be completed, this is structured at a Northern Ireland level and did not focus on specific needs at a local level. It was therefore proposed that the summary be submitted to SIB as the Council's response. In addition to this submission Members may also wish to make their own contributions on an individual or party basis.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that the summary response to the proposed Investment Strategy NI pillars be submitted to SIB as the Council's response.

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

10.11 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION, NEW PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

Members were aware that the NI Executive had launched a consultation in relation to the new Programme for Government with responses requested before the closing date of 22 March 2021. The consultation document could be accessed via the following link

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-programme-government-draft-outcomes-framework>

By way of introduction, the document explains that the new programme needs to be focussed on improving the wellbeing of citizens, particularly post COVID and that a whole society approach is required in that everyone has a role to play including; central government, local government, private sector, community and voluntary sector etc. The document also reflects on the fact that health and happiness are of great importance to people and that this needs to feature within the future programme which in itself should drive any changes to laws, the delivery of our public services and investment in future projects.

The approach that is being taken is an Outcomes Based Approach meaning that you start at the end with what you want to achieve and work your way back. To this end the Outcome Statements established are critical to setting the direction going forward.

Nine Outcomes Statements were proposed, which are assessed to be very relevant to our society in NI and are summarised as follows:-

1. Our children and young people have the best start in life
2. We live and work sustainably - protecting the environment
3. We have an equal and inclusive society where everyone is valued and treated with respect
4. We all enjoy long, healthy active lives
5. Everyone can reach their full potential
6. Our economy is globally competitive, regionally balanced and carbon neutral
7. Everyone feels safe - we all respect the law and each other
8. We have a caring society that supports people throughout their lives
9. People want to live, work and visit here

The document explains the rationale for the inclusion of each outcome and identifies the strategies that link to each. The consultation asks if these are the right ones and who can play a role in achieving these.

A draft response to the Programme of Government Draft Outcomes Framework Consultation Document was circulated for Members' consideration. Members noted that NILGA is also preparing a draft response.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

RESOLVED – that the draft response for the Programme of Government Draft Outcomes Framework Consultation Document be approved.

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

10.12 ED/ED/080 VOL 5 CORPORATE EVENTS SPONSORSHIP – IRISH GAME FAIR

In February 2020 the Council approved £15,000 funding to Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd for the Irish Game Fair at Shane's Castle and an indicative funding offer at a similar level for the event in 2021 and 2022 subject to the outcome of an annual evaluation. The event was originally scheduled for 27 to 28 June 2020.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic the event was postponed until 2021. In August 2020 Council approved £2,500 to support a Virtual Game Fair. The purpose of this was to positively profile the Borough to domestic tourists while helping the project promoters maintain a connection with their audience and

help sustain the event for the longer-term. The Virtual Fair featured the Borough's tourism providers and attracted 140,000 online visitors.

The event promoters had been active in planning a future Game Fair that is agile enough to meet the changing Health and Safety and COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. As part of this process they had been granted the Tourism NI 'Good to Go' accreditation. The event promoters were planning to incorporate specific safety measures including traffic management to limit contacts. Options were being considered to limit numbers to the Game Fair over each day in accordance with event guidance. One approach being considered for this was to make the Game Fair a pre-ticketed event. The organisers had now approached the Council for £15,000 funding for the Irish Game Fair which was anticipated to be held on 26 to 27 June 2021 at Shane's Castle subject to restrictions being eased.

Moved by Alderman Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Logue and

RESOLVED – that the Council approves sponsorship of £15,000 to Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd for the Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival 2021 from the Corporate Events budget.

ACTION BY: Karen Steele, Tourism, Town Centre and Regeneration Manager

10.13 ED/GEN/015 & ED/ED/184 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVITALISE FUNDING

The Action Plan for 'Revitalise Funding' administered by the Department for Communities (DfC) for business and town centre COVID-19 recovery was approved by the Council in July 2020 and the most recent update to Council was in January 2021. At the January meeting authority was delegated to the Chief Executive to implement any new requests which meet the broad criteria of the funding. This was to avoid any underspend before the deadline for expenditure of March 2021.

Members were reminded that the total amount of funding awarded to the Council by the Department for Communities was £972k. The funding was termed 'Revitalise Funding' and it was made up of financial contributions from the following sources:

- Department for Communities – aimed at town centre business support and regeneration;
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs – aimed at rural business support and village regeneration; and
- Department for Infrastructure – aimed at blue and green infrastructure improvements.

The funding is primarily a capital support with only £26k of the £972k allocation being available for revenue projects. The completion date for expenditure of this funding was originally 31 March 2021 however on behalf of SOLACE, the Chief Executive had written to the Department for Communities to seek a regional funding extension. The feedback from the Department was that the

extension will be granted. This provided a longer timescale for the delivery of projects particularly the blue and green infrastructure projects, approved by the Council in January.

A current Action Plan detailing the proposed spend was circulated for Members' information. Members noted that the action plan outlines how the £972,000 will be expended over 3 Tranches as required by the Department. A further Tranche 4 was included within the table which details a series of projects that had been identified through engagement with businesses as important to the recovery efforts in the town centres and villages. These projects, as detailed below total £133,100.32 and it was proposed that this cost is met through the remaining DfC budget of £23,100.32 combined with the Town Team budget of £110,000 for 2020/2021.

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| Town Centre Infrastructure | Minor capital works associated with the Awning Scheme(s) | £20,000.00 |
| Town Centre Infrastructure | Additional Illumination Expenditure: Crumlin 14 No Pole Mounted Wraps(£4.2k), Glengormley 20LED Wraps (£6k) = £10.2k | £10,200 |
| Town Centre Infrastructure | Minor Improvements Schemes across Towns and Villages | £25,000 |
| Town Centre Infrastructure | Covid Aware Promotion via 5 x town centre representative bodies. £2k each. | £10,000 |
| Town Centre Infrastructure | Ballyclare Footfall Counters | £12,000 |
| Rural Development | Village Hand Sanitisation Systems (£275 x 25 = £6,875). Initially targetting Ballyrobert, Burnside, Doagh, Dunadry, Ballynure, Parkgate, Straid, Templepatrick and Toome. | £6,875 |
| Town Centre Promotion | Lamp-post and freestanding Banners (PROVISIONAL SUM - Amount TBC) | £20,000 |
| Town Centre Promotion | Purchase of mobile tannoy systems for town centres (PROVISIONAL SUM - Amount TBC) | £20,000 |
| TBC | Water Bottle Refill Stations | £9,025 |
| Tranche 4 total: | | £133,100.32 |

Key points to note in the Action Plan and Tranche 4 projects were:

- A further 'Back in Business' billboard Campaign to encourage 'shop local' is scheduled at the end of March at a value of £6,000;
- The awning scheme was continuing to be delivered with installations across town centres currently scheduled to be complete by the end of March 2021. A review of businesses in rural villages was currently being undertaken to identify properties which would be feasible to include in an extended scheme. A provisional sum for minor works had also been included in the Action Plan at an estimated value of £20k. This was to cover minor, supplementary capital works by property owners such as

moving signage, lighting etc. A schedule of final orders was awaited and there may be scope to re-open the scheme to other eligible businesses within town centres.

- A budget of £10k had been included to promote the Council's COVID Aware Scheme to businesses including promotion via the Chambers of Commerce and other key business bodies in each town/village;
- The purchase of footfall counters for Ballyclare as a pilot scheme was profiled at a value of £12k. This was a previous Town Team Project for which a provider was commissioned but a contract not awarded;
- The purchase of 25 village hand sanitisation stations at value of £6,875 had been included. It was intended that they will be provided to rural businesses in the first instance to further promote health and safety;
- The purchase of two mobile tannoy systems for temporary use across our town centres and at events was included at a value of £20,000;
- The latest Micro Grant for businesses for COVID-19 recovery closed on 4 February and a further 72 eligible applications had been received which brings the total applications to the scheme to 90. The list of business awards for which the Chief Executive was granted delegated authority was circulated.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED – that

- i. the updated Action Plan including the Tranche 4 projects and associated budgets be approved;**
- ii. the micro grant for businesses awarded under delegated authority since the previous tranche be noted;**
- iii. authority continue to be delegated to the Chief Executive to implement any new requests which meet the broad criteria of the funding provided should an underspend be identified as the Council reaches the deadline for expenditure.**

ACTION BY: Craig Mullan, Strategic Business Investment and Engagement Officer

11. ITEMS FOR NOTING

11.1 CE/OA/12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP PANEL – DRAFT OUTCOMES NOTE

Members were aware that a virtual meeting of the Local Government Partnership Panel took place on 20 January 2021. A draft Outcomes Note

had been prepared by NILGA and was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.2 CE/GEN/015 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING CHILD POVERTY TASK FORCE

Members recalled that at the Council meeting of 25 January 2021 a Motion was carried regarding a call to convene a child poverty task force to reduce child poverty by next year and over the next decade. As requested the Chief Executive had written to Minister Hargey.

Paul McKillen, Director of Central Policy, had now replied and a copy of the response was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.3 FI/FIN/045 DETAILS ON RATE SETTING PROCESS 2021/22 AND RELATED GENERAL ESTIMATES OF RATES FORM

Members recalled that a report was brought to the January Policy and Governance Committee advising that due to the current COVID-19 emergency situation the rate setting date would be changed to 1 March for the 2021/22 financial year pending legislation being put in place.

Formal confirmation of the amended regulations had now been received and copies of the Rates (Coronavirus: Making of District Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and the Local Government (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 were circulated for Members' information.

A Special Council meeting will be held on 1 March 2021, prior to the Operations Committee, for this purpose.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.4 ED/ED/140 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the GROW South Antrim Local Action Group meetings held on 7 February 2020, 5 June 2020 and 11 September 2020 were circulated for Members' information. Members noted that some commercial business details had been redacted in line with operational requirements.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the GROW Local Action Group meetings held on 7 February 2020, 5 June 2020 and 11 September 2020 be noted.

NO ACTION

11.5 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's February 2021 monthly bulletin was circulated for Members' information. A copy of the minutes of the Housing Council meeting on 14 January 2021 were also circulated

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.6 CE/GEN/015 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGARDING ANTRIM TOWN CENTRE

Members recalled that at the Council meeting held on 25 January 2021, a Motion was unanimously carried regarding the regeneration of Antrim Town Centre. As requested the Chief Executive had written to Minister Mallon.

The Private Secretary to the Minister had now replied and a copy of the response was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.7 G/MSMO/002 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Members were advised that Councillor McAuley had notified the Chief Executive of her resignation from the Council with effect from 23 February 2021.

Party Leaders, on behalf of their Groups, thanked Councillor McAuley for her service to Council and the Airport DEA , and wished her well on her return to medicine. Councillor McAuley thanked Members for their kind words, expressed her best wishes to them for the rest of the Term, and thanked the Chief Executive for her leadership and Officers for their service.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

The Mayor advised that the Motion would be taken at this point of the meeting.

13 MOTION

*Proposed by Councillors Leah Smyth and Robert Foster
Seconded by Councillors Jeannie Archibald-Brown and Glenn Finlay*

'Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council recognises the difficulties and challenges all people have gone through during periods of lockdowns and restrictions. In particular, we recognise the challenges faced by those children in primary and secondary level education in facing these challenges and commend them for how they have addressed such fundamental changes to life and learning. We would ask if officers could provide recommendations as to how we, as a Council, can show recognition of their bravery, determination, and resilience during this difficult time.'

The Motion was declared unanimously carried.

ACTION BY: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

Members were advised that the live stream and audio recording would cease at this point.

12. ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** WM/arc21/008 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT

As agreed at the January meeting of Council a letter was sent to the arc21 Acting Chief Executive. This letter dated 1 February 2021 together with the response dated 8 February 2021 were circulated.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

RESOLVED – that the correspondence from Council and the response be noted.

NO ACTION

12.2 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/157 TENDER FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GLENGORMLEY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

In November, the Council approved an initial budget commitment of £90,000 to progress the Glengormley Environmental Improvement scheme to Economic Appraisal stage.

The completion of the Economic Appraisal would assist Council with a funding application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for up to £2,000,000 for the scheme.

This report presented the recent tender exercise to appoint the consultant design team for the scheme. The completion of the Economic Appraisal was included within the scope of services for the consultant design team appointment.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope for the scheme included the following elements:

- provision of natural stone paving and kerbs (7,000m²), street lighting, street furniture, and soft landscaping to the Antrim and Ballyclare Roads.

In addition, there was the aspiration for Glengormley to become a 'Smart Town' applying digital technology and innovation to improve lives and urban services.

PROCUREMENT

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 2 July 2020. Seven completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs) were received prior to the closing date of 14 August 2020 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The PQQ responses were evaluated using the criteria of past performance, economic and financial standing, professional conduct,

health and safety and technical and professional ability. The six highest scoring consultants were selected for Invitation to Tender (ITT).

ITT documents were issued to the six consultants on the 30 November 2020. Five completed ITT submissions were received by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

TENDER ANALYSIS

The tenders were evaluated on a quality (40%) and price (60%) basis. RPS submitted the most economically advantageous tender submission as detailed below:

| Consultant | Quality Score (40%) | Price Score (60%) | Total Score (Quality + Price) |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| RPS | 40 | 60 | 100 |

| Consultant | Total of the Prices* | Total – Other Services** | Model Compensation Event Total*** | Tender Assessment Total Price**** |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RPS | £ [REDACTED] | £ [REDACTED] | £ [REDACTED] | £ [REDACTED] |

*The Total of the Prices is the Consultant's price to carry out the commission.

**The total – other services is the price for site inspection staff and is included within the Total of the Prices.

***The model compensation event is included in the evaluation exercise to assess the cost impact of change resulting from potential future compensation events (variations due to unforeseen items). It includes costs for people, materials and equipment.

****The Tender Assessment Total Price is the Total of the Prices + the Model Compensation Event Total and is used solely for tender comparison purposes.

The fee from RPS was in line with Council Officers' expectations. Council Officers met with representatives of RPS who confirmed they could fulfil the requirements of the service for the fee submitted. It was proposed to appoint RPS for the whole service with relevant break points at completion of the Economic Appraisal and prior to construction award stages. This approach was to minimise Council's risk on costs until funding is secured.

Based on the submission from RPS the estimated cost to completion of the Economic Appraisal, combined with the transport study and surveys undertaken was £ [REDACTED].

PROGRAMME

The Economic Appraisal would be completed by July 2021 to enable the funding application to DfC to be submitted. Following confirmation of funding (anticipated October 2021) the design team would proceed with the detailed design for the scheme and it was anticipated that works would commence on site in October 2022 with completion planned for February 2024.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED – that tender assessment total price of £ [REDACTED] (excl. VAT) from RPS be approved for the full design team services, with breakpoints at the Economic Appraisal and prior to construction award stages.

ACTION BY: Andrew McKeown, Capital Projects Officer/John Balmer, Head of Finance/Reggie Hillen, Head of Capital Development

12.3 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/374 TENDER FOR THE CREATION OF A DUAL USE TRAIL AT GLAS NA BRADEN

Members were reminded that a proposal had been submitted by the Economic Development Team to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) for a number of blue/green infrastructure projects to utilise the funding of £363,000 available to support recovery. One of these projects, the creation of a dual use trail at Glas na Braden Glen, at an estimated cost of £ [REDACTED], was included in the project proposals. This project will extend the existing path and is part of the bigger plan to create a dual use path from Mallusk/Hightown to Gideon's Green.

Whilst awaiting confirmation from the Department regarding the funding, and in view of the anticipated short spend window, the tender opportunity was speculatively made available on eSourcingNI on Friday 29 January 2021. Six tenders for the creation of the dual use trail were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on Friday 12 February 2021 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for mandatory exclusion and financial compliance, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience (organisation), management systems and practices and declarations and form of tender. All six tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for confirmation that the proposal complied with all the requirements of the specification and

confirmation of the ability to meet project timescales. All six tenders met the essential requirements and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Stage 2 - Commercial Assessment (100%)

The tenders were evaluated on cost (100%) and the recommendation is as follows:

| Supplier | Cost Assessment (out of 100%) | Total % Score | Total Cost (£) (Excl. VAT) |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Convery Sportsturf & Landscape Contractors | 100% | 100% | £ [REDACTED] |

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED – that, subject to final confirmation from the Department for Infrastructure that the funding and procurement process are approved, having achieved the highest score of 100%, Convery Sportsturf & Landscape Contractors be appointed to create a dual use trail at Glas na Braden Glen.

ACTION BY: Julia Clarke, Procurement Officer/Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

12.4 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/375 TENDER FOR THE CREATION OF ACCESSIBILITY TRAILS AT JORDANSTOWN LOUGH SHORE PARK AND VALLEY PARK (PHASE 3 – WEST LINK)

Members were reminded that two further applications submitted at very short notice to the Department for Communities (DfC) Access and Inclusion Programme 2020/21 were successful and Letters of Offer had been received – both of which had been approved for funding (100%). These were for accessibility trails at both Jordanstown Lough Shore Park and the Valley Park.

This tender opportunity consists of two projects as follows:

- Project 1 Creation of an Accessibility Trail at Jordanstown Lough Shore Park
- Project 2 Creation of an Accessibility Trail at Valley Park (Phase 3 - West Link)

The tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on Friday 29 January 2021. Five tenders for the creation of two accessibility trails were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on Friday 12 February 2021 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for mandatory exclusion and financial compliance, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience (organisation), management systems and practices and declarations and form of tender. All five tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for confirmation that the proposal complied with all the requirements for each project and confirmation of the ability to meet project timescales for each project. All five tenders met the essential requirements and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Stage 2 - Commercial Assessment (100%)

The tenders were evaluated on cost (100%) for each of project and the recommendation is as follows:

Project 1 Creation of an Accessibility Trail for Jordanstown Lough Shore Park

| Supplier | Cost Assessment (out of 100%) | Total % Score | Total Cost for Project 1 (£) (Excl. VAT) |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Convery Sportsturf & Landscape Contractors | 100% | 100% | £ [REDACTED] |

Project 2 Creation of an Accessibility Trail for Valley Park (Phase 3 – West Link)

| Supplier | Cost Assessment (out of 100%) | Total % Score | Total Cost for Project 2 (£) (Excl. VAT) |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Convery Sportsturf & Landscape Contractors | 100% | 100% | £ [REDACTED] |

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED – that having achieved the highest score of 100% for Projects 1 and 2, Convery Sportsturf & Landscape Contractors be appointed.

ACTION BY: Julia Clarke, Procurement Officer/Elaine Upton, Countryside Officer

12.5 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/371 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF SKIPS AND COMPACTORS

CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 March 2021 – 30 April 2022 (with an option to extend for up to a maximum of 12 months, subject to review and performance)

Members were aware that waste compactors are used at each of the Council's Recycling Centres and allow the quantity of waste collected to be maximised by compacting the waste on site rather than collecting it loose. Many of these units were purchased around 15 years ago and were reaching the end of their operational life. In order to reduce ongoing maintenance costs, all of the compactors were assessed as to their current condition and a need was identified for the replacement of three static compactors and three open top skips (low level) with the potential future replacement of other units over the next few years.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 25 January 2021. Six tenders for the supply, delivery, and installation of skips and compactors were opened via eSourcingNI on 4 February 2021 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderers' professional conduct, economic and financial standing, management systems and practices, and declarations and form of tender. All six tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 and proceeded to Stage 2. The tenders were evaluated as follows:

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Sub-Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification, compliance with the timescales and warranty, servicing and aftersales for all lots. All six tenderers met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation for their respective lots.

Sub-Stage 2 – Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of lowest estimated total overall cost (100%) and the recommendation was as follows:

| Lot | Recommendation | Estimated Total Overall Cost (£) (excl. VAT) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Lot 1 – Static Compactors | Gradeall International Ltd | £ [REDACTED] |
| Lot 2 – Compactor Enclosed Skips | Numac Fabrications Ltd | £ [REDACTED] |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Lot 3 – Open Top Skips | Numac Fabrications Ltd | £ [REDACTED] |
| Lot 4 – Open Top Skips (Low Level) | Numac Fabrications Ltd | £ [REDACTED] |

Moved by Alderman Brett
 Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED – that

- **the purchase of three static compactors and three open top skips (low level) be approved at a total cost of £ [REDACTED] (excl. VAT) from the contractors noted above for their respective lots.**
- **For Lot 1, an award be made to Gradeall International Ltd who submitted the lowest estimated total overall cost for the period of 1 March 2021 – 30 April 2022 (with an option to extend for up to a maximum of 12 months, subject to review and performance)**
- **For Lots 2, 3 and 4, awards be made to Numac Fabrications Ltd who submitted the lowest estimated total overall cost for each lot for the period of 1 March 2021 – 30 April 2022 (with an option to extend for up to a maximum of 12 months, subject to review and performance)**

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Officer

12.6 IN CONFIDENCE FI/FIN/011 ESTIMATES UPDATE

The Chief Executive provided a presentation for Members on the rates options along with potential risks and opportunities. Members expressed their appreciation for the financial contributions from the Northern Ireland Executive.

Moved by Alderman Brett
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

12.7 IN CONFIDENCE P/FP/LDP/001 VOL 4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUBMISSION OF DRAFT PLAN STRATEGY DOCUMENTS TO DFI FOR INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Members were aware that following the public consultation on the Council's Draft Plan Strategy (DPS), the next stage of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process is the formal submission of the DPS and relevant documentation by the Council to the Department for Infrastructure seeking it to cause an Independent Examination (IE) of the Plan document before the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). The Council was required to submit a number of

documents including all documentation already published in relation to the Preferred Options Paper and the DPS.

In November 2020 the Council agreed to proceed subject to legal advice.

The legal advice sought included a review of the Self-Assessment of Soundness (SAS), a document which the Council is required to provide for the IE and which will be important evidence to help demonstrate the process of preparation of the DPS followed statutory procedures and is sound. The legal review was also intended to provide reassurance to the Council that the DPS is ready for submission to the Department and that the minor changes suggested to the document do not constitute 'focussed' changes or that there are no other significant issues which would warrant a further period of public consultation hence delaying the submission.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Members noted that all the documentation associated with this stage of the Plan process and that which had been uploaded to Members' iPads should be treated in strictest confidence until such time as the documentation is sent to the Department.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

12.8 IN CONFIDENCE HR/ER/010 STAFFING MATTERS

TRADE UNION REQUEST

Members were reminded that ongoing measures are in place to consult and, where appropriate, negotiate with Trade Unions so as to effectively manage employee relations within the Council.

Existing measures in place included:

- Joint Consultation and Negotiation Committee (meets bi monthly)
- Meeting with the Chief Executive (monthly, following each Council meeting)
- Regular operational meetings with the Corporate Leadership Team, throughout COVID (weekly, reverting to fortnightly in March)
- Regular operational meetings, when required, with the relevant Service and Human Resource Managers

At a recent meeting, the Trade Unions had made a request to meet with Councillors to further improve their communication with and understanding of the Council. They would invite all Members to a meeting twice per year.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Wilson that one representative from each Party meet with the Trade Unions twice per year.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 29 against and 0 abstentions, and it was declared not carried.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Aldermen Brett and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and the Chief Executive continue to meet with the Trade Unions regularly and advise Members of any issues.

NO ACTION

12.9 **IN CONFIDENCE** CD/PM/97 & CD/PM/98 CAR PARKS COVID-19 RECOVERY

Members were reminded that the planned improvements to the Council's Car Parks were deferred as part of the Emergency Financial Plan.

The condition of a number of Town Centre Car Parks had continued to deteriorate resulting in concerns relating to Health and Safety.

Members were aware that when the Northern Ireland Executive begins to lift the current COVID-19 restrictions, it was anticipated that footfall in our Town Centres will increase. Therefore, it was proposed to complete some of the improvements to Town Centre Car Parks in preparation for the recovery phase as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|--|
| Harrier Way, Ballyclare | £ | [REDACTED] | |
| Central Car Park, Antrim | £ | [REDACTED] | (includes demolition of the Toilet Block and excludes area identified for redevelopment) |
| Farmley Road, Glengormley | £ | [REDACTED] | |

In addition, as a result of Health and Safety concerns, it was proposed to proceed with the works at Antrim Forum Car Park at a cost of approximately £[REDACTED].

Members noted that the proposed costs can be capitalised.

Officers were developing proposals regarding other minor improvements to Town Centres and Villages to assist with COVID-19 recovery and a report on this would be brought to the next meeting.

Although not confirmed yet, it was anticipated that the Northern Ireland Executive will continue to provide financial support in the next financial year and that this will enable the Council to commence a COVID-19 recovery programme which will include the re-prioritisation of the Council's Capital Programme.

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED – that the proposed Car Park improvements be approved.

ACTION BY: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning

12.10 **IN CONFIDENCE** G/LAN/024 LAND ADJACENT TO [REDACTED] NURSERY PARK, ANTRIM

[REDACTED]

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED – that this Item be deferred to a future meeting.

ACTION BY: Liz Johnston, Head of Corporate Recovery

12.11 IN CONFIDENCE PBS/PS/017 MOSSLEY MILL – OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

MOTION TO PROCEED OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business 'In Public'.

Members were advised that the audio recording would restart at this point.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.28 pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.