MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026 AT 6.30 PM

In the Chair	:	Mayor (Councillor L Kirkpatrick)
Members Present	:	Aldermen – L Boyle, P Bradley, T Campbell, L Clarke, J McGrath, M Magill, S Ross and J Smyth
	:	Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, J Burbank, S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, R Foster, J Gilmour, N Kelly, R Kinnear, AM Logue, R Lynch, H Magill, A McAuley, J McGrath, E McLaughlin, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, M Stewart, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
Members Present (Remotely)	:	Aldermen – M Cosgrove
	:	Councillors - A Bennington, M Brady, S Flanagan, M Goodman, B Mallon, T McGrann, A O'Lone,
Officers Present	:	Chief Executive - R Baker Director of Economic Development and Planning – M McAlister Director of Community and Culture – U Fay Director of Environment Services and Sustainability – M Laverty Director of Organisation Development (Interim) – L Johnston Director of Finance – J Balmer Borough Lawyer, Legal, Land, Governance & Policy – P Casey ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson PA to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor – L Molyneaux

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 Alderman M Magill.

Alderman Boyle and Councillors Burbank, Cushinan, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear, Logue, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor – M Cooper

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 10.3 – Councillor S Wilson
Item 8 – Alderman M Cosgrove

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 27 April 2026 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor O'Hagan and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Tuesday 5 May 2026 be approved and adopted.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Wednesday 6 May 2026 be approved and adopted.

Councillor McLaughlin entered the Chamber during item 7.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 11 May 2026 approved and adopted.

8 MINTUES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Following a query raised by a Member regarding parking arrangements on Church Street, Antrim, Members were advised that officers would continue to engage with local businesses and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). Members were also advised that officers would investigate the Public Right of Way and Pedestrian access between Railway Street and Church Street and report back to the Council.

Moved by Councillor Mallon
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Tuesday 12 May 2026 be approved and adopted.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 May 2026 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 May 2026 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – DOAGH/JUBILEE ROAD, BALLYCLARE

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members a new street name for a development at Jubilee Road, Ballyclare.

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Patrick Morwood on behalf of Orrson Homes with regard to the naming of a residential development at the junction of Doagh Road and Jubilee Road, Ballyclare. The development consisted of 53 dwellings, these being a mixture of detached and semi – detached. The development names and developer's rationale had been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan circulated.

1 – Merchants Park – The McMeekin family employed local, progressive exporters known as "the textile merchants" who traded durable Irish linen, yarn and finished products to Britain and beyond.

2 – Jubilee View – The development overlooked the first phase of Jubilee Road and was adjacent to the second phase of Jubilee Road.

3 – Linendale – The linen mill at Cogry used the stream and spring adjacent to the site

Should the Council not wish to select one of the above names; the matter would be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Archibald Brown
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED: - that the Council approved option 1 – Merchants Park for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

10.2 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – JUBILEE ROAD, BALLYCLARE

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members a new street name for a development at Jubilee Road, Ballyclare.

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Rodney Agnew on behalf of Antrim Construction Company regarding the naming of a residential development on the Jubilee Road, Ballyclare. The development consists of 156 dwellings, these being a mixture of detached, semi – detached and townhouses.

The development names and developer's rationale had been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan was circulated.

All names submitted were the result of a history project carried out by the developer through Fairview Primary School.

1 – Clarebane – Clare taken from the original town and the overall meaning in Ulster Scots 'the clear plain'. This name is not linked with previous housing in the area and maintains an important link to the town heritage on a new road.

2 – Owenaview – Links the address to The Ballyclare Six mile Water via the anglicised wording derived from 'river of woods'

3 – Writerslane – This development is adjacent to Readers Development and derived from the simple logic of a pupil.

Should the Council not wish to select one of the above names; the matter would be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED: - that the Council approved option 1 – Clarebane for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

10.3 PK/GEN/030 BRITAIN IN BLOOM AWARDS

1. <u>Purpose</u>

Members were reminded that following the success of Randalstown, Antrim and Ballynure in the 2025 Ulster in Bloom Awards, Council agreed to support their nomination to the respective categories of the 2026 RHS Britain in Bloom Competition.

Council had traditionally met the cost of travel and accommodation associated with attendance at this event and it was proposed that cost of travel and accommodation are covered for this year's attendees.

2. <u>Introduction/Background</u>

Members were reminded that at the March Operations Committee meeting, Officers were requested to explore and provide indicative pricing for an overnight stay in relation to attendance at the awards ceremony. This was to include consideration of suitable accommodation options, associated costs, and any logistical arrangements necessary to support attendance at the event.

As previously outlined, Council had historically secured only a single nomination to progress to the Britain in Bloom UK Finals. This year's unprecedented level of recognition represented a significant achievement and reflected the exceptional standards, dedication, and strong community engagement demonstrated across the three nominated areas.

It was proposed that attendance at the ceremony would comprise of the Mayor, one Officer, and two representatives from each of the nominated groups, resulting in a total delegation of eight individuals travelling to the event.

3. <u>Financial costs to attend Award Ceremony</u>

As in previous years, Council had covered the costs associated with both travel and accommodation for attendance at the awards ceremony. In line with this approach, a number of suitable hotel options within the Rochdale area had been identified for consideration. A selection of accommodation options was outlined below:

- Hampton by Hilton – £144 per room, per night, inclusive of breakfast
- The Royal Toby Hotel – £119 per room, per night, inclusive of breakfast

Final hotel arrangements would be confirmed once attendee numbers have been finalised. With regards to travel, the estimated cost for return flights was approximately £119 per person, resulting in a total projected airfare cost of £952.00 based on the current number of attendees.

In addition, provision must be made for transfers between the airport and the venue in Rochdale. The current estimate for return transfers is £100.00, which included the hire of an 8-seat minibus. Additional travel arrangements would be required should attendees stay at the Royal Toby Hotel, with the associated return travel costs projected to be in the region of £40.00. Alternatively, the Hampton by Hilton was centrally located and situated within walking distance of the event venue, thereby removing the need for additional transport arrangements.

The total estimated cost associated with the travel arrangements, including transportation, accommodation, and the proposed overnight stay, was projected to be in the region of £2,204/£2,044, depending on the final booking requirements and accommodation option selected.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED: - that Members approved the travel and accommodation costs for attendance at the Britain in Bloom Awards on 20 October 2026 in Rochdale by the Mayor (or their nominee), one Officer, and two Community Representatives from each Community Group.

ACTION BY: Nadine Campbell, Parks Development Manager

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove 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.

11 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

11.1 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/589 FRAMEWORK FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF A RANGE OF VEHICLES - FURTHER COMPETITION 3

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of suitably qualified and experienced organisations to supply a range of vehicles to Council.

2. Introduction/Background

At the Council Meeting in May 2025, Members approved the establishment of a framework for the supply, delivery and maintenance of a range of vehicles for the Council. In accordance with the operation of the framework, where one or more vehicles were required throughout the contract period, any relevant appointed suppliers would be invited to tender in a Further Competition exercise. Should the costs of any further competition exceed the relevant threshold, a report would be brought to Council to inform Members.

In line with the ongoing fleet replacement programme, Officers identified several vehicles that were currently required by Council departments, and these were included in a procurement exercise under the Framework, hereafter referred to as Further Competition 3. Any vehicles purchased under this framework would be within the approved capital fleet replacement programme.

3. Procurement Process

Further Competition 3 was procured in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Framework and included the following lots and vehicles.

Lot 1 – 2 x 3.5T Crew Cab Open Back Dropside Fixed Body Vehicle

Lot 4 – 2 x Approx 5T Mechanical Small Sweeper

Lot 6 – 2 x Approx 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle

Lot 7 – 1 x 32T Rigid Hookloader Vehicle

Suppliers appointed to the Framework in the relevant lots were invited to tender via CiAnywhere on 24 April 2026.

Three tender responses were opened via the CiAnywhere Portal on 08 May 2026 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated as follows:

Technical Assessment

For each item, the tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification. All tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation for their respective lots.

Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of cost (100%). Full details of the evaluation methodology were available in Appendix A (circulated).

The recommendation is as follows:

Lot/Item	Supplier	Cost Assessment (out of 100%)	Estimated Total Cost (£) (excl. VAT)
Lot 1 – 2 x 3.5T Crew Cab Open Back Dropside Fixed Body Vehicle	**RD Mechanical Services Ltd**	**100.00**	[redacted]
Lot 4 – 2 x Approx 5T Mechanical Small Sweeper	**RD Mechanical Services Ltd**	**100.00**	[redacted]
Lot 6 – 2 x Approx 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle	**Manvik Plant & Hire Ltd**	**100.00**	[redacted]
Lot 7 – 1 x 32T Rigid Hookloader Vehicle	**RD Mechanical Services Ltd**	**100.00**	[redacted]

The full list of bidders and evaluation outturn was available in Appendix B (circulated).

4. Social Value

Social Value in procurement was implemented by the Executive in June 2022 and incorporates all aspects of sustainable procurement including ethical and sustainable supply chains, community benefits and wealth building, job and skills creation and efforts to decarbonise. It is a mandatory requirement for the above threshold contracts. This procurement exercise did not meet the requirements for social value criteria to be applied.

The Director of Finance responded to a Members query regarding social value and advised that officers would review social value obligations and report back to a future Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED: - that having achieved the scores detailed above for Further Competition 3, awards be made to RD Mechanical Services Ltd and Manvik Plant & Hire Ltd for the abovementioned lots at the tendered rates.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

11.2 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/476 APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WATER OFFSETTING WORKS, HALLS BRIDGE ENTRY, SPACE ANTRIM

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members the appointment as a direct award of Morrow Contracts Ltd as the principal contractor to undertake the Northern Ireland Water offsetting works at Halls Bridge Entry in relation to the development of Space Antrim at 55-59 High Street, Antrim.

2. Background

A stipulation of the Planning approval for the Space Antrim Offices/Workspace project for an offsetting solution for sewage disposal from the development to be agreed by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) and implemented.

3. Previous Decision of Council

At the Council meeting in May 2023, Members approved the total budget of £[redacted] for the development of the project. This included a contingency sum to cover a range of items, including the NIW requirements for the offsetting works.

As Morrow Contracts Ltd are one of NIW's approved-framework contractors, they were approached to develop the design detail and cost the construction solution.

Members recalled that Morrow Contracts Ltd's direct award appointment was approved at the April 2025 Policy & Governance Committee for a total estimated cost of £[redacted].

4. Procurement

These works were to take place concurrently with the Revitalisation project in the area. As this project would not be undertaken in the coming months, it was now planned for the offsetting works to be carried out as soon as possible.

Morrow Contracts Ltd updated their original quote from £[redacted] to £[redacted] to take into account inflation from April 2025 and additional cost increases arising from the current middle east conflict.

The negotiated quotation received from Morrow Contracts Ltd had been independently assessed by an external quantity surveying consultancy (Hawthorne Consulting). The quotation and rates were considered value for money.

A contingency sum of £[redacted] was included in the cost summary below to cover this risk and unforeseen site issues during installation.

5. Cost Summary

Cost for Offsetting Works:

Construction	£[redacted]
Contingency Sum	£[redacted]
Total Estimated Costs	£[redacted]

6. Programme

Subject to approval of the detailed works method statement and communication with the Businesses impacted it was anticipated the works would commence in mid -June 2026. The offsetting works were expected to take approximately 4 to 5 weeks.

Access would be maintained at all times to the several businesses along the alleyway and disruption would be kept to a minimum during the works programme.

NIW confirmed approval in writing to proceed with the works but would require access for inspection during the works' period.

The Director of Finance and the Director of Economic Development and Planning clarified details and scope of the offsetting works for Members. They confirmed a detailed cost breakdown would be presented to a future Council meeting and Members would be kept updated on the project progress.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED: - that Members approved the appointment of Morrow Contracts Ltd, via direct award, as the Principal Contractor to undertake the offsetting works for development of Space Antrim at 55-59 High Street, Antrim for the quoted sum of £[redacted], giving a total estimated works' cost, (including contingency sum) of £[redacted].

ACTION BY: Anne-Marie Hendey, Project Management Officer

11.3 IN CONFIDENCE CD/GEN/005 CAPITAL PROJECTS – SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN

1. <u>Purpose</u>

At the corporate workshop in November 2025 Members were updated on the entirety of the capital programme, the progress of specific projects and the ongoing review of project business cases.

Specific reviews had now been brought to Members and the relevant committee for their consideration and the capital programme updated accordingly.

The purpose of this report was to present a draft capital program for both the short and medium term i.e. 2026-2031 covering the remainder of the current term of Council and the next 2027-2031 Council term.

Members should also be aware that a comprehensive, evidence-based review of Council's Capital Development Section was being progressed by The Strategic Investment Board, evaluating its:

- **Current organisational structure, roles, and responsibilities.**
- **End-to-end capital programme management processes from inception to completion.**
- **The relationship and management of internal stakeholders, including the Senior Responsible Officer and Project Sponsor.**
- **The relationship and management of external services, including the Project Manager and Designer and Contractors.**
- **Capacity, capability, and resource allocation.**
- **Governance, risk management, and compliance frameworks.**
- **Strategic alignment with corporate objectives and statutory obligations.**
- **Performance in delivering capital projects.**

The review identified strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement, ensuring the section was positioned to deliver the capital programme efficiently, in accordance with client departmental needs, and in line with public sector best practice.

The report was presented under the following sections:

- **Short term program – projects that commenced in the remaining Council term to May 2027**
- **Medium term program - projects that commenced in the next Council term - June 2027 to May 2031**
- **Affordability**

Annual capital provision for ongoing fleet, ICT hardware and lifecycle replacement costs were also included.

As with any programme for the delivery of a number of projects, Members were made aware of the factors impacting on project delivery and prioritisation e.g.
- **availability of funding,**
- **land availability,**
- **external funder deadlines,**

- **supply and demand analysis,**
- **affordability,**
- **the limited resources of the capital team,**
- **planning constraints.**

These were all factors to consider in the review of future projects and the priority for their delivery.

It was also expected that new additional projects will be conceived over the next 5 years as a result of the factors above and indeed some of the projects listed may not proceed as circumstances and demands change.

2. Short Term Programme

Table 1 below lists capital projects programmed to commence in the 2026/27 financial year, along with the estimated project budget, anticipated funding and corresponding rate impact.

Funding also includes contributions from reserves e.g. capital receipts reserve, or ongoing revenue savings as well as grant income.

These projects were largely well advanced in terms of Outline Business Case, planning approval and consultant or contractor.

Table 1

Name/Description	Rate impact	Budget	Funding	On Site	Site Completion
Abbey College Changing Facilities	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Apr-26	Oct-26
Ballyearl Driving Range Drainage	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-26	Sep-26
Mossley Pitches Drainage Works	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-26	Sep-26
ICT Replacement	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-26	Apr-31
Fleet (Estimate)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-26	Apr-31
Lifecycle Replacement Projects	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-26	Apr-31
Carmoney Cemetery - Entrance, resurfacing & drainage	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Aug-26	Oct-26
Mossley Mill Chamber AV	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec-26	Dec-26
Solar PV Mossley Mill	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-26	Oct-26
Antrim Office offsetting drainage work	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-26	Dec-26
Cloughan Project, Ballyclare	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-26	Oct-27
Car Park Resurfacing Program	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-26	Sep-29

Hazelbank Pavilion, Playpark and Visitor Facilities	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sept-26	Jun-28
PPP - Muckamore Cricket Club Works (fence + carpark)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Oct-26	Nov-26
Valley Park Trail Extention	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-27	Apr-27
ACG Shop Conversion (Ice cream Parlour)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-27	Apr-28
Play Park Refurbishment Programme	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-27	Apr-28
Glengormley Office Block	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-27	Apr-28
Glengormley Environmental Improvement Scheme	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-27	Aug-28
Jordanstown Loughshore Park café refurbishment	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Feb-27	Jun-27
AF Hockey Pitch floodlight replacement	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Mar-27	July-27
TOTAL:	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

3. <u>Medium Term Programme</u>

Table 2 below lists capital projects programmed to commence in the 2027/28 financial year, along with the estimated project budget and anticipated funding. These projects are largely well advanced in terms of Outline Business Case.

Table 2

Name/Description	Rate impact	Budget	Funding	On Site	Site Completion
Peace Plus Projects (PPP) - Skate Park	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Apr-27	Apr-28
Mossley Mill Theatre Lighting	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-27	Aug-27
Small Areas Revitalisation Schemes	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	May-27	Jul-28
Mossley 3G training Pitch	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jun-27	Oct-28
LED Floodlight upgrade programme (3 Yr)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jun-27	May-30
Valley LC - Essential Upgrade works	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-27	May-28
PPP- Stiles CC Modular Building	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Oct-27	Oct-28
Cranfield Slipway	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Nov-27	Mar-28
3G Pitch, The Diamond, Rathcoole	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec-27	Nov-28

Dunanney Centre and Community Hub building	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec-27	Nov-28
TOTAL:	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Table 3 below lists capital projects programmed to commence in the 2028/29 and 2029/30 financial years, along with the estimated project budget and anticipated funding. These schemes were less certain in terms of budget, timeline and funding.

Table 3

Name/Description	Rate impact	Budget	Funding	On Site	Site Completion
Crumlin Public Realm	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jul-28	Jun-29
Whiteabbey Public Realm	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jul-28	Jun-29
Valley New Cemetery	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-28	Mar-29
Steeple House Reinstatement	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-28	Oct-30
Steeple Outbuildings Development	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-28	Oct-30
Steeple Parkland Development	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sep-28	Oct-30
Castle Gardens Café Refurbishment - Clotworthy	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Jan-31	Mar-31
TOTAL:	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

4 Affordability

A summary of the above project costs was presented in Table 4 below.

In summary, the capital programme totalled an estimated £56.9m over the remaining term of this Council and the next term of Council, with anticipated external funding of £18.9m.

The rate impact of these schemes was estimated to be an additional cumulative increase of 4.31%

Table4

Commencement During	Budget	External Funding	Rate impact
2026/27	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
2027/28			
2028/29 – 2029/30			
Total			

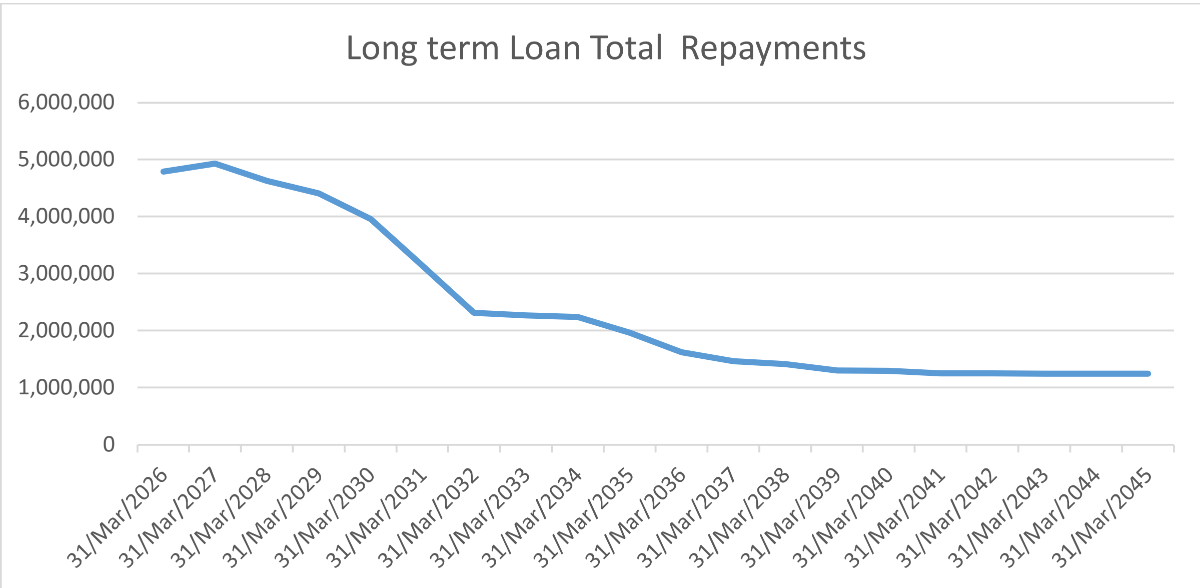
This increase was largely mitigated by the reduction of loan principal and interest through the expiration of loans within the Councils current loans portfolio over the same period.

The current long term loan position and the corresponding future position assuming no new loan borrowing was tabled below and shown graphically in table 6.

Table 5

Outstanding Debt as at -	o/s debt £m	Principal Repayment £m	Interest Repayment £m	Total Repayment £m	Rate Impact
31/03/2026	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
31/03/2031					
Difference	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Table6



The rate impact of the reduction in loan repayments over the same period was estimated to be a cumulative decrease of 2.49%. i.e. a net increase in rates due to the capital programme of 1.82% over 5 years.

Members sought clarification on several of the Capital Projects tabled above. It was agreed that a number of matters be progressed including:

- an expression of interest in relation to land for a new HRC in Crumlin,
- public access for boat launches at Lough Neagh
- an intermediate pitch in Glengormley
- a further report to June Operations Committee on pitch provision.

Councillor O'Hagan's concerns regarding staffing and the wider tourism and heritage experience particularly in Antrim were noted. The Chief Executive confirmed that further clarification on specific issues raised would be provided directly to her.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: - that the short-term and medium-term Capital Project programme, to allow the prioritisation of projects (dependent on the impacting factors) be approved.

Members noted that:

- **The Capital Programme was subject to annual review by elected members.**
- **The approval did not preclude additional projects being included in the programme, subject to members' agreement, and**
- **The approval would not negate the requirement for the application of the business case process to assess need/demand, viability, affordability and sustainability of the projects.**

ACTION BY: John Balmer, Director of Finance

Councillor Logue left and returned to the Chamber during Item 11.4.

11.4 IN CONFIDENCE G-LEG-14-711 and ED/ED.166 Vol3 LAND AT O'NEILL ROAD – SALE FOR PARK & RIDE (TRANSPORT HUB) FACILITY LINKED TO GLIDER (BRT2 EXTENSION)

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Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Campbell [redacted]

Moved by Alderman Ross
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED that

[redacted]

[redacted]

Councillor Goodman's objection to the recommendations was noted.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Campbell 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 advised that this was the last Full Council Meeting in her role as Mayor. She thanked everyone for their support during her term, Alderman Cosgrove paid tribute to her and the meeting concluded at 7.44 pm.

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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.